



Summer 2020 Newsletter

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We Miss You!

As Susquehanna County transitions to the yellow phase on May 22, we are receiving questions about how and when SCHS&FLA locations will reopen.

When we enter the yellow phase, our locations will bring staff back into our buildings on May 26 to prepare to reopen to the public. We will be following CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health sanitizing guidelines. Everyone will need to wear a mask at all times in SCHS&FLA buildings.

Before patrons are allowed inside library buildings, we hope to offer curbside services to enable patrons to request and borrow library materials. There may be limits on the number of patrons allowed at one time in our various locations and limited access to computers

may be necessary as we work to fully reopen our locations.

Following rules set by the governor, all programs will be offered virtually. As soon as allowed, we hope to bring everyone back into our buildings. Please stay safe—and know that we miss seeing all of you!

2020 Association Fundraisers

Fundraisers provide almost a third of our operating budget. At this time, a number of our events have not taken place, and some remain in question due to COVID-19. Therefore, our association will be sharing a special request for donations to help us meet this shortfall. Please help if you can—and as always, thank you so much for your outstanding support!

Thank you, Diana!

We congratulate Forest City manager Diana Junior on her retirement! Diana has worked for SCHS&FLA for 33 years.

Community, the Board of Trustees, and staff celebrated Diana at a party on March 7.

Diana is pictured on the left with new Forest City manager, Lisa Spangenberg.



Don't forget to complete the Census!

As of May 19, 42.1% of Susquehanna County has responded to the census.



Responses to the 2020 Census shape decisions

about how billions of dollars in federal funds for critical services flow into communities each year for the next decade. ***This includes funding for library services!***

The COVID-19 pandemic underscores the importance of census data and census participation.

Counting everyone living in a community helps community leaders plan for the future. Where there are more people, there are often greater needs.

Please fill out the 2020 Census by [clicking here.](#)

The Historical Society has additional hours!

Every second Saturday of the month:

10 a.m.— 2 p.m.

(When we reopen)

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American Girl Dolls Available

American Girl Discovery Kits are available to borrow by patrons eight years old and older with parent/guardian permission. Each kit comes in a travel-friendly container and contains a character doll, historical storybook and extra outfit.

There are four different dolls to choose from: Samantha, Kit (pictured), Nanea and Luciana. Each doll represents a different time in American history. They'll learn about early 1900s New York from Samantha, the Great Depression from Kit, World War II-era Hawaii from Nanea, and STEM curriculum from Luciana. The stories come alive when acted out with the dolls and their realistic accessories.

These kits were made possible by some very generous patrons who appreciate the value of reading and creative play. Kits can be borrowed directly from the Montrose location or travel to Susquehanna, Forest City and Hallstead-Great Bend.



Did you know?

With your library card, you can access all of these online resources:



Access databases, photos and lots of reading resources for children. Also choose "Chat with a Librarian" to access a live chat with a reference librarian who can help answer your questions.



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Blast from the past!



Here is one of our first bookmobiles. Did you know Susquehanna County Library had the first bookmobile in Pennsylvania?

Featured Exhibit: Olin Barbershop

By Betty Smith, Historical Society Head Curator

Prior to the closure of the Historical Society's museum during the pandemic, finishing touches were added to a new exhibit, namely the barbershop of Jim Olin, located on Church Street, Montrose.

Jim started cutting hair, apprenticing with Albert Miller in his shop, in the basement of the old Naumann Hotel, prior to World War II. During the war, he was a member of the Army Air Corps and afterward, returning to Montrose, he opened his own shop. In 1950, Jim moved into the Church Street location, which he occupied until closing on June 17, 2006. His occupation as a barber lasted nearly 65 years.



Jim donated most of the larger pieces in the shop to our museum and family members filled in the smaller pieces, such as scissors, clippers and signs that hung on the mirror or walls. The barber pole that hung on the outside wall of the building was located and is now on loan and working—with a little tweaking to the light and rotation mechanism.

Jim's family gathered to visit the museum on February 15, 2020. His wife, Margaret, turned the switch and the barber pole lit up and rotated, once again, as it did for so many years.

There are stories to tell and the staff and volunteers have heard many, especially childhood memories of customers who sat in his barber chair, now recognizing the many signs, the same paint colors (50's green), and furnishings. We are indebted to the generosity of his family, who graciously shared photographs, enabling us to recreate the exact look of the shop prior to closing. Jim passed away in March of 2006, barely two years after he retired.



Hopefully the Society's building will reopen in the near future, allowing visitors a chance to visit the Olin Barbershop exhibit, and the recently renovated museum and genealogical rooms.

Check It Out!

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Summer Quest 2020 will be 100% online this year.

Registration will begin June 15. [Visit our website](#) for more details. Summer Quest has reading activities, programs and storytimes for all ages!

