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President's Message

by Cathy Dischner

Dear Friends,

It's the first full weekend in January and I am sitting at my desk writing to you as I finish the first year of my two- year term as your President. We have started the New Year with the cold winds and snow having finally blown into town, affording me the peace and quiet to pen my reflections.

What a wonderful year it has been! Overcoming many challenges, we have still managed to keep the lights on while being able to donate over 52 thousand dollars to the library at our Annual Meeting in November, where we heard a wonderful presentation by a member of the staff of the new Gettysburg World War II Museum. That money will go a long way to support many of the programs that the community has found so beneficial. We could not have done that without our members who volunteer countless hours in helping our own activities critical to our fundraising, such as sorting book donations in the garage, manning the bookstore, and helping at the Spring and Annual Summer Book sale. This year we also participated in the Main Street Gettysburg's Annual Christmas Festival by holding a Santa's Book Shop. I hope many of you were able to pay the bookstore a visit to see how hard Santa's Elves worked to make that event a success! We also had a visit from Gettysburg's own Mary Jemison, who regaled us with tales from her very harrowing and eventful life, while we shared a wonderful luncheon and silent auction at the Biglerville Library.

I also want to thank Ms. Laura Goss, the Executive Director of the Adams County Library System for her outstanding support of our Friend's Group and wish her all the best as she embarks on her retirement. We will all surely miss her, and I especially, as she was always there to listen to me vent or help me when problems arose, of which there were many.

Now comes the bad news. As I told membership at our Annual Meeting, we have a great need for more participation on our Board. Besides being your President, I don't have anyone willing to serve as Vice-President, and I am also the Marketing and Publicity chair, and the Book Sale Manager. We have volunteers working in the Garage, but also have a need of someone willing to serve as the Garage Manager and can help get the books to Redding's for Storage. As of next November, besides myself, we have several people on the Board who will be stepping down, including the Chairs of the Fund-Raising Committee, the Recording Secretary, and the Supply Manager. As you can see, we have reached critical mass, and unless more people step up, I believe that the Annual Book Sale for 2025 is in jeopardy and we will no longer be able to accept book donations after our July sale. If that happens, it will be a snowball effect, and we may have to close the bookstore as well. We have already decided to stop taking applications for lifetime memberships.

Please consider joining the Board and taking on more responsibility as a Member of the Friends of the Adams County Library System. We can't do it without your help. If you would like to discuss further, please feel free to reach out to me at comfort1069@comcast.net, or 240-461-3178.

A Letter to Our Friends

Dear Members of the Friends of the Adams County Library,

I hope this letter finds you well. As the Development Director of the Adams County Library, I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment to our library. Your role as members of the Friends of Adams County Library is invaluable, and I want to take a moment to highlight the significant impact you've had on both our financial stability and as advocates in our community.

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincere thanks for your annual donation to the library. Your generous donations have played a pivotal role in ensuring the continued success and growth of the Adams County Library. Your commitment to providing financial support has allowed us to enhance our collection, invest in new technologies, and create engaging programs and events for library patrons of all ages.

Your contributions not only bolster our financial resources but also directly contribute to the educational and cultural enrichment of our community. Your dedication to the library's mission has enabled us to reach new heights in promoting literacy, fostering a love for learning, and providing a welcoming space for community members to gather and connect.

Beyond the financial impact, I want to emphasize the crucial role you play as advocates for the library in our community. Your passion for the library's mission and your ability to communicate its importance to others make you instrumental in raising awareness about the vital role the Adams County Library plays in our community's well-being. Your advocacy helps us garner additional support, attract new patrons, and strengthen our ties in Adams County.

In essence, your involvement in the Friends of the Library Group goes far beyond the monetary contributions. You are champions of literacy, community, and the transformative power of knowledge. As we move forward, I look forward to continuing our partnership and working together to support the library.

Thank you once again for your unwavering commitment, and please know that your efforts are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
Erica Duffy, Development Director

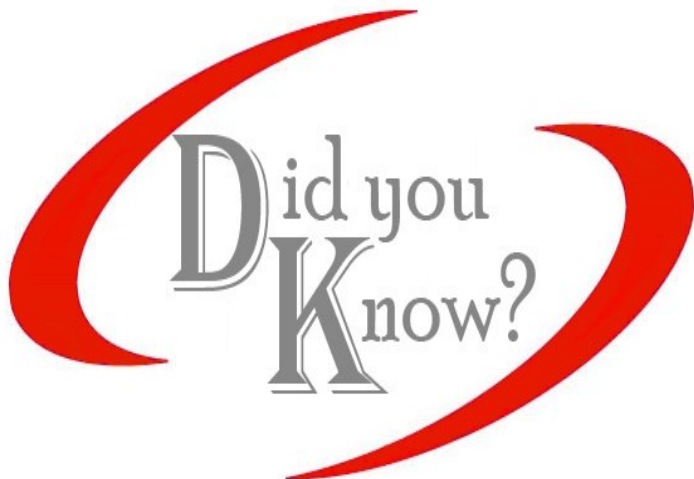
BOOK STORE BITS

by Pam Brady, Book Store Manager

This year the Friends of the Library Board suggested joining Main Street Gettysburg and having the bookstore open during the Christmas Festival. So we went all out! The entrance to the library was decorated and all the Christmas books in the garage were brought up to the bookstore. Santa was there also handing out candy canes. Our little store had more people than I have ever seen at one time! A massive number of books were sold, which was our goal.

I want to thank Ken Oelkers for playing Santa and directing the people into the bookstore. I also want to thank Kathy, Ann, Carolyn and Lin for volunteering during the festival. Thanks to Sharon for the wonderful garland that adorned the front entrance. What a fun time was had by all!

In 2023 our bookstore had a banner year. We made \$22,000 after all expenses were paid. That is a wonderful gift to give the library toward programs for the community. We have a wonderful team of people who are very much appreciated by the library. Thank you volunteers for all you do. If you would like to become a bookstore volunteer, please drop by the bookstore, give your name, and phone number and Jane will contact you.



“Did you know?” In 1913, the building known as the Gettysburg Federal Building was under construction during the 50th anniversary year of the Battle of Gettysburg.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Gettysburg Federal Building, home of the Adams County Library System since 1992, officials with the Adams County Library System and the Friends of the Library held three days of community events in 2014 - an invitation-only gala on Feb. 21, Children's Day on Feb. 22; and a public open house on Feb. 23.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS BOOKSTORE:

Greetings from the Volunteer Crew at your friendly neighborhood in-library Bookstore. The Gettysburg source for quality used books, great prices, friendly conversation and service.

As you know, proceeds from the Store are dispersed to the Library in support of Community outreach and educational programs. And as you also may know, many of our high end **Used Books** are available on **Amazon.com**, with a portion of the sales returned to further promote the good works of our Library. If you're interested in perusing that selection for gifts, self-enrichment, or simply supporting Culture/Literacy in our community, the following links will access the list of Store offerings available from Amazon:

Amazon Storefront
(Bookmark this page): [amzn.to/3pu9k4J](https://www.amazon.com/?ref=AFF_Card)



At this time, we are pleased to bring you a new opportunity to further support the Library, thru **New Book Purchases**. As a fledgling member of the American Booksellers Association, we have become affiliated with a group created to support small and independent Book Sellers, **Bookshop.org**. Bookshop offers discounted sales with a significant percentage returned to the **Friends** for Library use. On the website, you may select from our Suggested Lists, or Search for an item of your choice. Check-out the following links and enjoy this new opportunity:

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WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATRONAGE & HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!





Join the Friends of the Adams County Library System

Membership Application/Renewal

Friends of the Library Members receive a 20% Discount at 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 check one:
 \$20 Student/Senior Member
 \$30 Regular Member
Additional Donation (optional) \$ _____
Total Amount \$ _____

You can join online via credit card by visiting <https://www.adamslibrary.org/friends-adams-county-library-system>

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Let's be Friends! Keep in touch with us!

Phone: _____ EMAIL: _____

The Friends have many volunteer opportunities! I'd like to Help the Friends!

Staff Book Store Sort Used Books Work Book Sale Fundraising & Special Member Events

I have a special talent that might be helpful. Let us know! _____

I'm interested in serving on the Friends Board, please contact me.

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