



Friends of Degenstein Community Library
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February 2020 Newsletter

Our next meeting will be held
February 13th at 6:00 pm
in first floor community room.
We welcome any and all
suggestions to improve or add to
our fundraising efforts.
Please plan to attend.



Keep March 21st on your calendar for the annual auction. The theme is Mexican Fiesta. Invitations will be mailed Feb. 14. The price has remained the same at \$25 per person. You may pay at the door or if you wish to pay ahead, send your payment to Judy Sloditskie at 115 Bridge Avenue, Sunbury, PA 17801. Please notify Jo Ann if you have any decorations to donate. If you bring items to donate for the auction, please let the staff know so they can put them in the Friends' room. Unattended items left downstairs sometimes disappear.

AGENDA

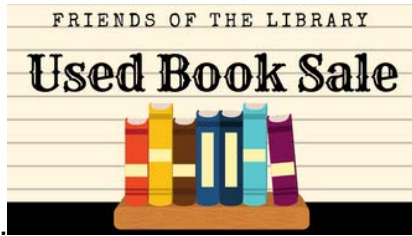
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Our February 13th meeting will start at 6:00 pm to give us ample time to prepare the auction invitations for mailing. Election of officers is also on the agenda for this meeting. If you are interested in an office, please contact Jo Ann at 570-286-6683 or lenlong@ptd.net.



Our November yard sale was successful. We raised \$1,607.25 for the library. Thanks to everyone who donated items, helped do set up and tear down, and worked the event.



The annual book sale is scheduled for April 23, 24, and 25 with set up on April 17 and 18. Please continue to donate gently used books, you may bring them during regular library hours.



We made \$425 by gift wrapping at the mall on December 23. Thank you to everyone who helped with that project.



Dues will remain at \$10, if have not paid yet for 2020, please send a check made to Friends of Degenstein Library to: Lana Gulden at 255 Honey Locust Lane, Northumberland, PA 17857. If you have address, phone, or email changes, please let Lana know at 570-473-8705 or lanagulden@yahoo.com.

Love your library

The Friends' gave a check for \$4,500 to Melissa for the library in December. This brings our donations to the library for 2019 to \$19,500. The total donations given to the library from the Friends' group since 1996 is \$341,000. Keep up the good work!



The meetings for 2020 will be held on the following evenings at 7:00 pm:
May 14
August 13
November 12
We encourage all to attend.

Officers

JoAnn Long, President
570 286-6683

Lana Gulden, Vice president and membership chair
570 473-8705

Judi Sloditskie, Secretary/Treasurer
570 286-4688

Greetings and Salutations Friends of the Library –

BRRRR - It might be cold outside, but it is warm and cozy inside the Degenstein Community Library. The staff at the library want to express our thanks for your support and encouragement this past year. We had a very successful 2019 - all because of the Friends of the Library. We added 9 regularly scheduled programs each month including Trivia Night, Cooking with Kris, STEM Storytime, and Mother Goose on the Loose – bringing our total number of programs for 2019 to 520! This is a 22% increase in programming activities. Additionally, we had 54,692 visits to the library – an increase of 35% from 2018. This shows that libraries are so much more than books. We are safe spaces for people to connect, learn, and grow.

Although, programming is at an all-time high, we still cannot discount our priority mission of connecting readers with books. In 2019, patrons checked out 67,989 items. This is amazing as the benefits of reading for pleasure include living longer, increase vocabulary and a stronger sense of belonging in the community. All of which ties back to our very active programming. Don't forget - our Reading Nomads book club meets every month at local establishments to discuss their favorite books. Additionally, we added a number of reader's advisory displays as well as connections to new and old favorite authors. The library staff would happily discuss their favorite authors and books with you.

We also recognize that children who read succeed. Sarah Fisher, our Youth Services Coordinator, offers children's programming every single day of the week. Preschool Storytime, Toddler Tales, STEM Explorers, Degen Detectives, and Mother Goose all encourage our younger audiences to read. Research shows that it is very important to engage young minds in a variety of genres and illustrate that reading is fun and learning is social. When children discuss books, their motivation increases as well as their understanding of the text. Overall, the number one skill that increases a child's achievement is reading.

We hope you stay warm this winter season and encourage you to come visit us. Be sure to sign-up to receive our weekly e-newsletter, be our friend on facebook or watch our calendar of events on our website as there is much happening this winter and as always we love talking about books.

Happy Reading!
Melissa Rowse
Library Director