



Friend to Friend

FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE EMMAUS PUBLIC LIBRARY FALL 2016

The Mission of the Friends of the Emmaus Public Library

To **enrich the life** of the East Penn Community by supporting the programs and facilities of the library.

To **provide programs** to increase the public's awareness of the library and its value to the community.

To **promote greater use** of library resources.

To serve as a source of **credible information** regarding the impact of legislative changes on library funding and programs.

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What's Up at the Emmaus Public Library?

By Krista Pegnetter, Library Director

Our big news is regarding plans for the proposed new Children's Wing of the library.

Thanks to an unexpected and sizeable bequest, and receipt of several grants within the past few months, **the library is now able to apply for a matching \$500,000 grant from Pennsylvania's Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund.** We are optimistic about the library's chances for receiving this grant, and will be preparing for a groundbreaking this spring as soon as the ground thaws. Grant awards are expected to be announced in February.

Please wish us the best of luck. The grant, combined with all private donations received to date, will allow the library addition to be done properly, fulfilling not only our current space needs, but with an eye to the future.

Now that fall is here, we are moving ahead with additional projects.

- I have applied for a grant to hopefully re-design the library's website, keeping it simple and functional, but with a more attractive appearance.
- Working with library volunteer **Chris Appleby**, who helps out every week at the library preparing new books, we plan to hold a **genealogy program October 24th**, from 1:00-2:30. In addition to discussing the ins and outs of genealogy research, Chris and I will be explaining the library's version of ancestry.com, which is significantly different than the commercial version.
- We have upcoming plans for the library to offer very **basic computer classes**. Still in development, these classes will let people who are just starting to

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Please Join Us for the Friends Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 6 at 7 p.m.

During the annual meeting of Friends held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 6, in the Margaret Knoll Gardner Room, we will vote on making our annual gift. This year we will donate \$17,000 to help support library operations. We will enjoy a review of the year's highlights and programs captured on a slide presentation created by Krista Pegnetter, Library Director.

Friends do great things for the Emmaus Public Library. Through the efforts of our dedicated volunteers, we have contributed nearly \$600,000 since our founding in 1998.

Join us for an evening of "*Friendship*" and learn how you can become more closely involved in our organization.

Light refreshments will be served.

Terrí Gasper, President

1,000 Children & Caregivers Enjoyed the EPL Summer Reading Program

by Susan Monroe, Youth Services Librarian

The theme of the Emmaus Public Library Summer Reading Club was ***On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!***, with each child asked to read (or have read to them) ten hours over the summer.

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We launched the summer reading program by visiting all of the East Penn School District elementary schools with Lisa Underwood from Lower Macungie Library to encourage everyone to become involved.

We had a good turn-out with **366 children** from infant to 18 years, who enjoyed **2,457 hours of reading**.

The summer opened on an international note with performer **Mary Roth** playing a bodhran (Celtic drum) and hammer dulcimer and leading children and parents in song and chants from around the world on Monday, June 20th.

A July program, donated by **Mari Gruber (The Butterfly Lady)**, allowed families to learn the life cycle of butterflies and their importance in our local ecosystem.

The final large program was ***Birds in Flight***, on Saturday, August 20th, presented by **Phung T. Luu** of Animal Behavior and Conservation Connections of Delaware, which showed a hawk, owls, parrots, a toucan, and a hornbill to delighted viewers. All three programs involved audience volunteers.

The Friends played a large part in the entire summer program – providing funds for incentives, supplies, and programming, and for some, volunteering at the desk, where they were directly involved in keeping track of the children's hours.

This year's additional funding of summer reading allowed us to purchase enough carefully chosen prizes to reward every child who read to their goals, as well as pay for some spectacular programs – we had well over 200 people in the audience outside for ***Birds in Flight***.

Other, smaller, programs included storytimes, block parties, movies, board games, a yoga demonstration, **author Phyllis Palomaro** reading her Farmer Bonnie books, the **Emmaus Hockey Club**, a birthday party for Harry Potter, and an obedience demonstration by the **Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs**, who also were here for their monthly **Books and Barks**. By the end of August, over 1,000 children and caregivers took part in the summer reading program.

It was a busy summer with a lot of good reading.

Thank you, Friends of the Emmaus Public Library.



Bring a Shovel & Volunteer Saturday, September 24

The Emmaus & Upper Milford Joint Environmental Advisory Council is planning a stream bank restoration project on the grounds of the Emmaus Public Library on Saturday, September 24. EPL Friends are invited to join in the session which begins at 9 a.m. and runs until the afternoon. The project will beautify library grounds and minimize erosion, while providing urban habitat for birds and wildlife. Refreshments will be served. Bring your own shovel and gloves. For more information or to sign up call 610-965-4397 x 132 or email info@uppermilford.net.

Movie Lovers: Don't Miss the Fall Film Screening & Discussion Series!



The Emmaus community is fortunate to have in our midst a talented writer and director of film and theater who is generous about sharing her knowledge and love of the craft.

Stephanie Gardner will curate a fall series of **free Wednesday night screenings** called **"Everyone Needs a Little Laughter."** A graduate of Emmaus High School, Stephanie

received her MFA in Dramatic Writing from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, Asia. A freelance filmmaker and playwright, her past clients include Elie Wiesel, Yale University, Urban Stages, Miller Symphony Hall and the Allentown JazzFest.

Says Stephanie about the film series: "There is already so much tragedy filling up our daily news, domestically and abroad, that I decided to lighten things up for the fall, to remind ourselves, that there is as much (if not more) goodness than sadness in the world, and sometimes, yes, 'everyone needs a little laughter.'

"September 28 brings ***Minnie and Moskowitz*** one of my favorite quirky romantic comedies from the quintessential American independent art-house filmmaker, John Cassette. Most of his films strike a dark, domestic dramatic tone, however, this gem from 1971 has a lighthearted romantic feel while still exploring the psyches of vulnerable individuals.

"October 26 screens ***Annie Hall***, Woody Allen's 1977 classic, and one of the only film comedies to ever win an Oscar for Best Picture.

"November 16 brings ***After Hours***, a laugh-out-loud comedy from 1985, created by an individual not usually known for comedy, Martin Scorsese. This film is silly and fun and anyone who's ever been caught in a surreal situation in New York City will appreciate it!

"We close the series on **December 21** with Wes Anderson's 2012 film, ***Moonrise Kingdom***. As most of the films curated here have been from earlier decades, I wanted to show something more recent, and "Moonrise Kingdom" feels perfect for the end of year season, as it is heartwarming, fun, and colorful. "

The programs take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Margaret Knoll Gardner Room of the Emmaus Public Library. Stephanie introduces each session, providing context for the film about to be seen, and facilitates post-screening discussions. This is a don't miss series for those who love learning about movies.

More about Stephanie Gardner: Stephanie has participated in masterclasses and screenwriting workshops where she wrote and developed feature screenplays under the tutelage of Oliver Stone (Platoon), Todd Solondz (Happiness), Richard Wesley (Uptown Saturday Night), and Sabrina Dhawan (Monsoon Wedding). Stephanie's 2015 film, If I Had a Piano (I'd Play You the Blues) has won Best of Show at the Greater Lehigh Valley Filmmakers Festival and has toured internationally garnering awards and nominations at prestigious film festivals around the world. www.thestephaniengardner.com.

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or have never used computers before - learn about using a mouse, the difference between programs and the Internet, and possibly how to use email.

Recapping our busy summer activities, we also held our annual **Read It, Review It, Raffle!** with nearly 400 entries for **prizes donated by local Emmaus businesses Emmaus Run Inn, 187 Rue Principale, Sweet Memories, Flexicon Massage Therapy.** As a special prize, the Friends of the Library also donated four tickets to the Iron Pigs baseball game on Friends night August 23rd. The winner of the tickets was at the library to collect her prize within 20 minutes of being called, so that was a great donation!

Volunteers needed - when I sent out a distress call earlier this year asking for help weeding the library grounds, the Friends came through! We actually had more volunteers than weeds at one point, so thank you, thank you, thank you. Some other projects that Friends might be interested in include manning the library table at the Emmaus Farmer's Market (once a month during the summer) and shelving or shelf-reading to keep the books on the shelf and in order. Please see me if you'd like to know more.

Halloween - We love Halloween at Emmaus Public Library. For the second year, **we will be marching in the Emmaus Halloween Parade on October 15th.** If anyone from the Friends would like to march with us, please contact me directly, as I will need to provide registration and directions to you via email.

EPL 2016 Beneficiary of QNB Bank's Batting for Books *EPL Friends Enjoy Night at Coca Cola Park*

For the second year in a row QNB Bank selected the Emmaus Public Library to be the beneficiary of its Batting for Books program which links charitable causes with the Iron Pigs' success on the ball field. Every time an Iron Pigs player hit a double, QNB pledged a \$25 donation to the Emmaus Public Library. The library's name was flashed on the scoreboard throughout the season and announced during each game. **The program generated \$3,800 to benefit the library.**

Iron Pig mascots Ferrous and Fifi helped with the on field check presentation to Krista Pegnetter along with Brian Schaffer, VP of Marketing for QNB (left) and Dave Freeman – President & CEO of QNB. **A big THANK YOU to QNB!**



On behalf of the Friends of the Emmaus Public Library, **Carol Rieder** organized a night at Coca Cola Park on August 23, when the Pigs hosted Scranton Wilkes-Barre Raiders and won 8 to 0 ! About two dozen Friends and fans had a fun night with reserved seats behind third base.



11th Annual Friends Holiday Book Sale & Reception on Friday, December 2

We will kick off the Emmaus Main Street Partners' Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration with a book sale in the Margaret Knoll Gardner room of the Emmaus Public Library and a reception featuring cheese, crackers and wine and punch. Hours are 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come browse our selection of pre-enjoyed books for all interests and ages in gift-worthy condition at budget-pleasing prices. See you on December 2!



Thanks, Friends, for a Great Spring Book Sale!

Thanks to the support of a legion of volunteers and the support of the community, **the Friends Annual Spring Used Book Sale raised over \$11,630.00** to benefit the Emmaus Public Library. Since the spring sale began, we have earned more than \$143,600. Special thanks goes to the East Penn School District for the use the Lower Macungie Middle School Cafeteria, the Nutrition Group, for organizing their Nutrition Health and Safety Fair to coordinate with our event, R.L. Reppert for providing transportation for the books and the Emmaus Borough for truck loading assistance.