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Friends of the Adams County Library System — October 2019

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President's Message

by Jim Gardner

The Friend's fundraising activities over the summer included our annual summer book sale at Redding Auction Services in Gettysburg. We experienced good steady traffic throughout the book sale, and received many compliments on the facility and the quality of books we had to offer. We had about 21,000 books, CD's, DVD's and some record albums. We raised \$19,878.17, which was very close to what we had raised in our 2018 book sale. We were blessed with a great group of volunteers and Redding's staff is friendly and easy to work with. In an effort to encourage literacy and reading, 142 children (12 and under) received 925 free books, and 81 teachers received a free bag of bags for use in classroom instruction. We are very pleased with these results, and look forward to another book sale at Redding's in 2020.

Another new 2019 fundraising activity is our Friends store on Amazon. So far this year we have raised \$2,000, and we hope to raise another \$1,000 before year-end. We believe that selling books through the Amazon store will be a growing source of fundraising revenue moving forward.

Our largest yearly fundraising activity is our brick and mortar Friends bookstore at the Gettysburg Library. Managed by Ellen Smith, you can find gently used books across a wide spectrum of topics and categories, at affordable prices. We are on pace to earn \$27,000-\$28,000 by year's end in the bookstore.

2019 is a special year as it marks the 60th anniversary of the Adams County Friends of the Library. Started in 1959, a group of concerned citizens wanted to make a library in Gettysburg an important community resource. That spirit continues today in our yearly financial donation, allowing the library system to continuously improve the library user's experience.

This year the Friends will celebrate our 60th anniversary at our annual meeting at the Harbaugh-Thomas Library in Biglerville on November 12, 2019 starting at 9am. Our guest speaker will be Chris Herbert of the Rock Top Bookshop and Book Bindery of Cashtown. He will speak about collectible books – how to select them, how to value them, and how to preserve them. If you like old books, don't miss this presentation!

In closing, thank you for supporting the Friends and the Adams County Library System. Your support ensures that our libraries continue to serve as important resources in our communities.

FOL Historian Committee

In celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the ACLS Friends of the Library, we are interested in hearing from any former members.

If you wish to participate in our search, please contact Sharon Graff at (717) 339-6070, email: sharon.graff@hotmail.com or contact Bob Appleton at (717) 337-1155, email: kappleton7@comcast.net.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Your Invitation to Breakfast with Friends!

We are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Friends of the Adams County Library!

Please join the Friends of the Adams County Library at their annual meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 9 am at the Harbaugh~Thomas Library in Biglerville, PA.

Breakfast provided by Biggerstaff Catering.

Realizing that many Friends may not be aware of all we do, the program will start with Friends President, Jim Gardner, presenting a summary of the past year and plans going forward, followed by brief remarks by ACLS Executive Director, Laura Goss.

The guest speaker will be Chris Herbert from the Rock Top Bookshop and Bindery in Cashtown. He will be speaking about collectible books - how to select them, how to value them and how to preserve them.

After the speaker, cake will be served to celebrate our anniversary! All are invited to share your memories of the Library and the Friends.

Please RSVP to Wanda Reigle at 717.334.0163 or wandar@adamslibrary.org by November 4, 2019.

See you on November 12th!



Many Activities to Enjoy at the Library Fall!

by Laura Goss, Executive Director

Our 3rd annual Signature Event was held on Friday, September 20. After some creative relocation of shelving and seating as well as a transformation effort by a team of faithful volunteers and The JDK Group, the event was held in the Gettysburg Library. Attendees mingled and enjoyed delicious and beautiful food by Biggerstaff's Catering before enjoying a very entertaining presentation by best-selling author Jamie Ford. With this success, we hope to continue using the library as our venue for special programs and events to come.

October began with the opening of the new Teen Center at the Harbaugh~Thomas Library. The Center is in a recently finished space on the first floor of the building. In a very generous partnership, Harbaugh~Thomas Foundation has provided the Library System with the additional space and furnishings to create a welcoming Teen Center for our library users. The space will be open during after-school hours and on Saturday. Barbara Buckley and her staff are working hard to make this new venture a success. The grand opening and ribbon cutting is Thursday October 10 at 5pm.

October also brings added events to go along with our Adams County Reads One Book program. There are many events throughout the month including two opportunities to meet Rosemary Simpson, author of the 2019 selection, *What the Dead Leave Behind*. Join us on Tuesday, October 22nd at 11am at the Gettysburg Library or at 6:30pm at the Harbaugh~Thomas Library.

And for those of you who can't wait for Christmas – once again, the Library will be participating in the Gettysburg Christmas Festival on December 6, 7 & 8! We'll have red and green lights shining on our building, a silent film of A Christmas Carol, a visit from the Polar Express, reindeer games in the Youth Services Department and a wish tree and reindeer ornament contest going on!

IN APPRECIATION AN EVENING WITH JAMIE FORD

On Friday evening, September 20th my wife and I experienced a most pleasant program at our public library in Gettysburg. We joined 125 other guests of the library board of trustees and the library staff on this memorable occasion.

Jamie Ford, a well known author, whose first novel "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" occupied the NY Times Bestseller List for over 2 years, on the joys and tribulations of being a career writer. With an acute sense of humor, somewhat ironic, "he had the audience in the palm of his hand." (He didn't even allow me to nod off!)

The cuisine was scrumptious (I wonder if there were any leftovers?) The silent auction garnered for one family a banjo clock. (One member of the family thought "banjo" meant that the clock struck the hour with banjo music!) Oh well, live and learn!

I want to thank the ACLS Board of Trustees and the Sensational Signature Event Committee for continuing this tradition.

Bob & Katherine Appleton



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The FOL is always looking for new ways to make money for our library. At the end of last year, we began selling books on Amazon. The books we list for sale all come from the generous donations you make to the FOL via the garage. The books are picked by the garage sorting team and our president, Jim Gardner, scans them to see if they are appropriate for listing. We have been beyond pleased with the results so far. Remember, the books cost us nothing thanks to you and do not impact our inventory for the annual book sale. This is just another venue for us to make use of in this era of change.

Are you a member of the ACLFOL? It's the best bargain in town.



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