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Friends of the Adams County Library System — July 2017

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

by Jim Gardner

#### 2017 Friends Summer Book Sale Brings It's Own Challenges

This year's summer book sale was held June 14 - 17, 2017 at Gettysburg College's Hauser Fieldhouse. The date change was undesirable, but necessary, since the college was doing construction renovations to areas near the field house and had work scheduled for July in the field house itself. Our challenge was communicating this change to all our loyal annual patrons and dealers. We did the best we could, with ads in local papers, on the library website, and on the website booksalefinders.com.

Our first day we saw a number of our usual dealers missing from the shopping crowd, but we still had very good traffic from patrons throughout the day. Traffic through the rest of Thursday and Friday was steady.

On Saturday, we had our bag of books sale, and we faced yet another unforeseen challenge. No parking! It seems the college was the site of a regional lacrosse tournament and no parking spaces were reserved for the book sale. Incredibly, our loyal patrons showed up, some walking several blocks to the field house to take advantage of our sale. We are grateful for the grit and determination of our loyal patrons who made it to the sale, with little complaint. Who knows how many others never made the sale due to lack of parking?

We raised \$24,248.20 from the sale, which was less than our 2016 results of \$28,262.60. The effort was certainly there, but the date change had its impact.

I was thrilled with the turnout and work of our volunteers for this year's book sale. These enthusiastic volunteers worked hard to ensure the success of this book sale. The book sale itself was well organized and received numerous positive comments from patrons and dealers alike. We are also very thankful to Mike Gastley for storing and delivering our books for this sale.

To further our commitment to Literacy and Learning, The Friends provided 1,270 free books to children 12 and under and 55 teachers received a bag of free books for use in classroom instruction.

With that said, on to getting ready for next year's sale.

# save The Date

The Friends of the Library will be holding their Annual Meeting at the Harbaugh~Thomas Library in Biglerville on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 from 9 am to 11 am.

Please watch for more information in the Fall edition of this newsletter.





#### An Evening with Laura Lippman

New York Times Bestselling Author

Friday, September 22, 2017 Gettysburg Hotel 1 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg, PA

#### Tickets are on sale now!

Available at any Adams County Library or through the website, www.AdamsLibrary.org



#### You're Invited!

Grand Opening Celebration of the Adams County Library @ Carroll Valley

> Saturday, September 30th 10a—Noon

3685 Fairfield Road, Carroll Valley, PA

Join us for this free family event with refreshments and fun activities!

A Special Donor Recognition Ceremony will occur at 11a

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#### Library Update by Karla Trout, ACLS Executive Director

Happy summer! I hope you are enjoying the warm weather, and vacation time. The summer months are the busiest months at our libraries, and my favorite time of the year. If you are traveling this summer, I encourage you to pick up a few audiobooks for your travels or download them from the Cloud Library before you hit the road.

In June I celebrated my first anniversary with the library system, and we also welcomed a new member of our leadership team. George Matthew joined us on June 12 as the new Youth Services Coordinator for the library system. George is headquartered at the Adams County Library at Gettysburg, but he provides direction for our youth services programs throughout the county, as well as conducting educational courses for children throughout the library system.

George comes to us from the Dover Area Community Library, where he served as their youth services coordinator for the past several years, but he's no stranger to Adams County, and has worked with communities and programs for youth within the county for a number of years. If you get the opportunity to see George in action you will immediately recognize his theatre background, as he is masterful at capturing the attention and imagination of the young and the young-at-heart alike. We look forward to growing our educational offerings for young folks under George's guidance.

Summer also brings the annual summer reading program. This year's theme is Build a Better World, and once again we have options for children, teens and adults to participate in the program with some fun and exciting incentives. In addition to our annual kickoff in June with FunFest, we will host two county-wide events, along with community-specific happenings in each library location. This year, we have partnered with Wellspan Health to exercise both body and mind through Get Outdoors (GO) Adams. The program encourages families to seek out 15 posts in parks throughout Adams County and create rubbings from the engravings on the top of the posts. Participating children can pick up and return their GO Adams books and rubbing sheets at any county library. Participants will be entered to win prizes provided by a grant from Wellspan.

We will end our summer with an event at the new Adams County Library @ Carroll Valley, situated in the beautiful Carroll Valley Borough Park. Please join us on Saturday, September 30 from 10 am to noon for fun, family-oriented activities and refreshments as we celebrate the new library space, recognize our donors, and culminate our summer reading program, Thank you for your ongoing support of our Adams County Libraries! Your contributions allow the vital work of the library, such as the Summer Reading Program to change the lives of county residents. We appreciate your generous support. I'm so glad we're friends!

At the Fall Gettysburg Antique Show on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 8 am until 2 pm (weather permitting) the Friends will offer many old print and collectible books for donations to the Adams County Library System.

#### **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 930AM – 430PM\*

\*Open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings until 800PM

#### Are you a member of the ACLFOL? It's the best bargain in town.

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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

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