



# The Exhibit

Teaching Tools: PA German  
Education Before 1835  
Through September 15, 2007  
Local History Gallery

Utilizing various "tools" of teaching, Fraktur, Vorschriften, copy and cipher books, ABC books, primers and other artifacts- this exhibit provides insight into how our ancestors became literate and how some, even in tiny rural hamlets, received educations comparable to some of their city cousins.

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# A SYMPOSIUM

## The ABCs of German American Education in Pennsylvania

Prior to the Public School  
Movement of 1834

Saturday, June 30, 2007  
9:00am to 3:30pm

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# The ABCs of German American Education in Pennsylvania

## Prior to the Public School Movement of 1834

A symposium on education and literacy among the German speaking settlers of southeastern Pennsylvania prior to 1834. Topics include German and English in the classroom, gender issues, curriculum, and schoolmasters. This program is supported in part by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, the Federal-State partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



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**June 30, 2007 9:00am-3:30pm**



### Moderator:

**Candace K. Perry**  
Curator of Collections  
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center

### Presenters:

**Joel Alderfer**  
Curator  
Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania

**Dr. George W. Boudreau**  
Assistant Professor of History and American Studies  
Penn State Harrisburg

**Charlene Donchez Mowers**  
Executive Director  
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**Dr. Elizabeth Lewis Pardoe**  
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**Michael Showalter**  
Museum Educator  
Ephrata Cloister

**Dr. L. Allen Viehmeyer**  
Associate Director of Research  
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center

Schedule:	
8:30-9:00	Registration, coffee
9:00-9:15	Welcome and Introductions
9:15-10:15	Keynote Address "Little Books" and "The Book": Kinder lehre in 18th century Pennsylvania Dr. Elizabeth Lewis Pardoe
10:15-10:30	Morning break with refreshments
10:30-11:30	Comparison and contrast with Education in the 18th century Quaker/English community and German community Dr. George Boudreau
11:30-12:30	Lunch catered by Palm Schwenkfelder Church Ladies Aid Society
12:30-1:00	Kommt Liebe Kinder, Kommt Herbey: Education in the Mennonite Communities of Southeastern Pennsylvania to 1840 Joel Alderfer
1:00-1:30	Schwenkfelder Secular Education and Educational Tools Between 1700 and 1834 Dr. L. Allen Viehmeyer
1:30-1:45	Afternoon break with refreshments
1:45-2:15	Moravians and Education in the 18th Century Charlene Donchez Mowers
2:15-2:45	A Door Was Also Opened...To Work Upon the Young People Michael Showalter
2:45-3:30	Panel Discussion Candace K. Perry, Moderator

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