



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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New Staff--Lately, you have been seeing some new faces as well as familiar faces but doing a different library job.

Geraldine Beck joined the circulation desk staff on June 16. She is a longtime resident of Upper Southampton Township. She had been a circulation desk volunteer for 7 years before joining the staff. She and her husband Hugh are the parents of two sons and the grandparents of 3 boys and one girl. Gerry and Hugh spend many weekends at their home in the Pennsylvania mountains where they like to ski and bike. In the recent past they have taken skiing trips to Austria and Italy. Gerry has always been an avid reader. She likes to read anything that is well written but is partial to American history.

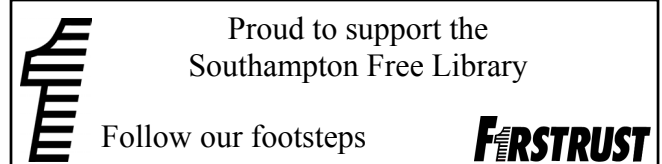


Marianne Graham joined the circulation desk staff on June 25 after spending almost 2 years as a shelver for the library. Marianne worked as an Administrative Assistant for Historic Fallsington, Inc., for 15 years prior to that. She and her husband George are longtime residents of Upper Southampton Township and the parents of a son and daughter. Their son and daughter-in-law have two children, Tyler and Alex that Marianne and George visit as often as possible. Marianne volunteers on the Southampton Days Committee. She enjoys a variety of subjects and types of reading materials. After studying American Sign Language for 3 years, she would welcome serving library patrons who use ASL.

Jeannie Sol joined the reference staff on July 16. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in elementary education. She completed her M.S. in Library and Information Science from Drexel University in December of 2002. Jeannie is a resident of Bensalem and the youngest of four children. She has two adorable nieces who live in the Atlanta area. Jeannie especially enjoys reading biography and popular fiction. She has just completed the latest Harry Potter novel by J.K. Rowling.

Please welcome them to our library and to their new jobs. *Susan Rork*

SIRSI--The Circulation desk staff has nothing but praise for the new SIRSI system. From day one, everything has gone very well. We all expected some problems based on previous experience but it has been better than we could have imagined. Our staff has quickly mastered the basics and we are all working hard to continue to improve our knowledge of the system to better serve our patrons. I know our patrons have noticed the difference from the beginning--no long lines at checkout, a much more efficient system and in turn, I hope, a more enthusiastic staff. Our thanks goes to those responsible in Doylestown for their fine work and a thank you to the Circulation Staff for their extra efforts. *Nancy Loisch*



Staff Promotion--The previous author is **Nancy Loisch** who was recently promoted to the newly created position, Head of Circulation at the Southampton Free Library. Nancy has been for several years a key member of our circulation staff and, the Library Board is very fortunate to have Nancy on our staff. *Vince Musco*



What Is the Reference Department? --The card catalogs are long gone, so how do you find a book, even when you can't remember the author's name, and you don't know how to use a computer? That's easy! Just ask Reference. We'll find it, or show you how to look it up for yourself, if you want to learn.

A boy came in one day needing a biography of **The Venerable Bede**. We had the right book and got him a portrait from the Internet.

A man needed the price of AT&T stock on a certain date 14 years ago. We found it for him.

A BCCC student remembered a line from a poem, but could not remember either the poet or the poem title. That was as much of the clue as we needed. We looked in Poem Finder. So can you.

The phone rang. How do you spell Mississippi?

A woman wanted to read a book that was out-of-print. We found a copy via the Interlibrary Loan service in Erie, PA.

If you don't know where else to go, try Reference. **Leon Anderson**



The Southampton Free Library and Firsttrust have a unique partnership through Affinity Banking, an exclusive rewards program for non-profit organizations.

Children's Programs--During the summer children participated in the "GET IN THE GAME" at your library summer reading club. The club had children reading lots of books and running bases on our "Reading Baseball Diamond" in order to try to hit a homerun. If they hit a homerun their name went in a drawing for a "Get in the Game T- shirt". The library club was also invited to attend "Bucks County Library Night" at the Trenton Thunder where children throughout the county were invited to a baseball game and an evening of fun events.



Preschoolers during the summer had a fun visit with Miss Philadelphia (also the first runner up in the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant). Miss Philadelphia had fun reading books to the children and doing crafts with them. She also gave them each an opportunity to try on her crown.

Working in collaboration with Miss Philadelphia, the library also collected new and used sneakers, which were sent to underprivileged children in Iraq. Colonel Kevin McAleese Executive Director of the Miss Philadelphia campaign is serving in the U.S. military. As the Director of the 358th Civil Affairs Brigade Humanitarian Assistance Center, he organized the sneaker drive. Thanks to all those who participated

in our summer reading clubs and for "Getting in the Game."

During the fall children can have fun participating in our Ready to Read Reading Club for kindergarten students and also the "Magic Tree House Club" which will focus on those exciting adventures with "Jack and Annie" and their magical tree house. **Lora Terifay**

Volunteers—There were more than 80 persons who volunteered over 8000 hours of their time to the library in 2002. More than 50 volunteers work at the library several hours each month performing different tasks to aid in the daily operation of the library.

The library has many different types of volunteers who perform various duties. The Friends of the Library are a group of approximately 15 active volunteers whose purpose is to promote interest in the library. The 10 Junior Friends, ages 12 to 14, handle a variety of duties such as assist the children's librarian and occasionally, the Friends of the Library. The Library Board of Trustees consists of 7 members who manage different aspects of the library such as policy, facilities, funding, budget, and long-range planning. There are also auxiliary committees that supplement the library board such as landscape, facilities, grants, and archives, all manned by volunteers. There are new volunteers and volunteers who have contributed over 45 years-- all helping to make the library a success. The library board is proud of its many dedicated volunteers.



At the 2003 Annual Volunteer Dinner to honor all library volunteers, Mildred Wamsher was honored for celebrating her 45th year as a library volunteer. **Marie Musco**



Open an account at Firsttrust today and help the library earn more money instantly. Just mention Affinity Banking and the library when you open your account.

Video Cassettes—Help! The library needs donations for lightly used but out-of-date videos. We use between 30 and 50 a year for parts to repair our movie cassettes. Thank you! **Susan Rork**

Thank You! --The Library Board and the Friends of the Library wish to thank those individuals, businesses and service organizations that have donated gifts to the library in the past year. Your generosity enables the library to provide those extras that are beyond our budget. *Vince Musco*

Friends of Library Fundraisers--The Friends sponsor annual fundraisers for the library: The Membership Drive is held early in the year; a Spring Craft sale and a Flower Bulb sale; the Book Fund Drive; two Used-Book sales; the Autumn Bazaar, and the Entertainment Book. Profits from the Book Fund Drive go directly to purchase new books and materials for the library collection. Other fundraiser proceeds are used to support a variety of library programs such as children's programs, financial publications, audio-visual materials, unabridged books on tape, and large-print books. Join the Friends, support the Friends, and contribute to the success of the library. *Marie Musco*



We put our money where your heart is - the Southampton Free Library. When you bank with Firsttrust, the library receives cash bonuses each year!

Autumn Bazaar 2003—The Autumn Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the library. Gift baskets, homemade baked goods, handmade cheddar cheese, mix and nearly part of the day's lunch of hotdogs, beverage will be available. For information call 215-357-1664. *Pat Myers*



Entertainment Books—It is time for the new Entertainment Book 2004. This edition, The Philadelphia North, will be the best one yet! There will be no increase in price—only \$25. Use the book once or twice and it will pay for itself.

The book will have a slightly different look including a new Home, Garden, Auto section, a Kid's Favorites Index and more retail offers.

They will be available at the library by the beginning of September. Remember—all profits benefit **your** Southampton Library! *Joan Dobisch*

Holiday Gift Table—Visit the holiday gift table in the library after the Bazaar. A variety of gift baskets and handmade items will be available for purchase through December.

Bazaar Raffle—Be sure to buy lots of chances to win an array of great prizes such as gift baskets including an Eagles Basket, Italian Basket, Handmade Afghan, Gift Certificates, an Entertainment Book and more. Chances are available for a donation of \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5. *Natalie London*

Lancaster County Cheddar Cheese Orders—Orders are being taken for extra-sharp cheddar cheese being sold at the Bazaar. Cheese is \$4.50 a pound. The order form is available at the library or call Diane Redstreak at 215-357-1664 to place order. *Pat Myers*

Items needed for the Bazaar— At this time, donations are being accepted at the library. Look for the collection box.

Gourmet jellies, teas, coffee, chocolate, etc
Canning jar lids
Glass spice jars
Clear Wine bottles
Wicker Baskets
New soaps, lotions, & cosmetic items
New Gift Items—Adult & Children
New beauty care products
Silk flowers
Cellophane
Paper basket filler
New mugs
Candles-new & used
Fabric-Prints & Solids
Paper Items, napkins, cups, etc.

Magazine Subscriptions—We have started our year 2004 magazine subscription drive. If you would like to donate a subscription in your name or in memoriam, please call Kathy Mendla at 215-396-9898 for information or suggestions. Subscriptions range in price from \$20 to \$60. Labels are placed on each issue to identify the donor. Businesses and

professionals are invited to donate magazine subscriptions to advertise the business or profession. **Kathy Mendla and Natalie London**

New Library Board Members—The Library Board is seeking resumes for new board members. If interested, submit your name to Vince Musco.

To help run the library, the library board has established seven auxiliary committees that are staffed by volunteers to complement the library board. These advisory committees are – Grant, Facilities, Financial, Landscape, Legal, Marketing and Technology. We are understaffed in several of these committees, but we are especially interested in finding a person with a background in marketing. Anyone interested in serving on any one of these committees, please contact Susan Rork at the library. **Vince Musco**



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ACME Tapes—ACME supermarket tapes are being collected at the library. The Friends of the Library receive one percent of each register tape total with all proceeds benefiting the library. We have raised \$1500 so far thanks to your support. Please keep collecting and donating these tapes! **Pat Myers**

Memorial Gardens— BEAUTY AT THE LIBRARY--Did you enjoy the lovely flowers around the library this summer and spring? The library thanks the many people who honor their loved ones by paying for the upkeep of the memorial gardens.

You can also remember someone or an entire family by contributing to maintain a section of the library flowerbeds. A plaque, placed in the garden, shows the loved one's name for all to see. The cost is around \$100 per year depending on the size of the garden. Contact Susan Rork at 215-322-1415. **Marie Brindisi**

Flea Market & Craft Show—Look for the Friends of the Library at the Oskar Huber Flea Market and Craft Show on Sunday, October 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We will have crafts, candles, bean soup mix, and many other items that we will be selling at our Autumn Bazaar. Come meet and say hello to the Friends of the Library. **Diane Redstreake**

Friends Membership--The Friends of the Library are looking for new members. We invite all who support the Friends to attend the meetings. They are held in the Mary Exum Room at the library, September through May. The next meeting will be held on October 14, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

If you enjoy working with crafts, the Friends are preparing for the November 8 bazaar and you can help. A work session will be held on October 16. Call Diane Redstreake at 215-357-1664 for further information. **Marie Musco**

FRIENDS 2003 CALENDAR

Fall	Book Fund Drive
Fall	Entertainment Book
October 4 10:00-5:00	Used Book Sale
October 14 10:00 a.m.	Friends Meeting
November 8 10:00-5:0	Autumn Bazaar
Nov-Dec	Holiday Gift Table



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