Friends Break Records in 2022!

In 2022, the Friends of Bosler raised a record $133,016.75. This is the most the Friends have ever raised in a single year! Through your generous donations, The Bookery brought in $99,910 of these funds.

In addition to generating more revenue than in any previous year, the Friends also set a new record for the amount of funds they provided to the Library in a single year. The Friends provided $79,500 in operational support and an additional $50,000 in support of the Children’s Learning Garden project. Originally, the $50,000 was pledged at $10,000 per year for 5 years, but with this year’s incredibly successful fundraising, the Friends were able to make the entire donation this year. The Friends are proud to continue to provide critical support for the Library as they have for nearly 65 years.

Bosler’s Teen Café is a hit! Every Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 pm Teens are invited to participate in a themed game, activity, or art project in the Teen Room. Pictured above: teens making homemade snow globes!

Congratulations to Lisa Betts, winner of the Friends’ 2022 Quilt Raffle!

June 1 to August 12

Get ready for Bosler’s 2023 SummerQuest! We’ll have presentations by West Shore Wildlife Center for the June kick-off event, a teen murder mystery, and job development programs. Watch for our SummerQuest program guide to come out in the middle of April!

Bosler’s 2023 SummerQuest is sponsored by the Jerry and Ellen Hair Foundation, with additional support provided by F&M Trust and The Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation.
County Grant Boosts Children’s Learning Garden Campaign

Bosler Memorial Library is pleased to share the news that the Cumberland County Commissioners have awarded $150,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for Bosler’s Children’s Learning Garden project. Bosler had applied for a grant last summer but was not among the organizations to receive awards in the first several rounds of grants.

Three other libraries in the Cumberland County Library System (Fredricksen Library in Camp Hill, Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg, and Coy Library in Shippensburg) learned of their ARPA grant awards in early November. It wasn’t until the last week of December that the Commissioners awarded three more libraries with grants: John Graham Library in Newville, New Cumberland Library, and Bosler Memorial Library.

We are grateful for the support of everyone who has already donated to this campaign for an outdoor programming space for children, which is scheduled to open in the spring. For information on how you can help, visit boslerlibrary.org or contact Molly Shane, Development Officer, at (717) 243-4642, x3222. Plenty of naming opportunities, starting at $1,000, are still available.

Curbside Pick up Update

Bosler Memorial Library regrets that due to a significant decline in the use of the Library’s curbside service in 2022, coupled with an extraordinary increase in the cost of the vendor service used to provide curbside service, the Library has discontinued curbside service. The Library will continue to explore options for this, or other, convenience services in the future.

Dennis Lavery Memorial Grant-in-Aid Annual Scholarship

The Friends of Bosler Library awards a $2,000 scholarship each year to a student who lives in Bosler’s service area and meets certain criteria. The following is a list of requirements for winning this grant.

Who May Apply:
Students who reside in one of the townships below, and either May 2023 Graduating High School students who are enrolled in an accredited college, or students currently enrolled in an accredited college with a 3.0 GPA, majoring in Library Science, Education, Journalism, Communications, or English. The applicant must be registered for at least 12 credits to be considered. Family members of the Friends Board or Board of Directors of Bosler Memorial Library are not eligible for this grant.

Eligible Townships:
Carlisle Borough, Dickinson Township, Lower Frankford Township, Middlesex Township, North Middleton Township, South Middleton Township, Upper Frankford Township, West Pennsboro Township.

Contact:
To learn more or apply, please email: boslerfriends@boslerfriends.org
Come hear the Dickinson College Jazz Ensemble perform at Bosler on Friday, April 28 at 7:00 pm as part of the 2023 Music@Bosler series. This concert is generously sponsored by Rick Rovegno in memory of Karen Jaasund Rovegno.

AmazonSmile to End in February

Bosler Memorial Library recently received notice that AmazonSmile will be discontinued on February 20, 2023. Bosler is grateful for the $1,340 in donations we received from AmazonSmile since 2017, when we began encouraging library donors and patrons to shop on Amazon through AmazonSmile to benefit Bosler Library. Thank you!

According to the notice Bosler received from Amazon, the company launched AmazonSmile in 2013 to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. However, with so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—AmazonSmile's ability to have an impact was often spread too thin.

Amazon’s announcement said the company will keep supporting thousands of charities across the U.S. in other ways, and focus on the areas they believe can help create an even greater impact.

Exciting Spring Programs!

The Field of Battle - The Aftermath of the Battle of Gettysburg
“We were not meant to see such things” were the words of a Gettysburg civilian following the days after the battle. The aftermath of a civil war battle is often overlooked or totally forgotten when reflecting on the American Civil War. Join us as historical reenactor, lecturer, and tour guide Michael Jesberger explores the aftermath of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Music Course - Piano and Guitar Theory
Wednesdays in March at 7:00 pm
Beginner and professional musicians are welcome to join us for an interactive, four-week course on the basics of guitar and piano theory! Presented by music instructor Philip Johansen. Registration Required.

Understanding Your Family Tree
April 19 and April 26 at 6:30 pm
Understand your family trees and the history of your ethnic heritage with our two-part, virtual series, at Bosler! Presented by Eric Migdal, owner of It’s All Relative Genealogy LLC. This program will take place on Zoom. Registration Required.
Thank you!

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who has responded with a gift to the Bosler Memorial Library Nurturing Lifelong Learning annual fund campaign so far! As of December 31, 2022, more than 300 of you donated almost $50,000 in direct response to the appeal! Thanks also to our newest donors whose gifts totaling $4,000 will be matched by the McCormick Family Foundation challenge!

Your support introduces books and reading to the youngest members of our community, keeps our collections growing for all ages, provides needed information, reference and computer services, and brings a wide variety of educational programs to the library for everyone’s benefit. Thank you!

If you have not yet contributed to Bosler Memorial Library’s 2022-2023 annual fund campaign and you value what your library offers to you and everyone in the greater Carlisle community, you can still help by donating online at www.boslerlibrary.org or sending a check to “Bosler Memorial Library” at 158 W. High Street, Carlisle, PA 17013. Thanks!

The Board of Directors meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm. Board meetings are open to the public.