



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

SOUTHEAST STUEBEN COUNTY LIBRARY  
CORNING, NEW YORK

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## Letter from the President

December 11, 2008

Dear Friends:

There is no doubt about it, 2008 has been a wild ride. Between a national election and a financial meltdown, this year has been a rollercoaster ride of change. With so much changing around us, I am glad we have a local library that remains a steady force in our community. True, the Southeast Steuben County Library changes in good ways, by adding the latest books, DVDs and technology. But, at its core, it remains the same comforting place where people can come to check out books, get information, or just catch up with their neighbors.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that thanks to all of the donations and the tireless work of the 110 volunteers who make our book sales a reality, the Friends will be giving the library a check for \$52,000. As costs rise for the Library, as they have for all of us, the Friends' Board is extremely grateful that we are able to increase the amount of the Friends' contribution this year. We hope it will help the library change, and stay the same, for another year.

Best wishes to you and your family for the holidays.

Sincerely,  
Kate Paterson  
Friends of the Library, SSC

## A Thank You from the Library

Dear Friends,

In recognition of Friends of the Library Week, Oct. 19-25, 2008, the Southeast Steuben County Library would like to thank the Friends of the Library, SSC for all that you do. The Board of Trustees and staff recognize the outstanding efforts of our Friends.

Your organization enables our library to provide quality circulation materials, resources for programming and much needed equipment. Your support for the summer reading program has had far reaching effects on community literacy and provides not only educational resources, but vital cultural programming. The Friends truly support the notion that a library is a community center that should provide lifelong learning opportunities.

The Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate ensuring that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, expert assistance in research, and the best in children's services.

The Friends' unwavering commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community.

Sincerely,

Pauline Emery  
Library Director

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Paul Danielson  
Board President

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## 2008-09 Annual Campaign

So many of you have already done so much for our library: you have donated and purchased books and you have given your time to both the Library and to the book sales. And now, I would like to ask you to consider making a gift to the library's Annual Campaign.

The Annual Campaign helps close the gap between how much money the library gets from the municipalities and the *actual* cost of doing business. Your tax-deductible donation will help the library navigate the uncertain financial times ahead, by funding

programs for children, teens and adults, as well as helping purchase new materials that will be shared by us all.

These are uncertain times, but donating money to the Southeast Steuben County Library is an excellent investment in our community. Any amount you can give will be very appreciated.

You may your tax deductible donation to:

**Annual Campaign, SSCL  
300 Nasser Civic Plaza, Suite 101  
Corning, NY 14830**

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## Meals and Books on Wheels!

The Southeast Steuben County Library and Corning Meals-on-Wheels have teamed up to offer a new outreach service: **Books on Wheels!**

Now, anyone who gets home delivered meals provided by Corning Meals on Wheels can request library books and other materials including audio books, CDs, Videos and DVDs.

Under the Books on Wheels program, a library card is not needed, and Meals-on-Wheels recipients will not pay overdue fines.

Here is how the program works: Corning Meals-on-Wheels volunteers pick up requests from Meals on Wheels recipients and a Library staff member fulfills the requests and drops off books and other items at the Corning Meals on Wheels center on Cedar Street.

Then, Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver the desired items along with hot and cold meals.

Books-on-Wheels is funded in part with a 2008 Outreach Mini-Grant from the Southern Tier Library System, through its Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Council.

Joseph Detrick, the Director of Corning Meals on Wheels says, "I think that the partnership is wonderful... the Books on Wheels partnership lets Meals on Wheels recipients know that there are people out there who care for them and are willing to give time and energy to make their lives better." Detrick spoke with one Books on Wheels user who ordered four books. "She was just tickled and thankful," he said.

**Call 936-3713 for more info.**

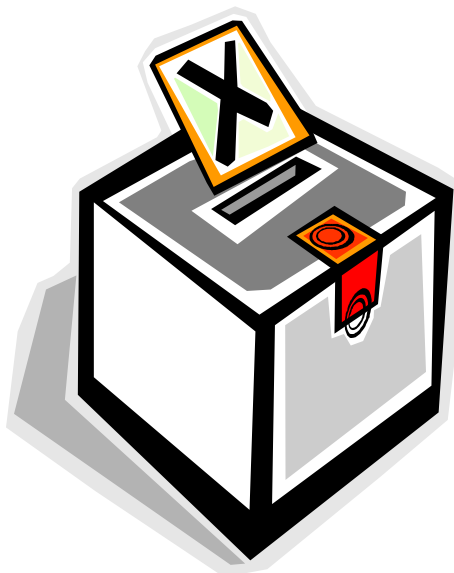
*"I think it is a great program to connect people who can't get to the Library with important library services," said Linda Reimer, Library Acquisitions Specialist .*

## Annual FOL Meeting - January 7, 2009

Do you miss the raw sense of power you felt while casting your votes in November? Feel the thrill again in January by attending the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library!

We need your votes on the members of the Friends' Executive Board, as well as the Budget for 2009. The meeting promises to be short but informative. We will begin immediately following Books Sandwiched In on Wednesday, January 7, 1:15 pm in the library's Community Room.

We look forward to seeing you!



**We hope to see you at the meeting!**

Friends of the Library  
PO Box 444  
Corning, NY 14830



The Library is on the Web!  
[stls.org/corning](http://stls.org/corning)



## Books Sandwiched In - 2009 Schedule

This popular Friends of the Library series begins Wednesday, January 7, 2009 and continues on subsequent Wednesdays through February 11. There is no admission charge and the public is invited. Feel free to bring a lunch - coffee and tea are provided.



DATE	BOOK	REVIEWER
January 7	<i>The Last Lecture</i> by Randy Pausch	Gary McCaslin
January 14	<i>Hot, Flat and Crowded</i> by Thomas L. Friedmann	Whit Smith
January 21	<i>Ladies of Liberty</i> by Cokie Roberts	Marianne Furfure
January 28	<i>Fruitless Fall: The Collapse of the Honey Bee and the Coming Agricultural Crisis</i> by Rowan Jacobsen	Floyd Amann
February 4	<i>People of the Book</i> by Geraldine Brooks	Jane Fenn
February 11	<i>Loving Frank</i> by Nancy Horan	Elise Johnson-Schmidt