

Newsletter

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Dear Friends Members:

We're looking forward to a lot of changes in the next few months here at Hershey Public Library. For those of you who haven't visited in a few months, we recently re-organized our Adult Fiction and Nonfiction sections to make them easier to navigate and set up a self-service station to pick up your own holds. Our next steps are to re-design our circulation desk and front office areas to make staff more accessible and service more convenient. We expect this work to take us through fall and into early 2019. Throughout these changes we anticipate minimal disruptions to service and will continue to provide the engaging programming and first-class customer service you have come to expect from your library.

We were also recently awarded a grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Education for a redesigned children's room, teen area, and brand-new ADA accessible family entrance on the north side of the library. This grant application was made in cooperation with the Hershey Library Endowment Trust and Derry Township. This work will be completed by March 2020, but we hope to have the bulk of it done by the end of 2019. Finally, on a more personal level, I'm expecting my first child and am due at the end of January. I have full confidence in the staff to lead the charge in my absence which I anticipate being 6-8 weeks.

Things are moving full steam ahead here as we work at being a first-class library for which our community can be proud. Thank you for all you do to support us in this mission.

Kindly,

Laura O'Grady, Director of Library Services

Little Free Library

The Friends Little Free Library is a big success. If you haven't visited it, stop by Bullfrog Valley Pond and look for the blue box near the gazebo. A Little Free Library is a free book exchange where people can share their favorite books with their community. Take a book, leave a book, if you love a book and want to keep it, it's yours!

We did it!!! After almost a year of collecting, sorting, lugging, logging, and arranging thousands of donated books, the Friends again produced a stellar Book Sale. We raised \$46,300 this year, a little more than last year, thanks to countless hours by a dedicated group of volunteers. Since the Friends' Book Sale began in 1981 - when it raised \$430 - the Friends have raised more than \$1 million. One. Million. Dollars!! It's a remarkable achievement. This amazing effort generates much needed funds to help the library with a variety of projects and events. Thanks to everyone who helped make our Million-Dollar Dream come true!

Anne Reeves, Book Sale Chair



Enjoy these pictures from the Book Sale and Hello Laura Day. Thanks to Heather Mahraj for the photos.



The Next Chapter...

Dear Friends

As the new President of the Friends of the Hershey Public Library, I write my first comments thinking about what it really means to be a “Friend” and all the amazing things that have happened before my time on the Friends of the Hershey Public Library Board.

These days the word “friend” is sometimes used very casually with respect to a particular status. But show up on any given day at the Hershey library and you will find someone demonstrating what a “Friend” really is. You will see it in all the connections made during the many children or adult programs provided to the community. By all the volunteers sorting, organizing and packing of the many donated books for the annual book sale. In the after-school youth programs or through the simple kindness of a volunteer delivering a book to a homebound community member. So, whether you are in need of a friend or just want to be a friend, look no further...the Hershey Public Library is truly the heart of our community.

Speaking of Friends, I also want to express my many thanks to the hardworking Friends Book Sale committee & volunteers! As our major fundraiser, we are very proud of the success of our Annual Book sale! With the many years of book sale events we are thrilled to announce that we have passed our \$1 million mark....that is amazing community support! It is also due to the many hours of volunteers tirelessly working thought out the year to to ensure the very best event. And, as usual, this event did not disappoint. This year they added an interesting twist...Family Fun Day. By creating a day of free “kid friendly” activities, crafts and Sweet Dawgs ice cream the event was able to attract many from our community that may not have otherwise attended. So “Thank You” to Anne Reeves, Judy Dunn, Linda Eng, the entire Book Sale committee, library staff and its many volunteers for making this a part of our annual book sale.

What else is special... National Friends of the Library Week! October 22-26th.

We are so grateful that Laura O’Grady and her staff will be recognizing and promoting the Friends of the Hershey Public Library with a membership table and fun activities! Who doesn’t love being celebrated!

If movies are your thing... just in time for Halloween.... on October 21st @ 2 p.m. The Friends Film Special will feature the 1922 unrated silent movie version of Nosferatu. This is an unrated horror film best suited for viewers 16 and older.

So, what’s in the next chapter of the Friends of the Hershey Public Library?

...I can’t wait to see!

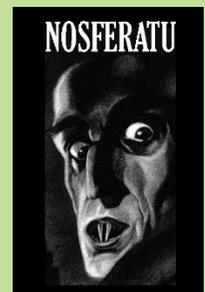
With gratitude,

Sharon Kirkwood-Miller, President, Friends of the Hershey Public Library

Please, get to know what being a Friend of the Hershey Public Library is all about!

You can stay connected with all of Friends activities through our social media:

Website: <https://friendsofhersheypubliclibrary.wildapricot.org>



Renew your membership here:

<https://friendsofhersheypubliclibrary.wildapricot.org/Membership>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofHersheyPublicLibrary>

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Friday, October 26, 2018 - Annual Edible Book Contest!

Design an edible creation based on the wonderful world of books! National Friends of the Library Week is October 21 to 27. Please join us on Friday, October 26 to view and vote for literary-inspired culinary creations! Register in advance to enter your own edible book. Registration forms and contest rules available at the front desk or download a copy below. You can also register to [enter online](#).

Changing Times

Keeping our members up to date on current Friends supported library activities is a priority to us. Currently, we make our quarterly newsletter available via mail, email and displayed in the library. As with many printed newsletters, due to effectiveness and cost, we will no longer be providing newsletters by mail without direct requests. Our newsletter will continue to go out automatically via email and print copies will be available in the Library on the Friends shelf by the book donation. So that you receive our current newsletter, please update your email in your friendsofhersheypubliclibrary.wildapricot.org membership account. If you are having trouble accessing your account, please contact the Friends through the library.

If you are unable to receive email or stop by the library and wish to have a printed Friends newsletter mailed to you contact the Library at 717-533-6555 and leave a message on the Friends extension. You may also send a note to the Friends of the Hershey Public Library, 701 Cocoa Ave, Hershey PA 17033.

Library on Wheels

Library on Wheels is a service of the Hershey Public Library and the Friends of the Hershey Public Library. It brings the library to homebound residents of all ages. If you, or someone you know, are a resident of Derry Township and are physically unable to visit the library, you are eligible to receive our personalized home delivery service.

Dedicated volunteers will arrange to visit you in your home and will register you for homebound service. They will help you create a reader profile so library materials can be matched to your interests and needs. Free delivery and pick-up of books, large print books, audio books, music, movies, and other library materials will be provided by these same volunteers.

In addition, we are looking for persons who are interested in becoming a Library on Wheels volunteer.

To arrange for homebound service, or to inquire about becoming a volunteer for the service, please telephone the circulation department of the library at 533-6555, option 2 and ask to have Library on Wheels contact you.

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