

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

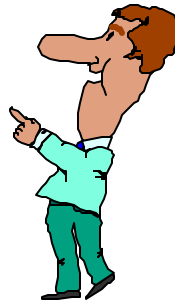
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**New Library Staff**--Elaine Nieckoski retired in July of 2001 after 17 years as a reference and information librarian. We all miss her and wish her the best in her retirement. We expect to see her here often, maybe as a volunteer. Two part-time reference and information librarians, Ray Crismond and Leon Anderson now share her position.

Ray Crismond had taken an early retirement from his teaching career. He spent 30 years with the Centennial School District. He taught history, geography, current affairs and civics. For his last 10

years at Log College, Ray taught computer applications and oversaw the computer lab program. We are pleased to have a librarian with such strong computer skills. Ray has already had occasion to use those skills in the library. Ray is an avid reader, especially of science fiction and fantasy. In his spare time, he enjoys surfing the net, listening to music and golfing. He has one son who is a graduate of Penn State with majors in history and music.



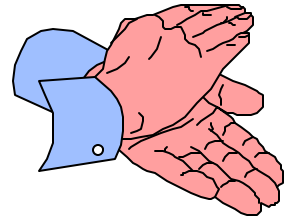
Leon Anderson had his own advertising and marketing agency for 17 years. He has also worked as an international sales manager, and a training and publicity manager. Before starting at the library, he had worked as a substitute teacher in the Central Bucks School District.

Leon is proficient in French and Spanish. He has had a number of business articles published as well as a book, "Japanese Rage, Japanese Business and its Assault on the West." Leon brings a strong background in research to the job as a result of his writing career. He and his wife live in Doylestown. They are the parents of two sons and the grandparents of two girls and one boy. Leon's many interests include walking, reading, sailing and tennis.

The Library welcomes Ray and Leon to its staff.

*Susan Rork*

**Library Improvements**--The Friends and the Library Board started last year a Building Improvement Drive to raise \$250,000 over the next five years. The first results from that drive was the installation of a new HVAC system this spring. Money for this project included a \$40,000 grant from the township and a \$20,000 grant from the state. Our letter earlier this year to residents and businesses resulted in \$12,000 that will be used toward installing a new energy and cost saving lighting system in 2002. Additionally, we recently received a \$11,600 grant from the state to install a computer network in the children's area. Future projects that still need funding are the remodeling of the lavatories on both levels for handicap access, replacing the carpet in selected areas, revamping the circulation desk, and replacing the large planter just outside the entrance of the library. *Vince Musco*



**Junior Friends**--The Junior Friends of the Library is a group of teenagers, ages 11-14, who volunteer their time after school and some evenings to help with various library activities. In addition to the many projects they are involved with while at the library, they also try to contribute their services to some of the projects the Friends of the Library hold each year. This year they assisted the Friends of the Library with the book sales by helping to set up boxes and boxes of books. Some of the activities they have participated with during the year include: changing bulletin board displays; helping with the Campbell's coupons in Education project; creating flyers of children's programs that are being held at the library; keeping the children's paperback section in ABC order; creating reading lists of good books for various age levels; and assisting the Children's Librarian with some after school children's programs. They have also provided countless hours of support during Summer

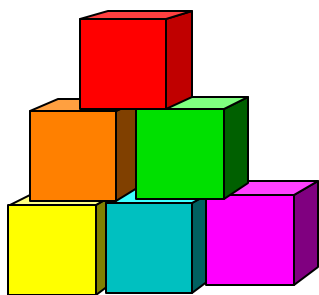


Reading Club, which is held each summer for children in grades 1-5. During the club, they have helped children with craft projects and games, as well as clean up with some of our “messier” projects. Recently, they brought in pets, which did crazy tricks for our Animal Odyssey Summer Reading Club and also assisted with the Science Program held this summer.

During the year 2000, the Junior Friends contributed over 250 hours of volunteer service for the library. This year a high number of volunteer service hours is also anticipated.

In appreciation for their hard work, a pizza party is held each year in December, to recognize their service to the community. If you are between the ages of 11-15 and would like to join the Junior Friends of the Library, please speak with Miss Lora. New members are always welcome. *Lora Terifay*

**Children’s Program**--This summer, children in grades 1-5 had fun participating in our “Animal Odyssey: Make Tracks to the Library” summer reading club. They read many books related to animals as well as participated in reading activities about various types of animals. Fun games and craft activities accompanied their reading efforts. Exciting programs such as Jim Galloway’s “Reptile Spectacular” and The Ark Foundation featuring live birds



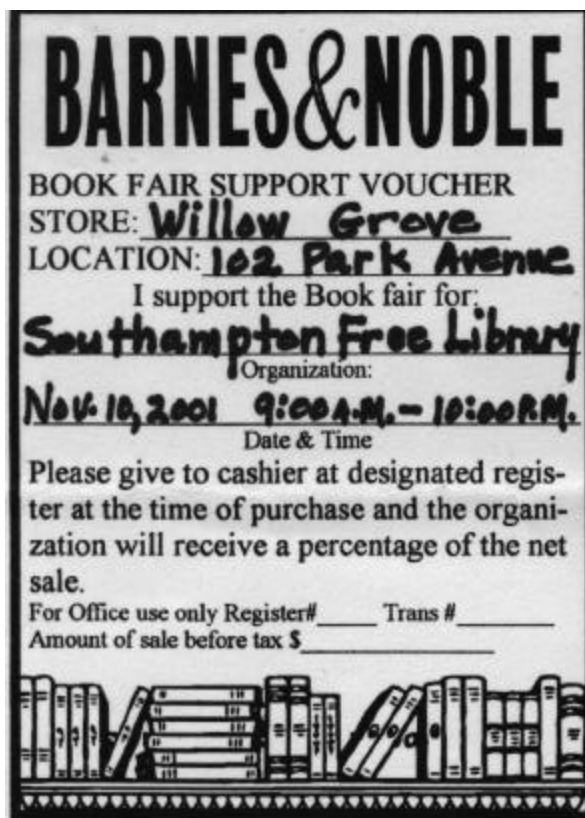
highlighted their summer. They were also entertained by Whits End Productions, which provided the new musical of Hansel and Gretel. Kindergarten children had the opportunity to participate in our Kindergarten Kangaroo

Club and practice beginning reading skills. They were also able to visit with author Anne Marie Tini and learn about her book “How Hilda Hushed Her Hiccups”.

Children participating in Science in the Summer explored the fascinating world of Paleontology. They learned about extinct animals and dinosaurs, created their own fossil imprints and had a fossil dig. For all children who are interested in this fascinating area of science, they can read our new magazine, entitled “Archaeology Dig” available in the children’s section of the library. If you are a science lover, next year’s program will feature chemistry and will have children doing experiments with test tubes. This program is provided by GlaxoSmithKline and is a

four-day intensive science program for children in grades 2-6. *Lora Terifay*

**Barnes & Noble In-Store Book Fair**--The Friends of the Library will have an in-store book fair at the Barnes & Noble Willow Grove store on Saturday, November 10, 2001 starting at 9:00 a.m. A percentage of all proceeds from Southampton Library patrons will benefit the library. Included are all books, audio books, toys, gift items, and calendars. Gift Certificates are not included. Be sure to present the **voucher shown below** at Barnes & Noble so that the library will get credit for your sale. More vouchers are available at the library. Our Children’s Librarian, Lora Terifay will present a children’s program at the book fair. See brochures in library for further information. *Marie Musco*



**Genuardi’s Tapes**--Thank you again and Keep Up The Good Work. Since September ‘92 you have given us over \$280,000 worth of tapes, which have yielded the Computer Fund over \$2,800. Safeway has assured us that they will continue the Genuardi’s Division Community Cash Back program. Visit the new Genuardi’s in Feasterville or Warrington and bring us the tapes. *Elinor Owens*

**Entertainment Book - 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**--It's that time of year again! Entertainment '02 books have arrived at the library. The selling price will remain \$25 for the Philadelphia Bucks & Montgomery edition.

There are so many great offers. Save 50% on restaurants, movies, hotels, car rentals, etc. Remember, a book may easily pay for itself after just two uses. The best news is that all profits go the Southampton Library. *Joan Dobisch*

**Reference News**--In the last newsletter, we described some of the great databases available to Southampton library cardholders. These can be accessed in the Library or from home via [www.buckslib.com](http://www.buckslib.com).

Two new databases are available online. The first is Proquest, a database of magazine and newspaper articles. This complements the Ebsco database of the Power Library because it gets information from many different publications. Another new resource is Moody's Manuals, a business and financial database. By searching by company name or ticket symbol, you can get general company information, news & research, financial reports and annual reports.

The Access Pennsylvania Power Library has expanded to include several more databases. Among them is Poem Finder, an index of citations, excerpts and full-text poems, searchable by keywords, subject, poet or title.

Gale Group provides biographic and critical essay information on modern novelist's poets, playwrights, journalists, and noted scholars.

The Grove Dictionaries offer a wide variety of subjects: music, art, life sciences, astronomy and astrophysics. This database also includes the Scientific American Archive, complete text and graphics to every issue of Scientific American since 1993.

Along with the children's databases, Searchasaurus and SIRS Discoverer, we now have Bigchalk. This new database is specifically designed for younger researchers and covers magazine, newspapers, TV & radio transcripts, books, photographs and maps.



The Power Library still provides the AccuNet/AP Multimedia Archive of photographs, the Access PA databases of PA library holdings, and Ebsco, a comprehensive periodical and reference database. We are excited to be sharing all these diverse materials of interest to all age groups. *Sue Vogl*

**Year 2002 Magazine Subscriptions**--We have started our Year 2002 magazine subscription drive. If you would like to donate a subscription in your name or in memoriam, please call Susan Vogl at the Library 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. *Elinor Owens*

**Extra-Sharp Cheddar Cheese**--The Friends of the Library will once again be taking orders for delicious extra-sharp cheddar cheese from Lancaster. The cheese is \$4.25 a pound and the order form is available in the library or by calling Diane Redstreak at 215-357-1664. The cheese may be picked up the day of the Autumn Bazaar, November 3, 2001. Advance orders are necessary in order to guarantee quantity needed. *Diane Redstreak*

**Page-A-Day Book Lovers Calendars**--This innovative and informative calendar offers 365 days of good reading from beloved classics, histories, biographies, sports books, self-help, romances, mysteries, and more. Each day features a capsule review and suggestions for further reading. The calendars are excellent for gifts or your own use. Celebrate the world of books – only \$5 per calendar. Extra value includes a free digital version to run on a PC. They are available at the library. *Diane Redstreak*

**Flea Market and Craft Show**--Look for the Friends of the Library at the Oskar Huber Flea Market and Craft Show on Sunday, October 29, 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. See you there! *Diane Redstreak*

**Appraisal Fair Fun and Fruitful**--The second Appraisal Fair, held in June netted \$485. Many people spent the afternoon learning about the various antiques and how to

take care of them. Some folks were excited to hear their items were worth more than they thought, while others found out their treasures were worth more in family history and memories.

Cindy Stephenson, of Stephenson's Auction, and her associates did a remarkable job considering the diversity of articles appraised. Everyone enjoyed the advice and stories associated with each item. We look forward to next year.

As always, an enormous thank you to Cindy, Tom Wakely and Rich Penxa for donating their valuable time and expertise. Stephenson's Auction is located in Southampton. *Marie Brindisi*

**Autumn Bazaar 2001**--This year the Autumn Bazaar is on Saturday, November 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the lower level meeting room. At the same time, the Women's Club Bazaar is in the Mary Exum room.

The bazaar is an excellent opportunity to buy different, exciting and delicious items at low prices. Purchase items from bean soup to gift baskets of food and personal care products to potholders and new and nearly new items and a lot more in-between. Our assortment of chance prizes will be great and varied.

Make sure you set the date aside to find those presents for yourself and do your holiday shopping at the same time. *Marie Brindisi*



*Friends of the Library preparing for the Bazaar held last year.*

**Bazaar Items Needed**--The following items are needed now for the bazaar: new gift items, nearly new items in great condition, gourmet jellies, jams, coffee, brand new beauty products, paper basket filler, silk flowers, large pieces of material, new mugs, candles, ribbon, and raffia.

Bring them to the library and place in the box near the inside door during the library's open hours. *Marie Brindisi*

**Used Book Sale**--The Friends Used-Book Sale will be held on Saturday October 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Mary Exum Room. *Diane Redstreak*

**Memorial Gardens**--Several memorial gardens are still available to celebrate a loved one or your entire family. This makes a thoughtful present for those hard to buy for relatives and friends. Special plaques show the community how much you care for those special to you. These gardens beautify the library and help defray landscaping costs. *Marie Brindisi*

**Our 11th Anniversary**--We are in the 11<sup>th</sup> year of the Friends newsletter. Let us know what you like, do not like, and what information would you like to see included. Drop off your comments at the library. *The Editors*

**New Library Board Members**--The Library Board is seeking resumes for new board members. We currently have one vacancy and expect a second vacancy in January. If interested, submit your name to Vince Musco. *Library Board*

**History of the Library**--Last year the Library Board commissioned a committee to document the history of the library from the early 1900's to present. The committee has interviewed over 70 people, scoured countless files, examined many photo's and read numerous newspaper articles. The objective of this project is to provide our patrons with a booklet on the rich history of the library, and identify the amazing people that worked tirelessly for the library over the years. If anyone has old library photos or library memorabilia please contact Renee Kaiser at the library.

*Vince Musco*

**Library Web Site**—The library and the Friends have a web site that contains interesting information. Visit us at [www.southamptonpa.com/library/library.htm](http://www.southamptonpa.com/library/library.htm).

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