



**Newsletter  
Winter 2023**

*Friends of*

*Ritter Public Library*

*a 501c3 non profit*



### **Friends Mission Statement**

**The Friends** are dedicated to focusing public attention on library services, facilities and needs; helping to promote the use and enjoyment of the library, and developing supplemental funding for the library.

Our Board meets every **1<sup>st</sup> Mon. of the month at 1pm in the library.** Members are always welcome! If you would like to become a **Friends of Ritter Public Library** member, please fill out a membership form and submit it to the circulation desk or fill it out online. (See info below to access our website.) \*Annual dues are only \$5/individual, \$8/family, \$25/business.

We invite you to attend our meetings and share your ideas. You'll be part of a great group of people dedicated to helping our library with programming, new equipment and services!

Check out our **Ongoing Book Sale** located inside the main entrance. We also accept donations of books inside the east entrance near the Book Return slots. \*Large donations require an appointment. Please call 440-967-3798. Thank you for supporting **Friends!**

Our recent Fundraisers were so much fun and brought in extra funds for our library:

**Friends** donated the necessary funds for Director Sandra Licks to purchase patio furniture for the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor outdoor space and also a retractable awning. This was so appreciated by staff/community members!

**Friends' Book sale** in August was well attended. Our **Friends** volunteers were amazing!

Director Sandra Licks informed **Friends** that "National Friends Week" was the week of Oct.16<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Forthofer read a Proclamation and thanked our volunteers for their contributions to our community and our library.

**Friends** partnered with Brummers to host a "Wine Tasting Fundraiser" on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. We had such an enjoyable evening with delicious French food and wine and hope to make this an annual event! The entire staff at Brummers were the best!

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, **Friends** sponsored a “Staff Appreciation Luncheon” at the library to enjoy food and fellowship. Many thanks to Reenie Rak and Robin Felice for the delicious lunch!

**Friends** sponsored a “ Wreath Decorating Contest.” This had been a popular fundraiser in the past and member Robin Felice thought it would be fun to bring it back. Wreaths were provided and available to the public to take home to decorate and were on display the month of November. People were able to bid on their favorites. Each wreath was unique and proved what we all know- Vermilion has so many talented people! \*Winners were notified Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Friends** served lovely Christmas cookies and refreshments after the Community Band Christmas Concert on Fri. Dec. 1. They always help to start off the holiday season!

**CALLING ALL BAKERS AND CHOCOLATIERS! CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL IS BACK! Sat. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Director Sandra Licks has given **Friends** the “green light” to once again host this popular event at Ritter during “Ice A Fair.” Mark your calendars for Sat. Feb. 3 from 10:00-12:30.

Start getting your favorite chocolate recipes together to help **Friends of Ritter Library** have the biggest and best festival we’ve ever had! We hope to have many entries and lots of delicious creations! Please contact Robin Felice [rfelice@centurytel.net](mailto:rfelice@centurytel.net) if you’d like to participate! You may register online or stop by the library to fill out a form beginning Dec. 11. For updates follow Ritter Public Library facebook page and our **Friends** page.

Do you like to sell on Ebay? If you would like to donate a % to **Friends** we are a 501 c3 non profit and would so appreciate it! Thank you!

Please support our local **Dominos Pizza** monthly fundraisers. Dominos generously donates 10% of their sales to **Friends**. Our date is always the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Please mark your calendars and thank you in advance!

\*For the most updated events/information and to view our newsletter and download a membership or registration form, check out our **Friends** website at [ritterpubliclibrary.org](http://ritterpubliclibrary.org), click “MENU” “Support Us” then “**Friends of the Library**” or use the QR code below. See you, soon!

