

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

October 2024

Donations

Joan Jensen donated artwork from her latest children's book, a work in progress, due to be released next year.

September 2024 PROGRAMS

Tech Support Saturdays are scheduled for October 12, 19, and 26 from 10-12.

Ruplin Gallery

September-Collages of Lisa Collado in the Gallery

The Display Case featured the work of members of The Adirondack Folk School in Lake Luzerne.

October- ***Black and White with a Splash of Color*** by the Senior Center's 2nd Floor Artists in the Ruplin Gallery and Display case

New Trustee

In order to keep Trustee terms uniform (beginning in Jan, ending in Dec), Maggie Carpenter's term approval will go before the Town Board in December and her 3-year term will begin Jan 1, 2025.

Trustee terms expiring

The following Trustees have terms expiring at the end of December 2024. Greg Gross (finishing Lynn Thomas' term) and Hali Holmes (finishing Bob Walp's term). Both are eligible for 2 more 3-year terms if desired. Confirmation of continuing for 3 more years is needed as it needs to be approved at the December Town Board meeting.

Request for change in Trustee terms

Our request for the change in Trustee terms was approved at the Sept. 10, 2024 meeting of the Board of Regents. As a result, our By-Laws should be changed to reflect this. A member of the Policy Committee should be assigned to draft this change so that it can be approved at our November meeting. Letter from the Board of Regents states that we will be receiving a copy of the amended charter. Change in Trustee terms applies to incoming Trustees and those starting a new term (Hali, Greg, Maggie). Terms of those Trustees already in place cannot be adjusted (Vanessa, Ryan, Mary, Noelle). A list of Term expiration dates is attached.

Staff Development Meeting

A Staff Development meeting took place on October 4, 2024. This was the third meeting of the year.

FOIL requests to libraries

Assignment of Policy Committee member to complete.

Senior Legacy Funds: Possible Senior Programs for 2025

Mobile Media Education Series: Sign-ups required. Limit of 30. (We can come up with a better title for the series).

Wed. April 9 2025 10am: How to use your smartphone.

Wed. May 7 2025 10am: Photography with a smartphone.

Wed. May 21 2025 10am: How to spot and avoid online Scammers

Wed. June 11 2025 10am: Cyber Security, Protecting your passwords and data.

Respectfully submitted,
Alma Alvarez, Director
Town of Chester Public Library

STATISTICS

Visits September 2023

9 to 10am	119
10 to 11am	147
11 to 12pm	129
12 to 1pm	111
1 to 2pm	64
2 to 3pm	79
3 to 4 pm	58
4 to 5pm	32
Total Visitors	739

Visits September 2024

9 -10am	86
10-11am	126
11-12pm	101
12- 1pm	63
1 to 2pm	30
2 to 3pm	47
3 to 4pm	46
4 to 5pm	45
Total Visitors	544

	Sept. 2023
Patrons in Library	739
Items checked out	891
ILL received	179
ILL sent	321
Computer users	31
Wireless	585

	Sept. 2024
Patrons in Library	544
Items checked out	825
ILL received	147
ILL sent	338
Computer use	30
Wireless	517
Technology Assistance	11