



# FRIENDS FEATURES

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## A Thank-You and A Goodbye

It is with a mix of sadness and gratitude that the Board of Trustees announces Library Director Susan Tennant's intent to retire in March 2019. Susan has given our library almost fifteen years of distinguished leadership. We will miss her inspiration and her friendship.

As part of a thoughtful succession plan, the Board of Trustees will be conducting a search to find the new Library Director. During this transition period, it is our priority to find the best individual to lead, while maintaining our wonderful programs. Kay Burky, a former member of the Board of Trustees, will be heading the search committee to find Susan's successor.

Please join the staff and members of the Board in wishing Susan well in her retirement. We cannot thank her enough for the dedication, passion, enthusiasm and motivation she has given our Library as it has grown. If you have any questions or concerns during this transition process, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Board of Trustees at: [searchcommittee@lititzlibrary.org](mailto:searchcommittee@lititzlibrary.org).



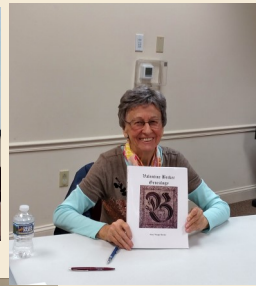
Search Committee Members (left to right) Marty Sheaffer, Carol Deem, Lisa Enders, Priscilla Stoner, Kay Burky Not pictured: Chrissy Desimone

The Lititz Public Library has gone social...social media that is! The Lititz Library now has a presence on three social media sites. We have had a Facebook page for quite sometime. Now we are also on Twitter and Instagram. These social media sites are a great platform for sharing with patrons upcoming news and events as they happen; fundraising information; links to our webpage; links to relevant happenings in Lititz and the surrounding area; great photos as well as the latest book and video news. Our twitter handle is @LititzLib and our Instagram page can be found at lititzlibrary. Come join our social media sights and stay up-to-date on all the exciting things going on at our library.



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Working in the library and seeing the hundreds of people who visit us every day, I am always caught off guard when someone new walks in and voices their surprise when they see how busy we are. It makes me want to respond by paraphrasing Mark Twain's famous quote, "Reports of the death of books and libraries are greatly exaggerated". In fact, on average, just about 700 people visit our library every day.



So, why do so many people visit the library? I know and I imagine you do too. We have wonderful programs – parents still line up to register for story time programs, kids still treat our children's librarians like rock stars and it's often standing room only for concerts and history programs. Likewise, I am sure you all know that reading books is good for our community. Looking for a wonderful book at the Lititz Public Library is a fabulous pastime for young and old alike. However, did you know researchers at Yale University report reading is also good for overall health?

It's true. A study first published in the journal *Social Science and Medicine* reports that reading books, but not necessarily reading newspapers, magazines, Facebook or Twitter, may lower the risk of death by about 20 percent. Previous studies have suggested reading is beneficial for mood, sleep and may even help delay Alzheimer's disease, but this new study extends the benefits to the rest of our bodies.

Based on survival information tracked for as long as twelve years, and adjusting data for age, sex, race, education, wealth and health conditions, people who read for at least 30 minutes per day had a 20 percent reduction in the risk of death. So, live long and enjoy life at the library! - Susan Tennant, Library Director





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The Lititz Public Library Board of  
Trustees meets on the first Monday  
evening of each month at 7 p.m.

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

Thursday, September 6  
9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.  
Friday, September 7  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, September 8  
9:00—1:00 p.m.



*(Buck-A-Bag starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8)*

**Fall in Love with Fall Storytime!**

Fall Story time registration begins on September 10th for residents of Elizabeth Township, Lititz Borough and Warwick Township. Open registration begins the following day on September 11th. Story time programs then begin the week of September 17th and continue through the week of November 15th. Story time is a half hour program that features a different session depending on the age of the child. Little Steps is open to 6-24 months with a caregiver. Toddler story time is open to 2-3 year olds with a caregiver. Preschool story time is open to 3-5 year olds independent of a caregiver. The library is looking forward to having all these little ones with us for stories and learning.

