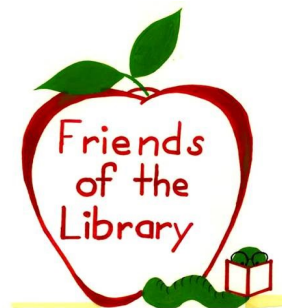


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Vice President's Letter

by Linda Joswick

Dear Friends,

When I was considering retirement a year ago, some very good friends of mine in Grand Rapids, Michigan strongly suggested that I check into volunteer work for the Friends of the Library in Gettysburg. I didn't know if such an organization even existed. I came to the library and found the *Between Friends* newsletter for January 2024. I joined the Friends that very day.

The newsletter asked members to consider becoming Board Members to replace people that had been doing the job for years.

Cathy Dischner invited me to the Annual Meeting Brunch. I was impressed by the friendly people at the meeting. The brunch was pretty good too.

I attended the Board Meeting on March 12th, along with a large number of new faces. I was surprised by the number of people who stepped forward to fill positions starting in November. Including myself volunteering to immediately become the Vice President, and the President in November. I must say that I would not have been so ready to volunteer except that I could see that everyone at the meeting was passionate about the library and were willing to help the new board members to learn their positions.

Thanks to all people who have donated so much of their time and talents to the Friends in the past. You are appreciated and I am sure that we newbies will be leaning on your expertise and experience for a while. Thanks to all who bravely volunteered to fill some pretty big shoes! I am here to help in any way I can. Please reach out if you have questions.

On to more EXCITING Events -- The Summer Book Sale! The Book Sale Manager tells me there are over 33 SKIDS of used books that will be spread out on OVER 100 tables at Redding Auction Services! As the books are sold, new items will be pulled out of boxes and placed on the tables. That tells me you should visit the sale more than one time as the inventory will constantly be changing. We love to encourage new readers, so every child that comes to the book sale will get 5 FREE books. There is a special that gives free books for classrooms on Friday, and Saturday is the Great Bag of Books sale! There are a lot of great books covering all genres that are a real bargain at \$2 for hard covers and \$1 for paperbacks. There are also DVDs, CDs, games, and puzzles.

The sale is **Thursday and Friday, July 25 and 26 from 9 am to 7 pm. Saturday, July 27th from 9 am to 2 pm.** Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted. There will be a food truck available in case you need sustenance to continue your shopping. I hope I will see you there!

NEXT EVENT: The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library will be the second Tuesday in November, which is November 12th this year. It is at the Harbaugh-Thomas Library in Biglerville. The speakers will be myself and Miranda Wisor, the new director of the Adams County Library System. Miranda will be able to give us all kinds of information about the library, and the proposed new library. I hope you will join us, even if you are not a member. You may find a new group of friends like I did. And the brunch is great! 😊

Best Wishes,
Linda Joswick

Mid-year at the Adams County Library

by Miranda Wisor, Executive Director

It's been another busy year at your library system and it's hard to believe that the year is almost half over. It began with the retirement of former Executive Director Laura Goss. After several decades of service to the library system, we wished her well in pursuing her passions outside of librarianship. We also began the year with our annual "Winter Reading Challenge."

I joined Adams County Library at the end of March. Just in time for you to celebrate National Library Week and #LibraryGivingDay with us for an entire month in April. Donations rolled in all month long to help us ensure that children throughout the county have access to new children's books. The results are appearing on shelves now and can be found at your closest library.

The "Living Library" was also held in April. This program is a partnership between the Adams County Library and YWCA of Gettysburg. It invites library users to "check-out" one of our volunteers and listen to a story or join a conversation with someone for about thirty minutes. It's a fun and engaging way to get to know more about other people living in your community because there's always 'more to the story!'

Many new resources have been added to the library system already this year. New databases have been added to our website, Comics Plus with comics, manga, and more has been added to our ebook platform, CloudLibrary, and blood pressure monitors are now available for check-out. The monitors can be found in the library's online catalog or a permanent blood pressure monitor station is available on the 2nd floor of the Gettysburg Library.

Our One Book title has been announced. This year, we are reading "The Cartographers" by Peng Shepherd. The genre bending title is a suspense thriller with elements of fantasy and magical realism. The reader follows Nell Young as she grapples with the death of her estranged father, her discovery of the mystery shrouding his life and hers, and Nell's attempt to understand how it all ties back to a 1930's highway map. Keep an eye out for related programming later this year and an opportunity to meet the author.

Registration is now open for SummerQuest, the library's reading and learning program for all ages. This year's theme is Adventure Begins at Your Library! All six library branches have special programs and prizes for children and adults. Available with SummerQuest, Get Outdoors Adams is partnering with Wellspan to provide a physical activity program for children, families and adults.

From June 3rd until July 13th, you can stop by the 2nd floor of the Gettysburg Library to explore "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine," an exhibit from the National Library of Medicine. Did you know that the magic from the famous series borrowed heavily from Renaissance history? The exhibit invites visitors to explore the intersection between magic and medicine.

Through the months of transition, growth, and work, the Friends have been present to offer their support. In addition to the financial and volunteer support that Friends of the Library provide, you offer a close, visual representation of the recognized impact that a library can have on its community. Friends of the Library show us that the community cares about their library because you are willing to give of your time and talents to support library work and library workers. For that, I want to extend my most sincere gratitude to our Friends.

One article can't capture everything that has and is happening at your library. I invite you to stop by, visit our website, or check-out "What's Happening" to explore the many activities and resources available to you. We'll see you soon!

BOOK STORE BITS

by Pam Brady, Book Store Manager

As all of you know a call for help went out in the Gettysburg Times. The Friends of the Adams County Library needed new members. We had an overwhelming response to the article, for which we are most grateful. I want to thank everyone who stepped up to volunteer, your work has been helping everyone immensely. Thanks to you all, a previously open garage manager position has been filled.

Everything about the bookstore depends on what goes on in the garage. The books get donated, sorted, and then come to the bookstore. We do not have a warehouse to house our books until we are ready for them, so us as Friends are quick to transfer the books from one place to another. The turnaround time from when books are brought into the garage, then taken to the bookstore is usually a one-week process.

I just want to send kudos out to all who volunteer in the garage. Everyone's help is very much appreciated in the bookstore, and we could not do it without you. Thank you for helping the Friends out by being such wonderful people who take time out of your day to come up and help. That is something I am happy to see. Your time and devotion are very much valued, so thank you everyone for stepping up and volunteering to help us all out.



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Membership Application/Renewal

I believe that the Adams County Library System is essential to our communities so I am enclosing my donation to become a member of the Friends in support of the Library.

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\$20 Student/Senior Member

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I'd like to help the Friends with:

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Serving on the Board of the Friends

I have a special talent that might be helpful.

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