# Between Friends



Friends of the Adams County Library System — March 2018

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#### **President's Message**

by Jim Gardner

As we enter 2018, let's look back at some of the accomplishments of 2017.

In 2017, The Friend's raised \$61,000 in donations. The Friend's bookstore raised \$28, 849 (an outstanding result), by offering a great selection of gently used and collectable books at very reasonable prices. Our summer book sale raised \$23,939, off somewhat because we had to schedule in June versus our normal early August dates. We raised \$2,304 in general donations through our spring and fall Gettysburg Antique Show offerings as well as onetime donations from generous members of the Adams County area. Finally, we raised \$12,855 through the all-important Friends membership dues.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteered for the Friends, be it the bookstore or at our other fundraising events; those who made financial donations to the Friends on behalf of the Library; those who renewed or started Friends memberships; and to those Friend's who serve on our board. It is because of people such as these that since 2007 the Friend's have raised \$700,000 for the Adams County Library System.

In 2018, we kick off our fundraising season with The Friends of the Library Literary Afternoon on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at the Battlefield B&B at 2264 Emmitsburg Rd, Gettysburg. A featured speaker will discuss the women suffrage movement and there will be an opportunity to bid on silent auction literary items. I hope you will mark your calendars to attend this timely and interesting event. Please see our ad in this newsletter for further information.

We will be setting up again for the spring Gettysburg Antique Show on Saturday, May 19, 2018 (weather permitting). This year we have a special assortment of great collectible books donated to the Friends from the McPherson family. We open at 8am in front of the Baltimore street entrance to the library. Come by and browse some great collectible books.

Our Annual Summer Book Sale will be at Redding Auction House, 1085 Table Rock Road in Gettysburg from August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>. There is ample parking and the building is air-conditioned. There will be plenty of books, as well as DVD's, CD's and even vinyl records. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted. More info will be forthcoming in our June newsletter.

We've planned for a busy and active year, and I hope you will spread the word to friends and family about our upcoming fundraising events.



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY LITERARY AFTERNOON

Tired of cold unpredictable weather? Friends of the Library has something for you to look forward to – spring, flowers, warm breezes and good company.

We're holding a fund-raising literary event benefiting the ACLS on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2 to 4 pm at the Battlefield B&B, 2264 Emmitsburg Road. It'll be an afternoon of hors d'oeuvres and sweets, friends - current and new, and speaker Dora Townsend who will tell us about the women's suffrage movement, particularly her great grandmother's involvement. You do not need to be a member of the FOL to attend – all are welcome.

During the event you'll have the opportunity to bid on 'literary' related items at a silent auction and pick up a few books to take home with you.

Seating is limited to 60, so reserve early to avoid disappointment. Cost is \$30pp and reservations can be made by completing the form below and sending it with your check to:

> Friends of the Library Box 4792 Gettysburg, PA. 18325

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE:\_\_\_\_\_

Questions?: Call Carolyn Greaney at 717.339.8200



## Library Update by Karla Trout, ACLS Executive Director

Spring is just around the corner! I know the groundhog said we'd have 6 more weeks of winter, but that was almost 6 weeks ago! Have you noticed the signs of spring already popping up? I noticed the spring flowers have already broken ground near the Gettysburg Library. I love spring and all of the newness it brings! It's like fresh, new hope.

Speaking of fresh and new, have you seen our new website? Adamslibrary.org received a total makeover this winter, and I hope that if you haven't already, you'll drop by and check it out. While our old website was attractive, I think that a pretty face without a good personality doesn't make for much of a date.

What I hope you'll notice first about our new website is the ease with which you can find our materials, services, and events. You can search the catalog and the website itself from the main page. You can also use a simple drop down at the top of the screen to select your library and see the hours, address and phone number of that branch. Our menu structure has been simplified to make finding the services you use most often just a click or two away.

On the new site, events have also been given new prominence. Regardless of which page you visit, you'll see pertinent upcoming events consistently displayed on the right side of your screen. The events on the branch, department and Friends' group pages will focus primarily on events related to the page subject, but you'll be able to click the *View All Events* button on any page to see them all in list or calendar form. You will also be able to register for many programs online right from the calendar. In addition to registration, a new option available is *Room Reservations*, which will allow outside groups to request online to use the libraries' meeting rooms. Library and Friends' group use will still have top priority for room use, but we have some great spaces for community meetings and events.

You may have noticed the new digital signage that is being installed in our libraries across the county. Many of the same slides that are on the digital signs will scroll across your screen from the new website, as well. We hope this consistent look and feel will help you connect what you may have noticed on a library screen with more details through the connected slides on the website.

These are just a few of the new features of our new website. We hope that you will visit the site often and find it helpful in your use of Adams County Library System resources. The site is a work in progress, and we are very much interested in hearing your feedback and suggestions as we continue to develop it. If you'd like to share your thoughts, please drop by, give us a call, or use the Contact Us form on the site and send us a message. We love hearing from you.

Thank you so much for all that you do to make library service to the residents of Adams County possible. We hope that we are always growing and improving, and your support is what helps to make that goal achievable!



#### **Rolling Membership**

Your Friends of the Library **membership expiration date** is located on the mailing label of each edition of the newsletter in **RED**. Completing a membership app/renewal (included with every newsletter) and returning it makes sure we remain "Friends"!

Look for FOL Newsletter on ACLS website



## The Friends Store

Fine, Gently Used Books Offered

> Just inside the Baltimore Street Library Entrance

Monday through Sunday 9:30AM - 4:30PM\*

\*Open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings until 8:00PM Are you a member of the ACLFOL? It's the best bargain in town.

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Friends of the Membership Application/Renewal (20% Discount @ the Friends Store)		
Because I believe that the Adams County Library System is essential to our communities, I am enclosing my donation to become a member of the FRIENDS in support of the Library. Please return completed form with your tax-deductible donation to Friends of the Library, PO Box 4792, Gettysburg, PA 17325		
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I would like to help the FRIENDS and the Library by volunteering:		
Process used books Process mailings Staff the Book Store Work at the Book Sale Bonanza		

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#### **BOOK STORE HOURS** *Fvi.-Sat.* 9:30 AM-4:30 PM *Sunday*-1:30 PM-4:30 PM *Sunday*-1:30 PM-4:30 PM

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