



# PHOENIX

Newsletter of  
Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library

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## Upcoming Events:

- Sept. – Crock 2008
- Sept. – Quilt Raffle 2008
- Dec. – Tree Fest 2008

## Reminder:

Annual Membership is Jan. through Dec.

Renewal form available at the library or at [www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org](http://www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org)

## Memorial & Honoraria Donations:

Thank you for the following generous contributions to Friends from:

- Joe & Judy Kleinbauer  
- in memory of Martha & Catty Auker  
- in honor of Marti Bowen's birthday  
- in honor of Joyce Bilger's birthday
- John & Linda Lazur – in honor of Joyce Bilger
- Raven Rudnitsky – in honor of Joyce Bilger
- Emily Johnson  
- in honor of Ruth Roush's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
- in honor of Patty Gaugler's father
- Penna Zeta PI Chapter

## 2008 *Susquehanna River Crock*



Our 2008 Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library crock celebrates transportation along the Susquehanna River circa 1890. Trains, ferry boats and hot air balloons all in sight of the Isle of Que are highlighted in this beautiful scene. This is a totally new design specifically thrown to highlight the artwork of Rod Ries, local artist. The crock is a stout dry-good storage crock, 5 1/2" high and capable of holding a thirsty 1/2 gallon. This is new twist on an old form sure to become an heirloom! It's a perfect addition to the series of numbered, limited edition crocks that we've been offering over the past several years. A brochure on the history of transportation on the river during this era will be included with each crock, thanks to Dr. Donald Housley. This new crock is priced at only \$42.00, which includes sales tax. The crocks are expected to be available in early September.

Information and order forms will be mailed shortly to persons who have ordered crocks in the past. Order forms will also be available shortly at the library and on our website: [www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org](http://www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org)

Contact: Joyce Bilger 743-5273 or Linda Wieder 743-7348

This is a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones! We will acknowledge all memorial and honoraria donations in our newsletter.

## Friends Contributions:

County story mobile\*  
New shelving for children's area  
CD collection  
Matching funds to receive award winning children's books from Libri Fdn. 2004 & 2007  
Circulation copies of Tree Fest books 2006 & 2007  
Tutor.com homework help  
Public performance license (teen movie night)  
Harry Potter celebration\*  
TV/DVD combo & bean bag chairs (teen movie night)  
Summer reading program, 2007 & 2008\*  
Puppet theatre and puppets  
Read aloud program  
Dial-A-Story  
Book shelving  
Book cart  
TV cart  
Laminator  
Matching funding allowing enhanced preschool programs, resources/annual upgrades to Family Place  
Add-ons to new library Polaris system  
Major additions to adult collection  
Discovery backpacks/holders  
Senior information center display  
New furniture for periodical storage & newspaper storage  
Sponsored refreshments for various library events including open houses  
\* funded in part by Friends

## Awareness Raising Events:

Gettysburg Bus Trip  
Tree Fest of Children's Books 2004, 2005, 2006 & 2007

## Quilt Raffle 2008

This beautiful Half Log Cabin Star pattern quilt made by Nora Martin's quilt shop in Mifflinburg will be raffled by Friends at the Selinsgrove Street Fair on September 27, 2008. The queen size (96" x 112") quilt also fits a king size bed with a dust ruffle, as shown in the picture on the left. Notice the pretty scalloped edge. The picture on the right shows a close up of the lovely flowered material in the pattern.



Stop in and see this beautiful quilt, on display at the Selinsgrove Community Library. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at all of the Snyder County Library branches ...1 ticket - \$1.00; 3 tickets - \$2.00; 7 tickets - \$5.00; 15 tickets - \$10.00. **You** could win this beautiful quilt!  
Contact: Linda Wieder 743-7348

## Please Welcome ...



Jennifer Johnston, new Selinsgrove Library Director and Snyder County Children's Librarian. She was born in Tioga County, PA. After living in many places around the world, she's glad to be back "home" in Central Pennsylvania. Jennifer says she grew up in the library, and being a Librarian is a dream come true for her. She enjoys knitting, reading (of course!), baking, traveling and spending time with her family, especially her son, Joel Gabriel.

A very warm welcome to you, Jennifer, from our Friends group!

## Spring Book Sale 2008 - Report

We sold a lot of books, thanks to your great donations and the help of so many volunteers! We made significantly more money than we did in 2007 – thank you to everyone who supported this event by buying a book or two or more. Special thanks to Janis Gemberling for heading up the Book Sale, and to Mary Schmoyer who spent many, many hours down in the basement sorting books.

## Information:

Website  
Newsletters

**All thanks to your generous support!**

## Friends Board:

### Officers:

Pres. – Joyce Hendricks  
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Lynn Askew, Library Board  
Liaison  
Pamela Ross, Library Liaison  
Jennifer Johnston, Library  
Liaison

## Board Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at  
5:30 p.m. in Sel. Borough  
Chamber  
No meeting in July or August  
Annual Members' Meeting held  
in conjunction with December  
meeting.

**Please advise us if  
you change your  
address, phone or  
email address.**

***“As life tends to  
become more and more  
distracting, let us firmly  
hold on to books.”***

**A. Edward Newton**

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## Tree Fest 2008

The Fifth Annual Tree Fest of Children's Books will be held December 5 through 19, 2008. These dates go so late into December because Thanksgiving is very late this year (November 27<sup>th</sup>). This awesome event will again be held at All Saints Episcopal Church Social Hall.

Letters and decorator brochures have been sent out and Tree Fest Committee meetings are on-going.

Decorator brochures are available at Selinsgrove Library if you're interested in creating a beautiful tree or wreath.

Contacts: Co-chairs Joyce Hendricks 374-7128 or Liz Heim 837-1672

## 22nd Annual Institute for Trustees and Friends

The Institute was held in Grantville on April 25 and 26, 2008. Del Kennedy represented the board of Snyder County Libraries. Elizabeth Heim moderated a session, "That's What Friends Are For: A Panel of Success Stories". The popular Friends Success Stories panel is considered to be one of the strengths of the Institute and is widely attended.

The evaluations received from attendees of the Institute were outstanding. It is a unique and wonderful opportunity for members of Friends groups and library trustees to learn, to become inspired and motivated and to bring home great ideas. The sessions are interesting and informative; speakers are distinguished members of the library community. The Institutes are sponsored by the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries and the Pennsylvania Library Association. Attendance is free to library trustees and representatives of Friends groups.

## State Funding of Libraries 2008

Pennsylvania's 2008-09 budget has been finalized and the Public Library Subsidy remains unchanged from last year at \$75,750,000. There will be no increase in funding for Pennsylvania libraries - disappointing news indeed. In February, Governor Rendell's proposed budget contained a 2% increase in the Public Library Subsidy. The Pennsylvania Library Association worked long and hard to gain legislative support to increase this to 4.9%, which would allow a targeted or modified run of the frozen funding formula to provide incentives for local support. However, in April, May and June tax and fee revenues to the state slowed, resulting in cuts to the Governor's initial 2008-09 budget proposal to bring it into balance. Some history ... In 2003 Pennsylvania's Public Library Subsidy was slashed 35%, from \$75.2 million to \$47.7 million – a draconian cut! It finally returned to the 2002 level in 2006 with a \$16 million increase in funding over the previous year. 2007 saw an increase of only \$250,000. This year libraries are level funded. Obviously this erratic funding makes it very difficult for library trustees to budget sufficient funds to provide quality library services, programs and collections. A study of all 50 states for the past 10 years related to the funding of public libraries at the state and local level shows that Pennsylvania ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in per capita state funding but 48<sup>th</sup> in local funding.

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***“The first time I read an  
excellent book it is to  
me just as if I had  
gained a new friend;  
when I read over a book  
I have perused before, it  
resembles the meeting  
with an old one.”***

**- Oliver Goldsmith**