

Gonser Gazette

Newsletter of the Friends of the Kutztown Community Library

November 2017

Library Hours
 Monday 9:30am-7pm
 Tuesday 9:30am-7pm
 Wednesday 9:30am-7pm
 Thursday 9:30am-7pm
 Friday 9:30am-5pm
 Saturday 9:30am-4:30pm
 Sunday Closed

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Holiday House Tour: Pathways through History

The Friends of the Kutztown Community Library invite you to their 2017 Holiday House Tour *Pathways through History* on Sunday, December 3rd, from 12:30 to 4:30 PM.



**Sunday December 3, 2017
12:30 to 4:30 pm**

Travel back 300 years on a self-guided tour of six historic locations in Maxatawny and Upper Macungie Townships. Homes on the tour date from the late 1700s to the early 1900s. The tour pays tribute to two early settlers of the area, Johannes Siegfried (1691-1747) and Johan Egidius Grim (1700-1761).

The oldest home on the tour was built in 1791 by the Breinig family for whom Breinigsville is named. It was purchased in 2000 and has been gradually restored to its former glory. The current owner infused his personal touch with antique locks, antique furniture, red ware and memorabilia spanning three centuries, as well as an extensive collection of antique quilts.



The residence on Albright Road is on land whose ownership dates back

to 1734. From the back kitchen you can see the contrasting eras in which the home was built and later renovated. Original features, such as the walk-in fireplace, rustic overhead beams and curved wooden staircase, compliment the 1960's modifications. The owner's passion for

decorating for Christmas will be evident both inside and outside the home.



Nearby on a 72-acre working farm is a 1910 brick house with well-preserved original woodwork. A wooden porch on the side of the house was enclosed to make a large kitchen and an eating area to accommodate family and friends. You will marvel at the owners beautiful display of quilts from her twenty-five years of quilting.

A short distance down the road is a home built in 1900 by B.C. Bennicoff. The current owners have lived here since 2004, remodeled the house, built an addition, and even used trees that once stood near the barn to make the pine wainscoting.



Holiday House Tour

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Also in the “neighborhood” is the Grimsdahl Farm, built in 1858. The current owners inherited the farm in 2000 and spent the next 12 years restoring it. Notice the hex signs on the barn that the owner and his father diligently recreated. You will see many photos of the history of the family and farm. The house and outbuildings have been kept original except for updating the kitchen. Surrounding their home is a newly painted cast iron fence that has been there for over 100 years.

Silhouetted on the hill off Route 222 stands Zion’s

Union Church Maxatawny. Founded in 1826, this beautiful brick church was built in 1890. As you tour the church and learn its history, you will



recognize some of the names of the early settlers. Light refreshments will be served by the Friends of the Kutztown Community Library at the church.

All proceeds benefit the Kutztown Community Library located at 70 Bieber Alley in Kutztown. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the library for \$20. They are available for \$25 on the day of the tour at Zion’s Union Church Maxatawny, 329 Church Road, Kutztown. Please, no cameras or high heels inside of the homes out of respect for our tour hosts’ privacy and property. For more information, call 610-683-5820.

Test your knowledge. It’s Library JEOPARDY! Time!

The category is “Kutztown Community Library.”

\$100 Answer: March 16, 2017

\$200 Answer: Five Reading Museum passes

\$300 Answer: \$4200

\$400 Answer: Museum of the American Revolution

\$500 Answer: New display case for Teens/Junior books

\$600 Answer: Friends’ purchases for the Community Room.

\$700 Answer: Saturday mornings

\$800 Answer: Sunday, December 3, 2017

How well did you do on the Friends of KCL Jeopardy? As you can see, we have been busy making and spending money for (Y)OUR library. (*Clue alert*) Of course, it hasn’t been all work as we had two great bus trips, an entertaining summer reading program, a variety of used books to read, and the promise of a wonderful Holiday House Tour. And this list doesn’t even touch all the services the library provides.

Sadly, as the library’s needs continue to grow, the state’s library subsidy remains static. How does KCL make up the difference? One way is with a little help from its Friends. So whether you are a Friend who donates financial support, plans events, attends meetings, bakes cookies, goes on bus trips, helps with

Library Jeopardy Questions

1. What is the date of the bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show?
2. What did the Friends purchase for library patrons’ use?
3. What was the Friends’ contribution to the Summer Reading program?
4. What is the destination for the September bus trip?
5. What did the Friends buy for the main room in the library?
6. What are new cabinets, a counter top, a refrigerator, and sink?
7. When are the used book sales?
8. When is the 2017 Holiday House Tour?

the Holiday House Tour, shelves books, buys/sells used books, or offers computer assistance, a heartfelt thanks for all you do.

I started this article with a Jeopardy-type quiz and hope you had fun guessing the questions. Seriously, we don’t want to put the good work our library has done in JEOPARDY, so please continue or better yet, increase your support.

Annette Heffelfinger, Secretary

You keep the library running

Many people believe that the library exists solely on funds provided by taxes. They are surprised when we tell them they are wrong.



In 2009, our State funding was cut in half and has never gone back to the original amount. Berks County has provided slight annual increases while our local municipalities remain flat.

How do we stay afloat? Processing passports provides a steadily increasing stream of income but it's contributions from the community that make all the difference. Every dollar counts. 52% of our income is from state, county and local funds. 48% comes from our fundraising efforts. It's you who help to keep the library running.

Memorial Tribute & Giving Tree

The loss of a loved one or a special event in someone's life provides an opportunity to make a meaningful gift to Kutztown Community Library.

Memorial and tribute gifts help enrich our community while preserving the memory of a special person or honoring a special occasion.

Donations will be used to add to the Library's collection, purchase needed equipment and furniture, or provide library programs and services. Our Giving Tree has engraved leaves or acorns with your personalized message. Dedicate a book as a memorial or honorarium to family and friends. Honorees or families will be notified of your gift.

Memorial or endowments can also be established through wills and bequests as a result of estate planning.

Please consider requesting donations to the Library in lieu of flowers at funeral services.

KCL is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Contact KCL for more information. 610-683-5820.

Cookie bakers are needed



The delectable cookies featured at a stop on the Holiday House tour are always a favorite. This year treats will be served at the Zion's Union Church Maxatawny.

Many think elves are busy baking the goodies but we need your help. Cookies should be two inches or smaller so that tour participants can enjoy a wide variety.

Please deliver cookies to the library by Saturday, December 2, by 3pm. Label your container if you would like it back. Call the library at 610-683-5820 to sign up.

Help wanted: Teen Book Club leader or team

KCL is one of eight library's in Pennsylvania to receive a Pennsylvania Humanities Council grant to host a **Teen Reading Lounge (TRL)**.



TRL is a book club on steroids that explores topical issues related to teens' lives and strengthens skills in four areas: interpersonal relations, problem-solving, communication and literacy.

We are seeking someone who enjoys working with teens to be our facilitator. The job is to plan and run the spring and/or Summer six to eight week session. The facilitator(s) will collaborate with staff and teens. Sessions include book discussions, crafts, food, special guests, and more.

Are you or do you know of someone who would be interested? Perhaps this could be a team working together on the literary and artistic aspects of TRL.

Salary is based on experience. A Bachelors degree in Education, English or a humanities-based program is required. Mandatory training session on Dec. 8. Contact Taylor Kutz for more information. skuchild@berks.lib.pa.us

Teen Tuesdays @ 3pm

Tuesdays are dedicated to our teens! We meet on a weekly basis to play games, do crafts, and hang out with friends. Creating projects is only half of the fun. Teens also give their input on future programs, book suggestions, and how to keep the library a comfortable place for youth.

Story times for little ones

Research has shown that children get ready to read years before they begin their formal education. An excellent way to get your children ready to learn is to read to them. Parents, grandparents and caregivers bring their little ones in the mornings for story times.



- Preschool Story Time- Mondays 10am and Thursdays at 11am. For ages 3-5. Stories, songs, and a simple craft.
- Toddler Time- Mondays 11am and Thursdays at 10 am. For ages 0-3. Stories, songs and fingerplays
- StoryRider Story Time- Tuesdays 9:45am: For ages 2-5. Stories, songs, and a simple craft

Can you help the library?

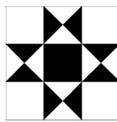
Computer teachers needed– Do you have extra time to give one-on-one computer help? Sometimes it's as basic as how to use a mouse or save a document, other times it's how to use email accounts or create a Word document.



Shelving– We need volunteers to help put away books, tidy up the shelves, and make sure everything is where it is supposed to be. Slots available are:

- Saturday- 9:30-11:30am or 10-12pm
- Wednesday- 5-7pm
- Thursday- 12-2pm

Quilts for display– Please let us know if you have a quilt that you would like to have displayed. We also hang raffle quilts for local organizations, including beauties from St. Mary's Catholic Church and Kutztown Historical Society for example.



Dazzling Jewelry- Stop in the Library and shop the jewelry case for great holiday gifts. Sales have been so successful that our inventory is getting low. Please check your jewelry boxes and see what you can donate.

Programs @ the Library

Craft Night meets the 1st Thursday at 6:30pm. A different craft is featured each month.

This year we have painted bricks, embroidered ornaments, woven reindeer, learned to needle felt, viewed a demonstration on creating Pysanky eggs, and made felt hearts. All ages are welcome.



Kutztown Area Garden Club meets the 3rd Thursday at 7pm. Join us to hear interesting speakers, create a Hydratufa pot, or enjoy slide shows and plant exchanges. No December meeting.

Cover to Cover Book Club: Thought-provoking book discussions are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

- No December meeting.
- January 9, 2018– *Sugar Camp Quilt* by Jennifer Chiaverini. During the troubled years leading up to the Civil War, our extraordinary young heroine passes from innocence to wisdom.
- February 13, 2018- *Calling Me Home* by Julie Kibler. 89 year-old Isabelle asks her hairdresser to drop everything and drive her to a funeral across the country.



Award winning year

KCL has been the recipient of several awards this year.

At the Northeast Berks Chamber of Commerce's **Shining Star Awards** ceremony, KCL was named Nonprofit of the Year. "The success of our library comes from our attention to small details such as greeting patrons and ensuring that everyone feels welcome," Board president Cathrine Ruhf said.



James Sher presents award to Janet Yost

"Each member of our team is valuable in this process."

Wells Fargo Community Connection Program is an annual program where each branch explores the needs of their local community and selects a nonprofit organization to receive a \$1,000 grant. "At Wells Fargo, we know that small acts yield huge results and we are committed to supporting programs and organizations that we believe are important to the future of our communities' vitality and success," said Norma Rivera, Kutztown Branch Manager.

Trunk-or-Treat was held at the Kempton Community Center and our library display featured a farming theme. Children and parents were thrilled to see and pet the two-day-old cow loaned by a local farm. We won Best Community and Best Business Trunk. It was a great night for all!



Taylor Kutz, baby cow, and Megan Waidelich at Trunk-or-Treat



Megan Waidelich accepts our awards

Are you planning to travel?



KLC processes passport applications at convenient times. Services are offered mornings, afternoons, evenings and Saturdays.

Consider getting a Passport card for your domestic flight needs since

Pennsylvania is a non-compliant state for Real ID.

Call the library 610-683-5820 to learn what documents are needed for your appointment.. Every passport application processed brings much needed funds to KCL

It's Friends membership renewal time

The Kutztown Community Library is a busy place with lots of books, DVDs, programs and activities. Not everything that happens at the library is covered in the Library's budget and this is where the Friends step in to help.

The Friends of the KCL is a volunteer non-profit organization. The Friends' fundraising, dues, and donations provide extra materials and programs that enhance the library's services. These are not an affordable part of the library's general budget.

When you support the library as a "Friend," you are actually *supplementing* the library's operating budget with *extra* monies for materials and programs that

- The library has**
- Best sellers books & DVDs
 - Downloadable eBooks, movies and music
 - Reading Public Museum passes
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Computers and free Wi-Fi
 - Story Times and Youth programs
 - Adult groups and programs



Painting at Craft Night

municipalities, as well as passport processing and public donations.

Friends receive the Gonser Gazette, our monthly eNewsletter, advance notice of special events such as our Holiday House Tour, bus tours and book sales.

As a Friend, you will also have the satisfaction of knowing that you are a part of making our community library even better.

Please join the Friends of the Library or renew your membership today. Thank you!



Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

enhance the library's services but are not necessarily an affordable part of the library's general budget. Funding for the general operating is provided by state, county, and local



Miss Taylor blows bubbles at story time



Summer Reading and Fine Arts Fiesta



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I would like to receive an eNewsletter. Email address: _____

We will not sell or pass on your email address.

Add me to these additional email lists:

- Book Club Bus Trips Craft Night Youth Activities

Tax deductible membership dues are for the calendar year January 1 to December 31.

- \$10 Friend \$25 Family \$50 Contributor \$100 Benefactor
 \$350 Individual Lifetime Member \$350 Family Lifetime Member

In addition to my Friends membership, I am making a donation of \$ _____

- New Renewal New address Donations are tax deductible.

Please make checks payable to: **Friends of the KCL**, 70 Bieber Alley, Kutztown PA 19530



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Special Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving

Wed. November 22 9:30am-2pm

Thurs. November 23 -Closed

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25- Closed

New Year's Day

Monday, January 1-Closed



Santa is coming!



The Optimist Club emailed Santa in the North Pole, and invited him to visit the library. Santa said yes!

Get your wish list ready and stop by and bring the kids and grandkids to see Santa on Saturday, December 9, 9:30-11:30am.

Weather Closing Alerts

Wondering if the library is open or closed due to the weather?

Our closings and delayed openings are listed on WFMZ's

Stormcenter. Visit www.wfmz.com to sign up for alerts via email or text. We also post on FaceBook and send out emails.



Give gifts of jewelry and books

Looking for inexpensive holiday gifts? Take a peek in our jewelry display case near the circulation desk. You will be amazed by the dazzling treasures inside. Most of the jewelry is priced at \$2.

How about a book for the readers on your list? Try our Book Sale on Saturdays 9:30am-2pm. We have best sellers, paperbacks, how-to books and more . There is something for everyone and you're supporting the library!



Special sale days

Nov. 25- No sales. Store closed
Dec. 2- All non-fiction half price
Dec. 9- All children's books half price
Dec. 16- All fiction books half price
Dec. 23- No sales. Store closed
Dec. 30- End-of-year surprise sale