

# PHOENIX

The Award-Winning Newsletter of  
Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library\*  
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## Upcoming Events:

- Apr/May -Book Sale 2010
- Sept -Crock 2010
- Sept -Quilt Raffle
- Dec -Tree Fest 2010  
-Annual Meeting

## Reminder:

Annual Membership is Jan.  
through Dec.  
Renewal form available at the  
library or at  
[www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org](http://www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org)

## Special Thanks

**Many of you, when renewing  
your membership, have  
added a donation to Friends;  
thank you so much for these  
generous donations!**

Thanks to Polly Hodapp who  
made a generous donation  
to Friends of the  
Selinsgrove Community  
Library in honor of Anne  
Gates.

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

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## Library Funding 2010-11

Governor Rendell's 2010-11 proposed budget contains more cuts in library funding – bad news when libraries continue to be busier than ever! The proposed cuts total 1.9% in four categories (Commonwealth Libraries, Library Services for the Visually Impaired & Disabled, Library Access, including POWER Library and the Public Library Subsidy). For the 2010-11 state budget, the Pennsylvania Library Association is urging Governor Rendell, State Senators and State Representatives to support:

1. A \$3 million increase to restore Library Access, especially the POWER Library electronic resources - used 76 million times last year (this program was cut 73%).
2. A 5% increase in the Public Library Subsidy.

Please contact your legislators and let your voice be heard in support of increased library funding. For more information, visit the Pennsylvania Library Association website at [www.palibraries.org](http://www.palibraries.org).

## 2010/2011 Friends Board

We're pleased to welcome several new members to our Board and thank Anne Gates, Barbara Feldmann, Carol Felix and Charles McCuen for joining us. Patty Gaugler continues as President of Friends. Pat Reiland-Hess will serve as Vice President effective January 1, 2010. Ricki Stringfellow and Carol Felix will serve as Co-Treasurers and Grace Housley will be Secretary. The complete makeup of the board is shown on page 3.

## 2009 Dauntless Bucket Crock

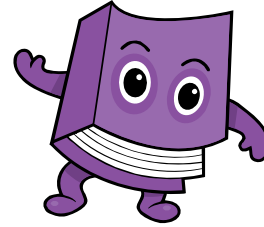


***You can still obtain these  
beautiful crocks, without  
pre-ordering, at the  
Selinsgrove Community  
Library. Inquire at the  
Circulation Desk.***

## Friends Contributions:

County storymobile\*  
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  
Public performance license (teen movie night)  
Harry Potter celebration\*  
TV/DVD combo & bean bag chairs (teen movie night)  
Summer reading program, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010\*  
Puppet theatre and puppets  
Read aloud program  
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, young adult collection and reference collection  
Family event storyteller  
Tumblebooks  
MP3Players for circulation  
Ellison Die Machine & Dies  
Early Literacy Station-bilingual computer for preschool and elementary school children  
New furniture for periodical storage & newspaper storage  
Sponsored refreshments for various library events including open houses

\* funded in part by Friends



## Spring Book Sale 2010

Come browse – and buy - our wonderful gently used books for sale. You'll never find a better deal! High quality, low prices and lots to choose from!

**Thursday April 29 - 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Friends members only**

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**Friday April 30 - 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Open to all**

**Saturday May 1 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Open to all**

The sale will be held in the Selinsgrove Borough Community Room (downstairs from the library.)

We welcome your donations of gently used books (no textbooks, condensed books, records, mildewed or damaged books, please). **The better the quality of donations, the better the sale.** Please bring your gently used books to the library for donation during regular library hours.

Volunteers are needed to help out during setup, teardown, and the book sale itself, and we'll be contacting members who've indicated a willingness to assist. Setup will be on Wednesday, April 28 starting at 2:00 p.m. Teardown will start at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday May 1.

**Book Sale Contact: Janis Gemberling 374-9380**

## Tree Fest of Children's Books – 2009

*and the Tree Fest Winners were ...!*



1st Place Tree  
Agapeland Preschool  
**Not a Box**  
by Antoinette Portis



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tree  
Seals Den  
**The Sunflower Parable**  
by Liz Curtis Higgs



Favorite Wreath  
Evening Book Club  
Snyder County Libraries  
**And Tango Makes Three**  
by Peter Parnell

More than 1100 people visited our Sixth Annual Tree Fest of Children's Books. Public school, pre-school and private schools scheduled class trips during the times the event is not open to the public, allowing hundreds of children to enjoy, with their peers, the wonder and fun of Tree Fest.

## Awareness Raising Events:

Gettysburg Bus Trip  
Tree Fest of Children's Books  
2004 through 2009

## Information:

Website  
Newsletters

## Friends Board:

### Officers:

Pres. – Patty Gaugler  
V.P. – Pat Reiland-Hess  
Sec. – Grace Housley  
Tres. – Ricki Stringfellow &  
Carol Felix (Co-Treas.)

Joyce Bilger  
Barbara Feldmann  
Anne Gates  
Janis Gemberling  
Elizabeth Heim  
Joyce Hendricks  
Emily Johnson  
Charles McCuen  
Linda Wieder  
Lynn Askew, Library Board  
Liaison (ex officio)  
Jennifer Johnston, Library  
Liaison (ex officio)

## Board Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
at 4:30 p.m. in Sel. Borough  
Chamber  
No meeting in July or August  
Annual Members' Meeting  
held in conjunction with  
December meeting.

*If truth is beauty, how come  
no one has  
their hair done in a library?  
Lilly Tomlin*

**The net profit of \$2,200 from Tree Fest has been donated to the library and will help fund Snyder County Libraries 2010 Summer Reading Program, which is available to all children in Snyder County.**

The library's December pre-school story hours were held at Tree Fest with community members reading to the kids. This is always a hit with the children and their family members.

Many people work together to make Tree Fest such a wonderful community event. Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club gave us hours of volunteer help during setup and Kohls Department Store's A-Team provided 15 hours of volunteer help during clean-up, and a \$500 grant through their community program which supports childhood literacy. We're deeply grateful to each and every person who volunteers time to help out – thank you all!

We are starting to plan Tree Fest 2010 and Decorator Brochures will be in the mail shortly. Unfortunately, due to the press of other business, we haven't been able to put up a Tree Fest Virtual Tour 2009 on our website as yet. We will get that posted as soon as possible.

## Annual Donation to Library

To comply with state accounting rules for libraries receiving state funding, Friends now follows a policy of accumulating profits from fund-raising efforts throughout the calendar year and issuing a check to the library in January of the following year to fund the library's Wish List for that year. In the past we issued the check at the end of the calendar year.

This year, instead of the customary prioritized Wish List of specific items, the library communicated to Friends that they will be forced to make cut backs in 2010 due to budget cuts at the state level. They therefore requested that they be able to use Friends donation in an unrestricted manner. They plan to use the funds on children's programs and library collections. They pledged to make sure that they use Friends donated monies to pay for items that we will be proud to communicate to you.

Early in 2010, Friends issued a donation check to the library in the amount of \$12,000 from funds raised in calendar year 2009. We're proud to announce that our donations since inception in 2003 now total \$79,000.

## 2010 Institute for Trustees and Friends

On March 20, 2010, Del Kennedy (President, Snyder County Library Board), Pamela Ross (Executive Director Snyder County Libraries), and Elizabeth Heim (Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library) attended the one-day 2010 Institute entitled "Library Survival Tactics – Let's Not Waste a Good Crisis". The Institute focused on ways in which the three entities (Trustees, Directors and Friends) can work together, within their specific roles, to make our libraries the best that they can be during this crisis and in the future.

## Our Thanks Go to ...

As always, our members and those who donate so generously to Friends with money and/or volunteer time and effort. You allow us to hold the fundraising events that generate income for the substantial donations to the library from Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library. We couldn't do it without you!

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***“Libraries will get you  
through times of no  
money better than  
money will get you  
through times of no  
libraries.”***

**Anne Herbert**

**Friends ... helping to  
make our library the  
best that it can be.**