Friends News

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Town of Chester Public Library

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Fall 2026



Cottage Interior– Abraham van Strij
Between 1773 and 1826

September Wine Tasting

The Friends of the Library would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the Bond 1786, event sponsors, business donors, art contributors, generous individuals and the Library staff who helped make this year's Annual Wine Tasting, Silent Auction & Basket Raffle such a success! And to everyone who attended, bid, volunteered and cheered us on: you made this year's event one to remember. The generosity of all helped bring our community together for a wonderful afternoon–and, more importantly, helped the Friends of the Town of Chester Library continue to support programs and services that make a difference throughout our community.

Thank you for believing in the work of the Friends, supporting our Library, and investing in our community. Remember to shop local this holiday season and support our local businesses that so generously give back to our community!







Sincerely, Kathleen Rivers
Wine Tasting Committee Chair

Library Hours

M, W, Th, F
9-5
Saturday
9-1

Download Free ebooks, Audio Books, Magazines and Films:

The Library has two services available:

SALON
Southern Adirondack Library On-Demand

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Find details on our website

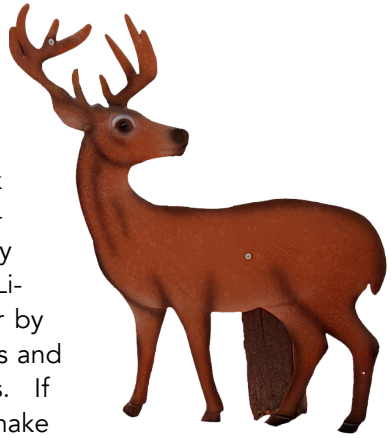
Reading online? Click the purple links throughout the newsletter to learn more!

Story Book Trail



Now in its third season the Fall and Winter book for the Friend's Story Book Trail is *Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter by Kenard Pak*. The trail can be found on Rt.8 at Dynamite Hill in Chestertown. It begins at the North Warren Chamber of Commerce log building and follows the path of the Town's nature trail, through the woods, over a rustic bridge and back to the Chamber building.

There are 20 kiosks, each one displaying a page from the current book. The Story Book Trail provides a terrific opportunity for children and adults to enjoy a reading experience together. As you walk along the trail look for animals and faces hidden in the trees!





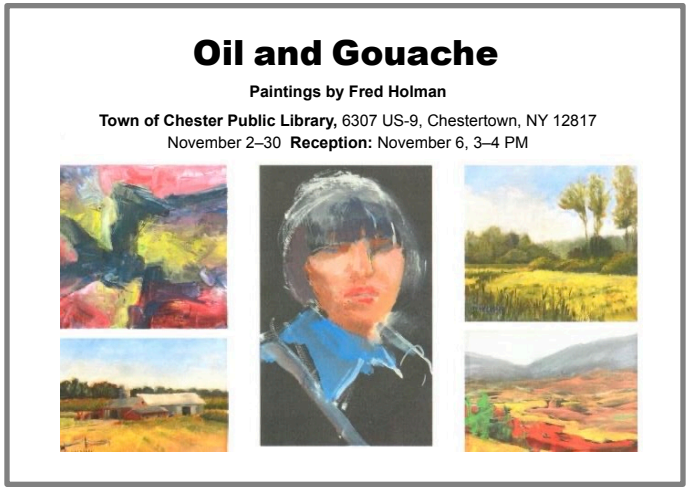
The Story Book trail is just one program sponsored by the Friends of the Library and paid for by fund raising events and membership fees. If you would like to make a donation specifically for the Story Book Trail, dedicated to or in memory of a friend or loved, one please contact Lynne at john2145@aol.com. The cost is $50.00.

Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter is dedicated in Memory of Kathy DeBartolo by Helen and Bob Foote.

What's Happening at the Library

Storytime & Sing-a-Long with Wendy
Every Friday at 11 a.m.

Exhibits and Artist Receptions at the Ruplin Art Gallery
See the schedule on our website



Museum Passes
Discounts at area museums compliments of the Friends.
Use your library card to check them out!

THE WILD CENTER

THE HYDE COLLECTION

World Awareness
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

ADIRONDACK EXPERIENCE™
The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake



Free books for preschoolers. Mailed to your home.

Register now!

Library Hours

M,W,Th, F:
9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday:
9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Closed:
Tuesdays, Sundays
& Legal Holidays
(see our website for a complete list)

Please call ahead during inclement weather

Adopt an Author

Want to make sure your Library has books by your favorite author for your reading enjoyment? You can do this by letting a librarian know you want to become a participant in our Adopt an Author program.

Simply fill out the attached form and bring it to the library or mail it to the Town of Chester Public Library, PO Box 451, Chestertown, NY 12817. When your favorite author publishes a new book you will be contacted and told the cost to purchase a copy for the library. It is usually no more than $20.

Benefits:

1.You're the first person to read the book when it comes in. No time limit so just enjoy the book.
2.A platemark with your name is displayed in the front of the book.
3. Know you have helped our Library provide new books for patrons.

Give this form to a Librarian to adopt an author!

Your Name _____

Email _____

Phone # _____

Your Author _____

Mark Your Calendar for Holiday Bargains!

The Friends of the Town of Chester Library Holiday Book Sale returns **Saturday, December 12, from 10 AM to 2 PM,** on the second floor of the Town of Chester Municipal Center. Browse a wonderful selection of gently loved books, puzzles, games, toys, DVDs, and more. With most items priced at just 50¢ or $1 it's a great opportunity to pick up affordable holiday gifts, stocking stuffers, or a little something for yourself. Every purchase supports the Town of Chester Library and the programs, materials, and services it provides to our community.

While you're there, make it a family outing! The Rotary's Santa event takes place downstairs in the Municipal Center auditorium, so you can visit Santa and do a little holiday bargain hunting in one trip. And this coming winter the Friends annual **Winter Book Sale** will be held on February 19 and 20, 2027. Save the dates, and invite a friend!

Jessica Wallace, a New Face at the Library

Jessica is the newest member of the Town of Chester Public Library team. Her love of literature began in childhood, when she eagerly immersed herself in the worlds of *Little House on the Prairie, The Chronicles of Narnia, American Girl, and The Boxcar Children.* As she grew older, her interests expanded to nonfiction, where she often lost track of time exploring topics such as the Underground Railroad, Amelia Earhart, the Titanic, and countless other subjects that fueled her curiosity and passion for learning.



Jessica spent many years working with children and families in a private school setting. Her experience as a Lead Teacher provided her with the skills to foster welcoming, supportive, and successful learning environments. She firmly believes that early exposure to literacy lays the foundation for children's social, emotional, and developmental growth. Building on her background in Early Childhood Education, Jessica developed a deep appreciation for history, lifelong learning, and geographic exploration.

Her connection to the Adirondacks was immediate. In 2015, Jessica relocated to the peaceful community of Chestertown, New York, from New Hampshire where she resides with her husband, daughter, son, and dogs. Together, Jessica and her son, Hudson, enjoy exploring the Adirondacks through the ADK 108 Club challenge. Along their travels, they delight in discovering distant libraries, enjoying the wonder of books, and appreciating the unique architecture, history, and scenic beauty of the region.

Jessica quickly developed a deep appreciation for the vital role libraries play in strengthening communities. She is proud to be part of the Town of Chester Public Library team, whose mission is to support the passions and interests of community members through engaging programs, resources, and personalized services. Jessica looks forward to building meaningful connections with patrons, volunteers, and families, helping ensure that every visit to the library is welcoming, enriching, and rewarding.

What We Do. . .

The Friends of the Town of Chester Public Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds to supplement the budget of the Town of Chester Public Library.

We Purchase

- $4,000–$5,000 New books annually
- $1,000 DVDs annually
- $500 Audiobooks
- Computers and updated software as needed
- Maintain a unique book arts collection (rare, handmade, singular artistic value)
- Shelving, furniture and equipment as needed

We Provide

- A new book to each child attending Rotary Holiday Party
- Books to support kindergarten roundup, Born to Read +1000 books before kindergarten
- Volunteers to assist library staff

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Town of Chester

We Pay For

- Annual subscriptions to magazines & newspapers
- Management of library website
- Summer children's reading program & prizes
- The Dolly Parton Imagination Library- free books for pre school children

Visit the library website at *www.chesterlibrary.org* for upcomung programs and events!

How We Do It

- Wine Tasting & Silent Auction fundraiser
- Farmers Market and Biannual book sales
- Lots of volunteers and community support

Or visit www.facebook.com/adkchesterlibary/ for upcomung programs and events!

Contact the Friends: fol@chesterlibrary.org

Join the Friends of the Library
Annual Membership–July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

We are grateful to all of our friends who have supported the Friends and the Town of Chester Library over the years and made it the special place it has become. If you have not already done so, please be sure to renew your membership. If you are interested in becoming more active, such as working in the book room, at our book sales or at the Farmers Market, please indicate that on your form. You can mail in the attached form with your check or renew on line using our secure website. Remember, the Friends of the Library is a 503(c)3 organization so all donations are considered tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Thank You!

Submit your membership online at https://www.chesterlibrary.org/online-membership.html

Or print this membership form and mail it with your check payable to:

Friends of the TOC Library, PO Box 451, Chestertown, NY 12817



Annual Membership Form –July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Name(s) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Local Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Individual $10 _____ Household $15 _____ Special Friend $25 _____ Other Donation $ _____

Your privacy is important to us. We will never share your information with any other organization.
Members are automatically added to the Friends of the Library mailing list.

Interested in volunteering? Please indicate how you might be willing to help:

Book Sales _____ Programs _____ Fund Raising _____