



Summer 2017 Newsletter

The New Bookmobile is Here!

The new bookmobile arrived in June! This 2017 Freightliner truck was designed by the board and staff and custom-built over the past year. The gorgeous artwork is from local artist **Joan Grimord** (second from left in photo) who has illustrated children's books. The attractive artwork and buzz about the new bookmobile has brought over 100 new patrons and a couple hundred returnees to the



Traveling Library. We love it and are proud to bring such a great library to the communities we love to serve! If you haven't seen it yet, come find us at a bookmobile stop near you – check the schedule at www.cctlibrary.org or call 570-387-8782. **Thanks to the dozens of community members who have already made a special donation to help us make our lease payment for the next five years.** We have raised more than \$20,000 from individual contributions, including \$7000 from board members and staff. We need many people to give a little (or a lot) to help keep the bookmobile on the road for another generation!

You Are Invited!

Help us celebrate the new bookmobile with a celebration picnic and festival of reading! On **Saturday, August 19 from 11am-1pm**, join us in the area outside of the Sawmill Road Library (702 Sawmill Rd., Bloomsburg) for a party! Free hot dogs, hamburgers, food and drink courtesy of the Friends of the Library and lots of entertainment for all ages! See a performance of Beatrix Potter by Friend of the Library **Meg Geffken**. Children will get to hear a police officer do a fun storytime with a drug prevention message. "**Bluesmobile**" is a special band formed by local musicians, including **Mike Hickey** and **Jeremy DePrisco** among others. Animals from **Young's Funny Farm** will be there as well as a bouncy slide, **The Exchange Art Cart**, and other fun entertainment for kids. This event is an open house for the renovated library and the new bookmobile as a way to say **THANK YOU** to donors and patrons and also to celebrate all the great summer reading more than 200 kids have been doing. We hope to see you there!

Bingo & Book Sale



The annual **Bingo Fundraiser** will be **Sun. Sept. 10 from 12-4pm at the Bloomsburg Fire Department** at 911 Market St. Tickets are \$20 for 20 games and prizes are \$100 in gift cards as well as designer purses for special games. Food and drink will be served starting at noon and the Bingo games go from 2-4pm. It is a lot of fun! The **Fall Book Sale** will run from **Thursday October 26 through Sunday October 29**. Thursday evening is a preview sale from 6-8pm for donors as a way of saying thank you for being a Friend of the Library! Fri 10/27 3-7pm; Sat. 10/28 9am-3pm; Sun. 10/29 12-3pm (half-price). For more info: www.cctlibrary.org or call 570-387-8782

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Bonnie Crawford has joined our staff as a bookmobile driver and children and youth program specialist. You will see Bonnie on our southern routes on Mondays and Tuesdays. She also works on Friday mornings at the Sawmill Road Library. The **Toddler Storytime** we started this summer will continue year-round every Friday at 9:30am! The program is based on the early literacy curriculum called "The Very Ready Reading Program."



We had a wonderful intern from Bloomsburg University this Spring. **Marissa Weaver** worked for 20 hours per week with us as part of a for-credit internship. She is considering going for her Master's Degree in Library Science and is still volunteering with us. We don't know how we would have made it through this intense year without her! She is pictured here on 'arrival day' on the right, with staff members **Ruth Broder** and **Michele Karas**.

LIBRARY BOARD

Linda Resseguie became Chair of the Library Board on January 1. Linda had been coordinating the new bookmobile acquisition process as a board member and has contributed significant time and leadership to the library during this important year. A native of the Rohrsburg area, Linda's career with the federal government took her to Alaska and Washington, DC before returning home in retirement with her husband, Phil. She is using her passion for libraries and her experience and education in public administration to help the library develop important policies and procedures as well as a new vision to help us in this time of growth. In this photo, Linda (center) is celebrating the arrival of the new bookmobile with Friends president, **Penny Pomfret** (left) and Friends Secretary, **Marie Castrogiovanni** (right).



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

As the Friends of the Columbia County Traveling Library continue to reorganize, a new Board of Directors was elected, including: **Penny Pomfret**, President; **Marie Castrogiovanni**, Secretary; **Judy Lynn**, Treasurer; **Kate Polhill**, Assistant Treasurer, and the following members-at-large: **Denise Bosworth**, **Becky Frost**, **Meg Geffken**, **Nancy Graboski**, **Leanne Kline**, **Melissa Matthews**, **Kay Sharrow**, **Pat Shaw**, and **Susan Stemont**. This amazing group of library champions will help us get the word out about the Traveling Library throughout the county. If you are interested in being active with the Friends, we are looking for board members to represent the Millville and Mifflinville areas, and also book sale coordinators and people to sort donated books. We are particularly grateful to **Kate Polhill** for stepping up as Assistant Treasurer. Kate has an excellent background working with financial data and will be responsible for managing and recording all donations to the Friends of the Library and making sure donors are appreciated with prompt thank-you letters.



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