

Sullivan Friends Of The Library Forming

Scenic Regional Library is forming a Friends of the Library group in Sullivan. The Sullivan Public Library joined the three-county system on Oct. 1, 2015. Scenic Regional Library already has active Friends of the Library groups in its other seven communities.

The Friends group serves several purposes:

- Provides an opportunity to support the Sullivan branch.
- Maintains an association of people interested in libraries.
- Promotes library resources and services.
- Encourages gifts that support the branch.
- Recruits volunteers to aid in library operations.
- Fosters a positive relationship between the branch and the community.

An individual or business can join the Sullivan Friends group for as little as \$10 a year. All membership dues and contributions are tax deductible and are designated solely for use by the Sullivan branch to buy materials to borrow, upgrade computer equipment, add necessary furnishings, and support program speakers, performers, and trainers.

Sullivan's Friends group will be governed by a local committee of members who meet regularly to plan recruitment of new members and volunteers, publicize the library and its services, organize fundraising events,

and plan other activities. The committee also creates an annual plan with the library staff to best donate Friends' funds to the branch. The committee will be elected once the Sullivan Friends group has enough members interested in serving.

Membership dues and contributions are used to make the library stronger for all patrons. In addition, Friends of the Library members receive the following:

- A 10 percent discount on books purchased at the library's fall and spring book sales.
- Members joining in 2015-2016 will have their name and contribution level engraved on a plaque placed on permanent display at the Sullivan branch.
- Members are invited to attend special programs and events at any branch which are only open to Friends of the Library members.

A membership application for the Friends of the Library can be picked up at the Sullivan branch or on the library's website at www.scenicregional.org/friends.



Christmas Tree

Some years we went to the woods and picked out our Christmas tree. It had to be the right height for the living room ceiling. Dad cut the trunk and hauled it to the car. We usually found a cedar tree. I remember the smell of fresh cut tree. Mom reminded us to water it daily. We put the tree up just a week or two before Christmas. I know some families put their tree up the day after Thanksgiving.

I cut paper strips and made a chain for the tree. I used the funny pages or construction paper. Mom made stars from aluminum foil. Some years we popped corn and strung that on the tree. We had bubble

lights. Remember those? We had some store bought decorations too. Mom saved our decorations from year to year in a shoe box. I even remember the icicles that should have been put on a strand at a time rather than throwing on a hand full.

I liked to sit and look at the lighted tree when all the other lights in the house were turned off. It seemed almost magical.

Presents were added a few at a time as the days wore on till Christmas. It didn't really matter so much what was under the tree. What mattered was the love that came with the gift.



Santa Claus is...
...coming to FCNB!!!

Saturday, December 19th
9 AM to Noon

Members Injured