

Student Advisors, Library Advocates: *Getting Students Involved at Your Library*

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Student Advisory Groups

The Committee

Friends of the Library

Student Club

Poll

Do you have or are you planning to start a student group at your library?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Our Vision

Student Advisors + Advocates Club Advisor as Liaison



Penn State in Context



- ❑ “One university, geographically dispersed”
- ❑ 24 campuses throughout the Commonwealth

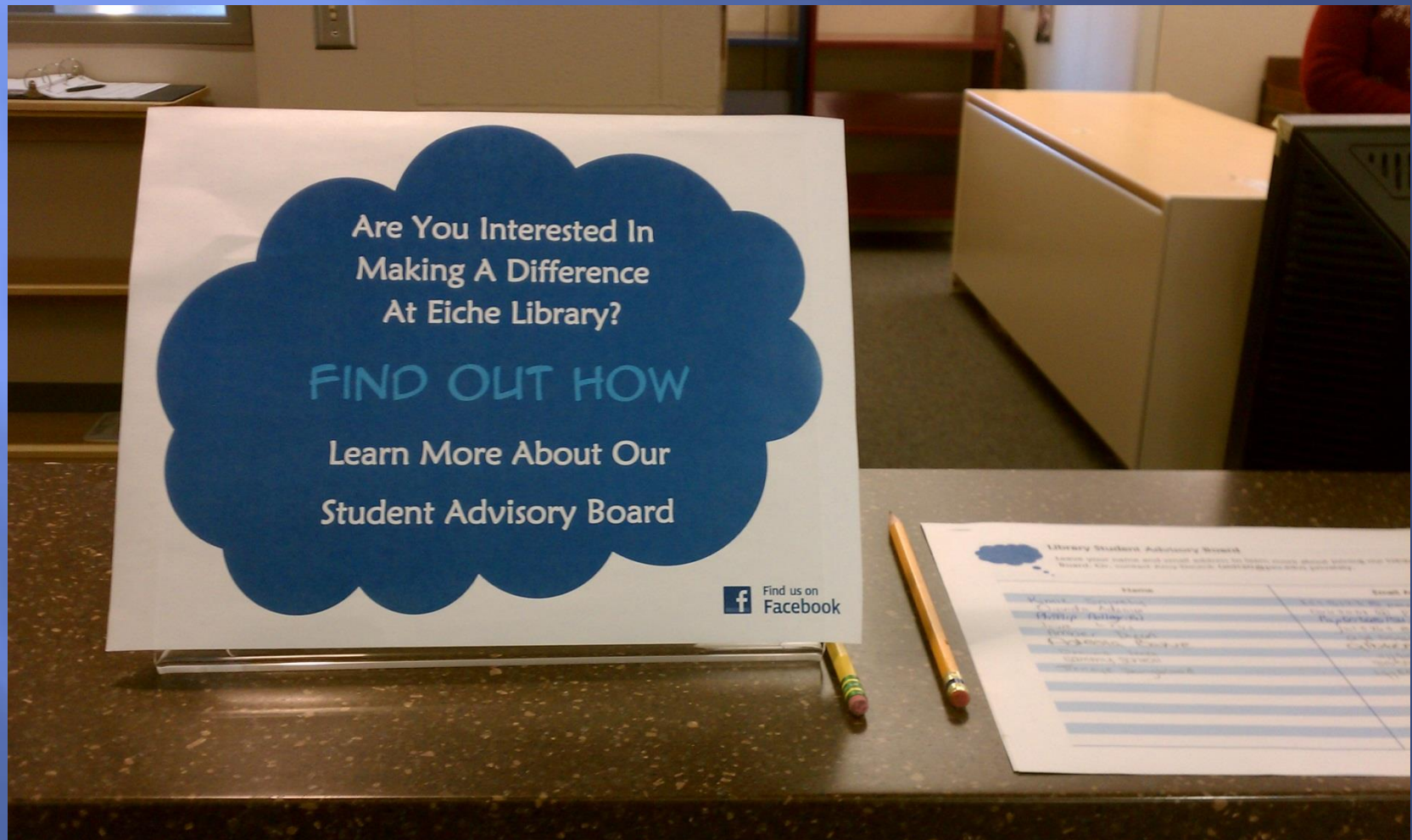
Enrollment	
Total	85,000
University Park	45,000
Schuylkill	1,000
Altoona	4,000

Our Story

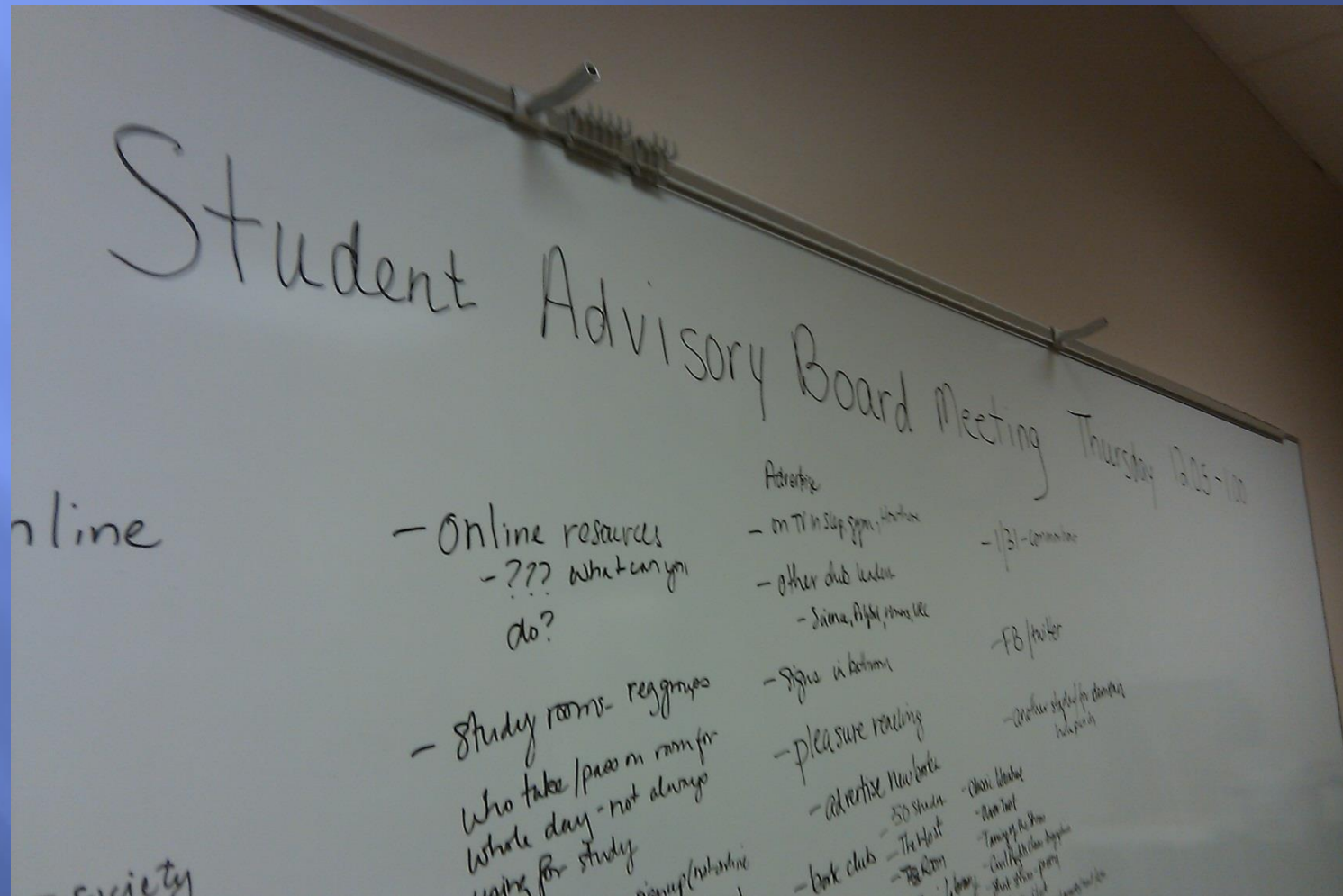
- ▣ Why we started clubs
- ▣ Growing advocates
 - “Students are excellent library advocates to their peers when they are well informed about the library’s collections and services and have a clear, consistent message to share.”



Recruiting Begins



Student Input



Lots of Ideas, Some Surprising!

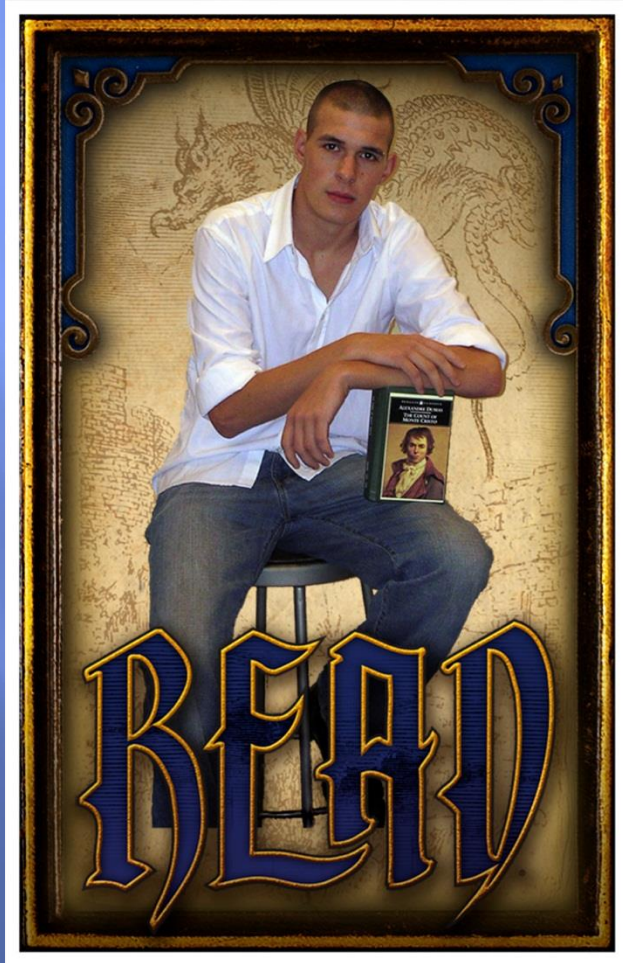


Keeping Students Interested

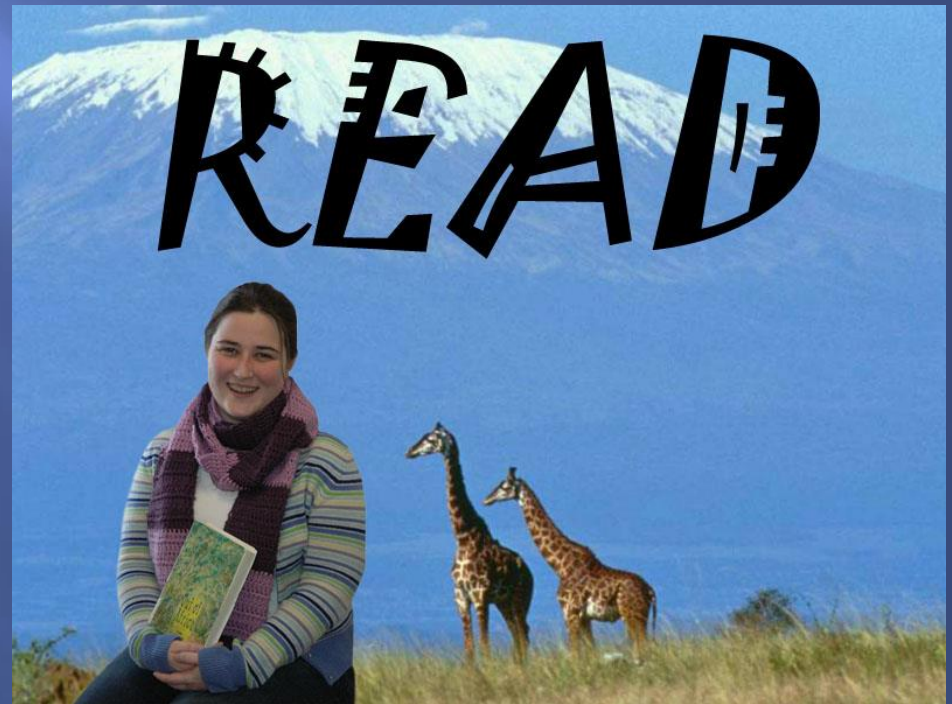
- ▣ Monthly meetings
- ▣ Regular emails
- ▣ And of course, FOOD!
- ▣ Annual recruiting



READ Posters



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Can Students Really Make a Difference?

BROWSING & LEISURE



COMPUTER LAB



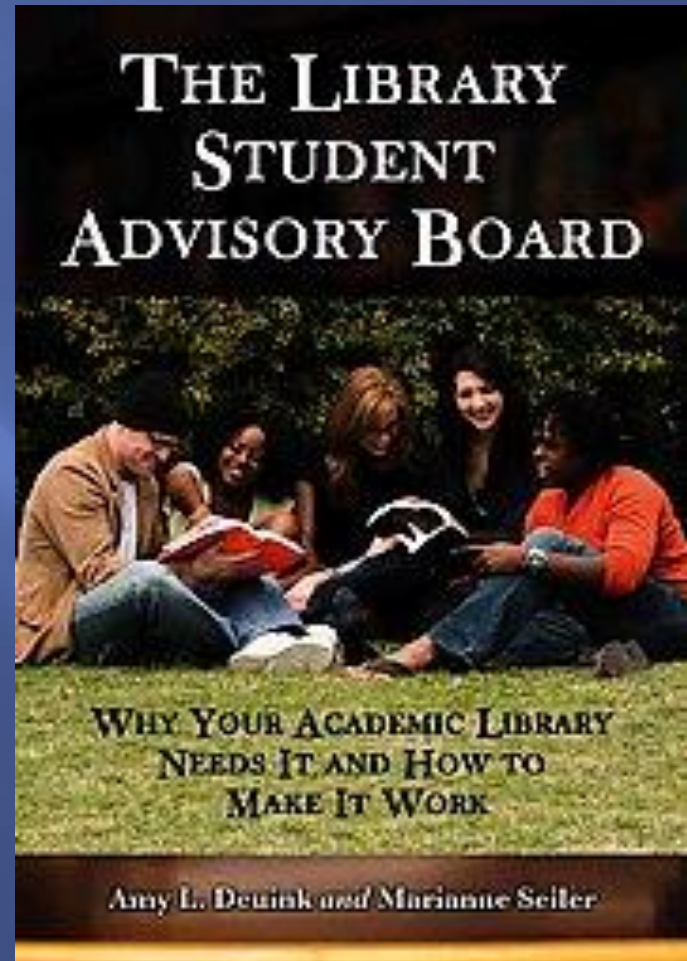
Comfortable Settings



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Thank You!