



**Friends of Degenstein Community Library**  
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**February 2017 Newsletter**

**Next meeting,  
Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:00 p.m.  
in the Community Room**

We will be preparing the auction invitations to mail. Membership renewal information will be sent with the auction invitations. Dues will remain the same at \$10. If you have an address or e-mail change, please let our membership chair, Lana Gulden know (570 473-8705).

There will be an election of officers. If you are interested in being nominated for an office, please let Jo Ann Long know (570 286-6683).

**Friends of Degenstein Library is happy to introduce and welcome our new librarian, Melissa Rowse!**

**Greetings and Salutations**

My name is Melissa Rowse and I am so excited to be working at the Degenstein Community Library. Gail Broome has been instrumental over

the past 30 years in creating a strong library and we wish her all the best on her retirement. We also hope that she isn't a stranger and regularly visits.

A little bit about me, I have been a librarian for over 16 years working in Florida, North Carolina, New York and Pennsylvania. My most recent position was at the James V. Brown Library I Williamsport. I passionately believe that public libraries are a community's best kept secret. Libraries are strategically positioned to help residents in numerous areas from basic literacy to health literacy to financial literacy and everything in between. We have something for everyone. True to our mission, we value reading and lifelong learning.

I look forward to continue success at the Degenstein Community Library. One most notable success is our Friends of the Library group. I have heard wonderful things about your fundraising events and how supportive our community is of the library. I am thrilled to be part of this organization. If you are in the library, please stop by and say hello. I would love to meet our friends!

Happy reading!

*Melissa!*

**Report on Recent Activities**

- Thanks to everyone who helped with the **yard sale** in November. We made a profit of \$1,391.00. We especially thank Lenore Askew and Marie Clark for doing pricing and organizing items ahead of time.
- The **gift wrapping** at the mall on December 23<sup>rd</sup> was also successful. Thanks to all the people who donated items and did the wrapping. We made a profit of \$742.36.
- On December 29<sup>th</sup>, a group of Friends met at the library to give Gail Broome a check for \$3,000 which brought our 2016 donation to the library to \$18,000. We also presented Gail with a retirement clock and a monetary gift. Since Friends was organized in 1996, the donations from the group have reached \$282,492! Thanks to everyone past and present who is part of this group.

volunteer to help, Contact Ellie Fogarty (570-286-7446) or Jackie Snyder (570-847-7679).

- There will be a **Children's Book Sale** on Thursday, February 16 from 1 to 6 p.m. in the lobby. We have an overflow of children's books. Price will be \$5 per bag.
- **Book Club** Meetings are generally held on the last Thursday of the month with an occasional exception. Meetings begin at 2:30 PM. All are welcome. Upcoming selections are:

January 26: The Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw  
 February 23: Rebecca by Daphne Dumaurier  
 March 30: The Invention of Air by Steven Johnson  
 April 27: 1776 by David McCullough  
 May 25: The Invisibles by Jesse Holland

### Upcoming Events

- **Auction 2017** Our annual auction will be held on March 18 from 5:00 to about 8:30. The theme of the evening will be Treasure Island (since the library is such a treasure). If you have any decorations to loan or donate with a pirate theme, it would be appreciated. Let Jo Ann Long (570 286-6683) or Lenore Askew (570 286-7823) know.
- **Book Sale 2017** will be April 20, 21 and 22 (set up April 13 and 15). Book sorting is held the second and fourth Thursday each month from 1-3 p.m. If you have any questions or want to

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## **DEGENSTEIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY EVENTS**



**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME** takes place Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. Children ages 3 – 5 are welcome to attend. Each story time includes stories and activities. No registration required.

**TODDLER STORY TIME** is Fridays at 10:00 a.m. This program for one and two year olds and their care givers combines music and movement, book sharing and play. No registration required.

**JUNIOR BUILDERS CREW!** (Formerly Legos Club) If you can imagine it, you can build it at this after school building club. We not only have Lego building blocks, but also wooden blocks, Magna-Tiles, Playstix, cardboard blocks and more! All ages welcome to attend! Every other Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. Future dates include February 1<sup>st</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, and March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**DEGEN-TWEENS.** This group for girls ages 9-12 meets every other Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a variety of crafts and activities! Upcoming dates are February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Check the website for additional dates.



**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT.** Come to the library Thursday, February 16, at 6:00 p.m. to see the movie *The Secret Life of Pets* rated PG. Feel free to come in your pajamas or bring blankets and pillows. There will also be snacks and refreshments.

**FAMILY GAME PARTY.** We supply the games; you have the fun!! Games available include Monopoly, Candy Land, Life, Connect Four, Jenga and many, many more. The next Game Parties are Wednesday, February 22 and March 22, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

### **FAMILY PLACE PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS**

This is a 5 week program for parents and their children ages 15 months to 3 years old. Weekly sessions focus on this special time of development. It's a chance to spend time together, play together and meet new friends. Parents and caregivers will have a chance to meet community resource specialists to answer your questions about your child's early learning, speech and language, nutrition, hearing and much more. Sessions will be held on Mondays at 4:00p.m. from March 27 to April 24. There is no charge, but registration is **REQUIRED**. This program is jointly sponsored by Degenstein Community Library and Priestley Forsyth Memorial Library and sessions will be alternated between the two locations.



**SPRING SENSE-ATION - a Sensory Adventure** Tuesday, March 21 at 4p.m., children ages 15 months – 4years and their caregivers can explore edible finger paints, a rainbow spaghetti pool, water table, and more! Program is limited to 30 children. **Registration is required.** Please wear clothes you don't mind getting messy.



**HIPPITY, HOPPITY, EASTER FUN at the LIBRARY** Saturday, April 1 at 10a.m., we will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones, plus games, crafts, and stories. In the afternoon, adults will have an opportunity to create an Easter tree. Mark your calendars and join the fun!

**BOOK BINGO.** Saturday, April 29, at 2p.m., we will be playing bingo at the library. Each winner can choose from a large selection of books, DVD's and stuffed animals. Mark your calendars and join the fun! This event is free and no registration required.



**THE EWE AND I KNITTING CIRCLE.** Want to learn to knit? Already know how to knit but would like to meet others who enjoy knitting too? Then join THE EWE AND I KNITTING CIRCLE which meets every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the library. If you're new to knitting, bring a pair of size 8 (ten inch) knitting needles and a skein of worsted weight yarn. If you're experienced, bring your latest project. We look forward to meeting you!

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