



FRIENDS FEATURES

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Making Connections in the Community

Interest in the Lititz Public Library's Community Connections, a series of presentations featuring the talents, skills and hobbies of local residents, continues to grow and draw new people to the library since its beginning last summer. Coordinated by Deb Weidler, these programs introduce a variety of topics to engage patrons of all ages, in the hope of sparking a new interest or hobby.

Martial Arts and Karate Instructor, Mark Gerhard, recently offered a self-defense class for women that brought in sixty-two participants, twice as many as anticipated. Over half in attendance were young women, with many mother-daughter pairs practicing the techniques that Mark covered in the program.

Deb had this to say about her involvement, "The Community Connections program has been both eye opening and rewarding! I am amazed at the diverse talents and interests of our local patrons, especially the desire and enthusiasm they have for sharing their unique skills with others."

"Equally as exciting is the attendance of multigenerational family members and friends enjoying an experience they may never have considered trying. It is fun to see this positive interaction and my hope is that patrons will continue to explore programs of interest, and certainly consider sharing a hobby, skill or idea for a new presentation."



Top: Young women practice self-defense techniques. Below: Deb Weidler.



Shown above: Jeanne Grimsley and Maryann Richmond display the newsletter award plaque that the Friends of the Lititz Public Library received from the Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries last fall.

Friends Features Newsletter Wins Award

Last fall, the Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries awarded the Friends of the Lititz Public Library for their newsletter, Friends Features, as Newsletter of the Year.

The first issue of Friends Features newsletter appeared in May 1994, as a bi-annual, black and white publication. It became a quarterly, two-color publication in 1999, when the new library was built. In 2014, recognizing that photographs tell the library's story best, the Friends adopted a modern, full-color, glossy format which required – for financial reasons – a return to bi-annual editions.

Friends Features has evolved since inception over twenty years ago. In 1994, the newsletter was used as a tool to build support for a new, purpose-built library building. After 1999, with the new library in full swing, Friends Features became a primary way to let supporters know about the programs and services offered the community. Today, Friends Features allows the Friends of the Library and Board of Trustees to recognize our donors' generosity and highlight how their gifts have benefited individuals, families and our community as a whole.

Nourishing the Mind ♦ Enriching the Community ♦ Connecting to the World

Go Beyond Books and Explore More!

Even though the most popular resources at the Lititz Public Library are our collections of books to borrow, our library offers much more. Below are some of the services that make our library one of the liveliest places in town.

Computers and Wireless Access: Bring your wireless-enabled devices to the library to connect to our Wi-Fi network or logon to one of our public computer workstations to access the Internet.

Wowbrary: Find out what's new at the library. Sign up for Wowbrary, a free weekly email listing new books, movies and audiobooks available to borrow. Go to www.lititzlibrary.org and click on the Wowbrary icon.

Downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks: Visit www.lititzlibrary.org and click on the Overdrive icon. Use your library card to download a book or audio book. Do you know a child who's just learning to read? Try Tumble-Books, an interactive library of animated books for young children to enjoy online.



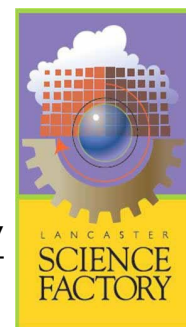
Foreign Language Instruction: Planning a trip abroad? Click on the Pronunciator icon on the library's website to find downloadable audio lessons and phrasebooks for 80 languages.

Genealogy and Local History: Learn more about our community's history. In addition to books, researchers will find digitized copies of the Lititz Record, Lititz Express and

Lititz Record-Express covering the years from 1877 through 2001 in the Genealogy Room. An obituary index is also available.

Homebound Delivery: Library staff member Linda Skelly will visit homebound patrons each month with a selection of books and audiobooks to enjoy. For more information about this complimentary service, call 626-2255 ext. 228.

Museum Passes: Explore local museums with free museum passes borrowed with your library card. The Lititz Historical Foundation offers an opportunity to visit the Johannes Mueller House. Countywide, participating museums include National Watch and Clock Museum, North Museum of Natural History and Science, Ephrata Cloister, National Toy Train Museum, Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum, 1719 Hans Herr House, Science Factory, Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, LancasterHistory.org's Wheatland and Rock Ford Plantation. County museum passes are sponsored by the Eiserer-Hickey Fund of the Lancaster County Community Foundation.



Telescope Loan Program: The Astronomy Enthusiasts of Lancaster County in partnership with the Lititz Public Library offer a StarBlast 4.5 inch Astronomical Telescope for patrons to borrow. The telescope is easy to use and robust. There is nothing to assemble. It has a wooden base, not the usual spindly tripod legs. The telescope is of manageable size, but has a relatively large optical tube. This means that the Moon and deep sky objects will show far more detail than one could see with the common beginner's telescope. It also has a large field of view that allows the object to stay in the in the eye-piece longer.

Gift-a-Book Really is a Gift!

Our children's Gift-a-Book initiative (see photo in the lower right corner) is usually held on conjunction with our Holiday Happening. This year, knowing that everyone is busy during the holidays, we made it easier for people to buy and donate a book to the library by extending the time period. We thank the people who purchased thirty-nine books for a total of \$540! We are planning another Gift-a-Book in the spring before the start of our Summer Reading Program. Each book purchased has commemorative bookplate placed inside, making it a great way to celebrate someone special while supporting the library!



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**Friends of the
Lititz Public Library
Spring Book Sale**

Thursday, March 3 and Friday, March 4
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 5
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(*Buck-A-Bag starts at 1 p.m.*)

Jewelry Sale Fundraiser: Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2

Get ready for Summer Reading 2016:

