

BOOKPLATE

WINTER 2010



NEW MICROFILM READER/SCANNER/ PRINTER A BIG HIT WITH LIBRARY STAFF AND PATRONS

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Cambria County Library, the Cambria County Library is the proud owner of a new microfilm reader/scanner/printer. This new machine combines the mechanics of the old microfilm readers with computer technology that allows the user several options. The information can be printed, saved to a file, or even emailed to someone else. This is a huge help for the library staff when we need to get information to a patron immediately. Prior to this, we had to mail everything, which was very time-consuming. This machine will make a much clearer copy of the microfilm information. It also allows the user to capture the information on the computer screen before it is printed. Then users can decide if the text is clear enough or dark enough without having to print it first; adjustments for lightness and darkness, for the print, or for contrast can be done right from the computer. This will save the patron from printing bad copies and wasting money. The user can also crop the captured information so that it only shows the specific information that is needed instead of all the surrounding information. The machine has been used by our patrons as well as the library staff. Everyone loves the new machine. It is easy to use and provides a good product without much effort. We still have some people who are afraid to use the computer, but those who have tried it have said they love it.

Thank you , Friends!

Chris Goch, Reference Librarian

**THANK YOU to all of those whose contributions
made this purchase possible!!**

The Friends of the Cambria County Library

YOU ARE INVITED!

What: FOCCL
Annual Meeting

When: April 19,
5:30 - 7 p.m.

Where: Library
Community Room

Why: Conduct a bit
of business, enjoy
refreshments and
socialize. Join us
and you might win
a wine basket, too!

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A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC @ THE LIBRARY OFFERS FUN & FOOD

Mark your calendars! A Little Night Music & the Library returns on *Friday, April 30* from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Cambria County Library.

This popular annual fundraiser features live music on all three floors of the library, plus hors d'oeuvres and assorted beverages - and, of course, dancing if the spirit moves you!

This year's performers include the country group Broken Spoke, the Broadway Revue



with Bob Lacovic and Friends, and Michael O'Brian's Irish Duo.

Advance tickets can be purchased for \$25 per person at the Circulation Desk or online at www.cclsys.org. If available, tickets at the door will be \$30

each. All proceeds support the purchase of non-budgeted enhancements for the Library.

The Friends of the CC Library will again hold its popular auction of custom-made baskets featuring a variety of themes. If you have items to donate for the baskets or have questions about this event, please call Trudy at 536-5131. Get your tickets soon - this event sells out every year!

GENEROUS DONOR PUTS FUNDRAISER OVER THE TOP

Kudos to Brian Varnecky of Mechanicsburg, Pa! Brian's generous donation supporting the purchase of the microfilm/printer/scanner put the Friends' fundraiser for this equipment over the top. Brian, who has been using this machine to obtain historical information and data on the All-American Amateur Baseball Association (AAABA), says, "I love the new machine!"

To check out Brian's work and research, visit his Web site at www.AAABATournament.com.

FOL BOARD NEEDS NEW VP AND RECORDING SECRETARY

As of the upcoming FOL Annual Meeting on April 19, The Friends of the Library Board will need a vice-president and recording secretary. These positions, which can be combined, must be filled in order for our group to continue its support of the Cambria County Library. We would also love to have more Members-at-Large. Contact Linda Hubbard at 255-2681 if you are interested or need more information.

Our outgoing vice-president/recording secretary, Judy Benford, will continue to be a part of the Board by serving as a member-at-large.

Judy first became a member of FOL approximately 10 years ago when she retired. While attending the Annual TNT Sale, she spoke with the workers and decided to become a part of FOL. For many years Judy made the favors for the FOL Board Christmas Luncheon held for the Library employees. She found some-

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We begin 2010 with much enthusiastic anticipation. First, members of our community and the Friends were able to raise \$8100 to fund a new state-of-the-art microform reader/printer (See lead article). Second, Friends of the Library has been given the green light to develop a used bookstore in the Library. This bookstore will replace the annual book sale and enable Friends to raise much more money for Library programs. This is especially important in these difficult economic times. Finally, Friends members will be able to focus more time promoting our Library in the community instead of holding multiple fundraisers. Join us as we renew our efforts in 2010 and have the best year ever.

Linda Hubbard

PAGE TURNERS

Do you love to read? Do you like to discuss books with others? Join Page Turners, the Cambria County Library book discussion group! On Tuesday, February 16, we'll meet from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in the Library Community Room to discuss *Triangle* by Katherine Weber.

Multiple copies are available by calling 536-5131; ask for Trudy in the public relations office or inquire with the Circulation Desk staff. You don't even have to read the books to participate! Check the Library web site for monthly updates: www.cclsys.org.

LIBRARIES CONNECT COMMUNITIES STUDY RELEASED

"Libraries Connect Communities 3: Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study 2008-2009" was released to the public in September. Some key findings include:

- More than 90 percent of public libraries provide technology training such as online job-seeking and career-related classes, general Internet and computer use instruction;
- 76 percent of public libraries offer free wireless access;
- 81 percent of public libraries report there are not enough public Internet computers to meet patron demand some or all of the time; increasingly, libraries are having trouble replacing outdated computer workstations due to cost; and
- Nearly 60 percent of U.S. public libraries report Internet connection speeds are insufficient to meet patron demand at some point of the day.

The report, press materials podcasts, etc. are available at www.ala.org/plinternetfunding.

DONATIONS FOR BOOKS HELP LIBRARY IN TOUGH TIMES

Would you like to help the Library expand its collection? You can use the Adopt-a-Book or Memorial Book programs to provide funds for books that the Library's budget won't cover. These programs are especially helpful during periods of state budget cuts and increased patron use of the Library's collection and services.

The Adopt-a-Book Program is fairly self-explanatory. For a minimum donation of \$25, you can designate an age group and/or subject area. e.g. adult, young adult, children, fiction, non-fiction, reference, audio books, music CDs, videos, or even a magazine for adults or children. With these donations, the donor's name will appear on a bookplate within each book.

The Memorial Program offers patrons an opportunity to honor special people in their lives, whether it be for a celebration, memorial, honorarium or gift for those challenging people who have everything. For a minimum donation of \$25, you can request that the bookplate state the name of the person being honored. You can also request that the occasion - e.g. anniversary, memorial, birthday, graduation and similar events - be written on the bookplate.

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thing new and different to make every year, often soliciting the assistance of her husband Barry at the 11th hour. When the position of treasurer was vacated unexpectedly, Barry stepped in as interim treasurer until FOCCL member Meg Madison took over the job.

Judy has enjoyed taking part in all of the activities of the FOCCL, but she is especially devoted to the Annual Book Sale. As co-chair for the last three years, two of them with Connie Ross, she has enjoyed gathering, organizing, and of course, selling the books. For the past several years Deb Mutz and Tammy Yoder, co-owners of *Pages and Light* used bookstores, have given FOL invaluable assistance in setting up for the Book Sale.

Judy's favorite part of the Book Sale is meeting other book lovers as the books are collected, organized and sold. As a member-at-large she hopes to spend many more years assisting the FOCCL as it supports the Library.



VOLUNTEERS FILL MANY NEEDS AT THE LIBRARY

If you have some free time that you'd like to devote to helping the Library, please consider becoming one of the Library's invaluable volunteers. To pick up an application, visit Chris Goch in the Reference Department. The application process helps the Library staff place volunteers in appropriate areas. Your contributions will be much appreciated!

“LOVE YOUR LIBRARY” MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS IN FEBRUARY



February is the month of St. Valentine's Day – the perfect time for the Friends of the Cambria County Library (FOCCL) to kick off its “Love Your Library” campaign. Please help us expand our membership by encouraging friends, relatives, neighbors, colleagues, etc. to join us and become part of the community network that allows the Friends to provide goods and services to our Library. Membership dues, coupled with our annual fundraising efforts, directly benefit our community library. Did you know that these dues have allowed the FOCCL to underwrite the Children's Summer Reading Program for more than a decade? Or that we have now expanded that support to include the Young Adults Summer Reading Club? These two programs are designed to keep our children reading throughout the summer via an incentive-based curriculum. Every year, they reach several hundred elementary, middle and high school students.

A small sampling of the love we have been able to share with the Library and its patrons in recent years includes the donation of unique “character” computers for the Children's Department, computers and gaming equipment for the Young Adult section, floor cushions and carpeting for the Story Time Room, task-specific shelving and book carts, plus specialized computer tables and chairs for the Bill and Melinda Gates Public Computer Training Lab. Other initiatives include the renovation of the Community Room, including audio-visual equipment, the purchase of a machine to repair damaged CDs and DVDs and, of course, the acquisition of the new Microfilm Reader/Scanner/Printer. The Friends would not have been able to fund these improvements without the “love” and financial support of our members.

Recent State budget cuts have made a vibrant membership for the FOCCL vital to the health of our community library. (See related story about the *Libraries Connect Communities* study on page 3.) Please help us grow. We appreciate your support!

Deb Wintersheidt

Membership Chair

**STAY TUNED FOR NEWS ABOUT
THE FRIENDS OF THE CAMBRIA COUNTY LIBRARY
USED BOOKSTORE!**

CAMBRIA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Friends of the Cambria County Library

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Johnstown, PA 15905



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last first (middle)

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New/Renewing Member: New Member Renewing Member

Membership Category: Individual \$10 Family \$20 Patron \$50 Benefactor \$100

Lifetime \$250 Business \$25 - \$99 Corporate \$100 and above Other \$_____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

Donation for specific need (please specify) _____ (tax-deductible)

Volunteer Opportunities: A Little Night Music Book & Bake Sale Serve as Board Member

Please join us! We appreciate your support!