

Library News



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

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Winter 2026

Library



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Rotary Club Christmas

In the tradition of giving to younger members of the community, the Friends of the Library donated \$1200 in holiday books to the [Chestertown Rotary Club's](#) annual *Christmas with Santa* celebration held on December 13, 2025, in the Town of Chester Municipal Center. As families concluded their visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, they came upon the Friend's table covered with a variety of holiday and seasonal books appealing to preschool children along with chapter books for older readers. Included in the wide selection of titles were picture books of familiar holiday favorites, such as *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and recently released "Yeti" Christmas books. By the end of the three-hour event, approximately 135 books had been selected



by children and their families.

In addition to the Friends who volunteered at the book table, more Friends were busy on the second floor of the [Town of Chester Municipal Center](#) supporting the very successful Friends of the Town of Chester Library Holiday Book Sale.

Between books given away at the *Christmas with Santa* celebration and the book sale, it's safe to say the Friends contributed to the holidays with reading material to last the season!

Library Hours

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



Reading online? [Click the purple links throughout the newsletter to learn more!](#)



Chestertown, this is what community looks like.

The Friends of the Chester Library quietly funded programs that:

- Put books in children’s hands
- Expanded digital access for residents
- Supported local graduates
- Strengthened our Library’s budget

Nearly \$10,000 invested right here in our town in 2025.

If you’ve ever borrowed a book, attended a program, used Hoopla, or walked the Story Book Trail — you’ve benefited from this work.

Please share this post so more neighbors and seasonal residents understand what the Friends make possible.

And if you’d like to help us do even more in 2026, we’d love to welcome you.

What’s Happening at the Library

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

Coming March 12 at 6 p.m.

Exhibits and Artist Receptions at the Ruplin Art Gallery
[See a schedule on our website](#)

Museum Passes

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

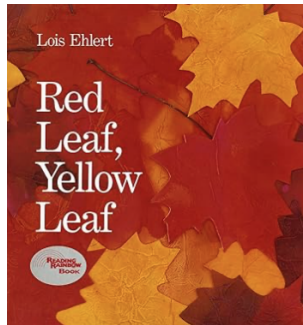


World Awareness
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



Story Book Trail

Many people visited the storybook trail at **Dynamite Hill** this Fall and Winter. The current book on exhibit is *Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf*, by Lois Ehlert, sponsored by a donation from John and Lynne Hagmann in memory of Mary Jane Dower.



Besides enjoying a nature walk through the forest and reading this seasons book see you can find some animal silhouettes like raccoons, birds, rabbits etc. hiding on the trail!

You can also select a book or leave a book at the *Little Free Library* maintained by the Friends at the end of the trail.

If you would like to sponsor a book in honor or memory of a special person, contact Lynne at John2145@aol.com or leave your contact info at the Library. The cost is \$50.



Adopt an Author

Want to make sure our 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 placemark 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 _____

Winter Book Sale



The Friends Winter Book Sale was held on the weekend of February 20th this year. Despite a snowstorm on the first day of the sale, the Friends raised over \$750 for the Library. The two annual book sales are major fundraisers featuring gently read books of all types along with puzzles and dvds at below bargain prices. The book sales are held on the second floor of the **Town of Chester Municipal Center**.

Download Free ebooks, Audio Books, Magazines and Films:

The Library has two services available:

SALON
Southern Adirondack
Library On-Demand

&

hoopla

Find details on our website

Join the Friends of the Library

Annual Membership—July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

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, 2025 to June 30, 2026

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 _____ Farmers Market _____ Programs _____ Fund Raising _____