

FRIEND TO FRIEND

FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE EMMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY ▲ FALL 2007

Looking back and moving forward

HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

Join us for an after-hours reception at the library on the first Friday in December to kick off the Friends Holiday Book Sale in conjunction with the Emmaus Main Street holiday program. The reception takes place from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. and will feature seasonal music by the Emmaus High School Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Bruce Denmeade. A wonderful selection of holiday books will be offered for sale in the Margaret Knoll Gardner Room during the reception and during library hours the next day.



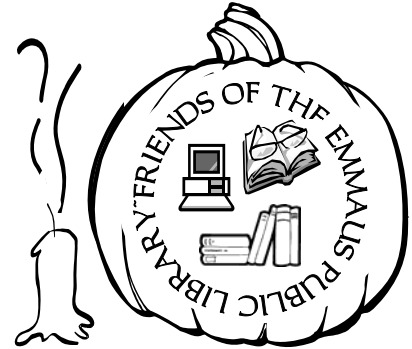
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In 1997, Elton John's "Candle in the Wind" was at the top of the charts, "The Titanic" won best picture at the Academy Awards, the Dow Jones Average was 8,259, gasoline was \$1.29 a gallon, and the cost of a first class stamp was 32 cents. Bill Clinton was in the White House, "Seinfeld" was in its first run on television, and the event that mesmerized the world was the tragic automobile accident in Paris that took the life of Princess Diana.

In a quiet corner of Emmaus, a new organization was taking shape under the leadership of Julia Brooks, the founding president of the Friends of the Emmaus Public Library. Through the efforts of a handful of volunteers and visionaries assembled by Julia and seed money provided by Rodale, our organization was launched.

Since the founding of the Friends, we have provided over \$211,000 in



contributions to the library. Funds raised during the spring book sale go directly into the library's Endowment Fund. Our annual contribution has become a relied upon portion of the library's budget. Other fundraisers, like the book cart sales, the Dan Schantz rebate coupons, and other special events, fill a variety of needs.

Here's a fast snapshot of what our funds have made possible:

- Additions to the library's collections.
- Computer tables for the children's department.

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Annual meeting to be held on Thursday, Oct. 4

Ten years ago, a handful of visionaries had a dream to create an organization in support of our library. Now you are invited to join fellow members of the Friends of the Emmaus Public Library at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 4, in the Margaret Knoll Gardner Room of the library** for our 10th annual meeting. We will vote upon the financial support the Friends will provide to the library for 2008, which is recommended by the board to be \$14,000. Our annual gift is derived from membership dues and donations

provided by the readers of this newsletter.

Our president, Cecelia Birdsell, will also be seeking input on initiatives the Friends can undertake to assist with fundraising for the library's proposed addition. If you have ideas to share and time to devote, your input will be most welcome. Ms. Birdsell plans to form a fundraising committee which will support the development activities of the Library Board. She looks forward to your help.

When you visit the Emmaus Public

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Youngsters clued in to summer reading

One thousand, two hundred eighty-seven books were devoured by almost four score of young readers who participated in "Get a Clue @ Your Library" this summer, taking part in one of two reading programs.

"Detective Readers" ages 5 through 12 read a variety of books, one of which had to be a mystery, between June 1 and August 11. Those who completed 20 books with fewer than 100 pages, or 12 books with more than 100 pages, received a special prize. The library walls were decorated with pictures celebrating the youngsters' progress.

Eighty-one per cent of the youngsters who enrolled at the start of the summer completed the

program. Students from 17 public and private schools located in Emmaus, Upper Milford Township, Lower Macungie Township, and Macungie participated in the reading marathon.

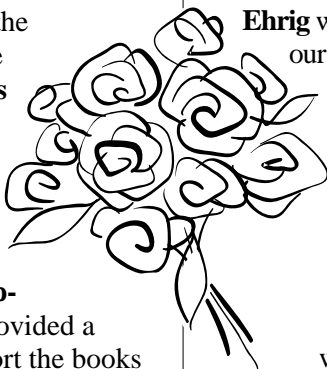
The event culminated in a gala celebration in Emmaus Community Park on August 15. The Friends sponsored the entertainment presented by Larry Sceurman, a magical storyteller.

The Friends wish to thank Emmaus Borough for their support of the event and the staff of the Emmaus Public Library for making it happen! Special thanks go to book club helpers Sam Reibman, Christopher Brown, Tyler Brown, and Meredith Gennaro.



Bouquets to...

...**The platoon of volunteers** who helped set up and staff the Ninth Annual Used Book Sale at the Lower Macungie Middle School and the **members of the community** who turned out in droves to purchase the books. We raised over \$13,600 to benefit the library. Our thanks also to: **R. L. Report**, who generously provided a truck and staff to transport the books to our sale; the **East Penn School District**, which allowed us the use of the middle school facilities; and **The Nutrition Group** for a host of in-kind services. Kudos to our Development Chair, **Jeannette Lehman**, for



her unparalleled organizational efforts and to **Carolee Baker and Ruth Ehrig** whose expert sorting makes our selection of books shine!

...**Dan Schantz Garden and Cut Flower Outlet**, whose spring coupon promotion raised \$592 to benefit the Emmaus Public Library. Rebate coupons are included with this newsletter. Please use them if you enjoy shopping Dan Schantz for fall flowers and holiday plants.

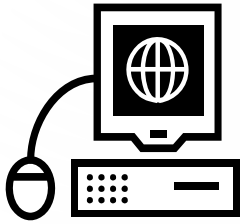
...**Frances Larash**, Executive Director of the library, who introduced

area businesses to the on-line Power Library during a lunch presentation sponsored by the East Penn Business Council of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce. The group found it highly informative.

...**Dr. Robert Harson**, who retired from Lehigh University's English Department but continues to share his enthusiasm for literature and life by leading adult book discussion groups at the Emmaus Public Library. Registration for the fall session began after Labor Day. Information is available at the library's circulation desk.

What's *NEW* at the library?

Ancestry.com is a search tool for genealogy research for in-library use. The library staff will be glad to help you become familiar with Ancestry.com and can show you some other databases that may be of help in your search. Please note that this service cannot be accessed from your home computer.



The **improved library catalog** offers some exciting features. As always, patrons will be able to renew and reserve online. All that is needed is a four-digit PIN number which can be assigned to you in person or over the telephone. The new

catalogue features pictures of the covers of items, along with links to helpful information, such as table of contents, summaries, and reviews. For those interested in reserving current titles, please note that the total number of reserves for a title is shown on the left side of the item display. The copies are then listed separately under the title. You can set up an e-mail alert to learn when the library adds items relating to the topics you choose. A new feature in the online catalog is the tab called "recently available". Use this to find the newest titles added to the library, and don't forget to use the "refine set" feature to narrow the list by collection.

A new **bright blue, drive-up book drop** has been added outside the library for the convenience of library patrons. You may see library staff opening this bookdrop and exchanging the inner cart full of



returned items for an empty one. The original bookdrop in the library wall is still open and useable. Library patrons should remember this drop slot in the event that the new drop box might become full, especially during times the library is closed.

SESSIONS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!



AARP Driver Safety

Courses - Especially for drivers age 50 and over, students will learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, and rules of the road. Enrollees will receive a certificate of completion

that can entitle them to a reduction in auto insurance premiums. The eight-hour session offered in November takes place from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6 and Thursday, November 8. A registration fee of \$10 covers course materials, including a workbook that students keep. Call the library at 610-965-9284 to register, or you may register in person at the library circulation desk.

How To Find A Book –

The library staff will explore in-library and on-line resources to help patrons locate specific books, as well as topics of interest. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23 in the Margaret Knoll Gardner Room for the first in this informative series.



RELIABLE ON-LINE ANSWERS 24/7!

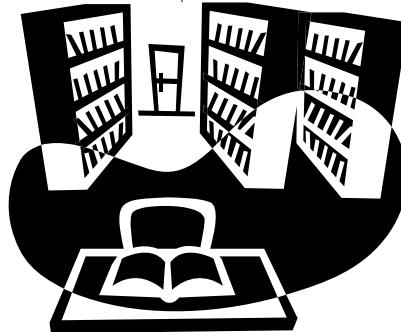
Ask Here PA is a FREE service to all residents of Pennsylvania, offering live chat reference 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Just log onto www.askherepa.org

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Library expansion update

Good things take time and require extensive planning, and so it is with the library expansion that has been reported upon in "Friend-to-Friend". The Emmaus Public Library Board of Trustees has selected Howard Kulp Architects of Allentown to translate their vision into reality.

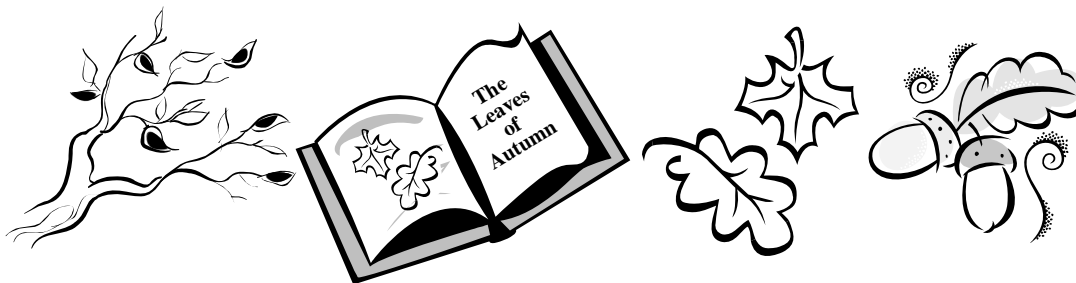
In the intervening years since the library was built, the Federal Office of Emergency Management re-drew floodplain maps and issues needed to be resolved regarding the placement of the expansion. This took a considerable amount of time,



but now the architect has been authorized to create a model so the public can visualize how the 3,000 square foot addition will integrate with the existing building. The proposed addition will relocate and expand the children's department and provide improved space for the library's resources and collection.

The Friends provided \$10,000 for the architect's preliminary study.

We look forward to assisting the library's Board of Trustees as they develop fundraising strategies for this important project.



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- Automatic sliding doors for easy access to the library.
- New carpet for the staff room.
- Furniture and storage cabinets for the staff room.
- Hundreds of books for the book discussion groups offered for middle and high school students. Every youngster is allowed to keep the book that has been read and discussed.
- The architectural study to explore the library's expansion.

- Special programs.

Now our organization is entering its second decade with a membership that numbers over 300 families, organization, and individuals. We have accomplished much together, but there is so much more to do with a major library addition being planned. Looking back on our history together, there's no doubt that our members will rise to the challenge and move forward together.

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Library, you will see the results of your membership in use all around you - in resource materials, in programming, in furniture and facilities supplied by the Friends. You will find people of all ages in the pursuit of information for reasons as varied as the people themselves. You will observe an institution that provides a service vital to our democracy. It continues to function because you care. Thank you for making a difference.

Please join us on October 4. Refreshments and friendly fellowship will follow the business meeting. RSVP by e-mailing eplfriend@yahoo.com with ANNUAL MEETING in the subject line.