

Library News



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

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Fall 2024



Girl Reading –James Charles–1878

September Wine Tasting

The Friends of the Town of Chester Library's Wine Tasting and Silent Auction at the [Friends Lake Inn](#) was a raving success! Thank you to the 100 community members who joined us at the gathering for a wonderful afternoon.



This annual event, along with our two Book Sales are the Friends of the Library's major fundraisers. The money raised provides support for programs and equipment for the Library, supplementing its regular budget.

We would also like to thank the local businesses and individuals who donated items for the basket raffle and silent auction.

Please plan to join us for our next wine tasting next Fall in 2025.

Raffle Winners

Adventure Basket: Rosemary DeBartolo

Carved Bear: John Blom

Ice Cream Basket: Anna Febbo

Cordial Basket: Kate Spencer

Oscars Basket: Lora Wesner

Carr Wine Basket: Martha Monahan

Lucky Money Tree: Lynne Hagmann

Library Hours

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



Dolly Parton Imagination Library

This free program is available to preschoolers in the Towns of Chester and Horicon. Now in its third year we currently have forty-six preschoolers enrolled in the program. Each child receives a new picture book every month.

More information and an application to participate are on the Library website.

December Mini Book Sale

The Friends will hold a "mini book sale" in the book sale room on the second floor of the Town of Chester Municipal Center on December 7, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We have a huge selection of gently used books for children and adults plus puzzles and Cds, all at bargain prices.



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

Here's What's Happening at the Library

Storytime & Sing-a-Long with Wendy

Every Friday at 11 a.m.

The Ruplin Art Gallery

New [exhibitions](#) every month in the Library.

Chess Club

Saturdays in the Library.
10:00 a.m. until noon. All levels are welcome!

Save the Date

The next Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held February 21 from 9 to 3, and February 22 from 9-2.

The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimers

Thursday, November from 7 a.m. -1 p.m.
Lindsay Stanislawsky, NE Alzheimers Association.
Held in the Town of Chester Senior Center on the second floor of the Municipal Center. Sponsored in conjunction with the Library.

Mini Book Sale

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Download ebooks, audio books, magazines and films:

The Library has two services available:



[See details on our website](#)

Check the Library website for more events as they are scheduled.

ADOPT AN AUTHOR

Consider adopting your favorite author if you want to support the library AND be the first to read their new books.

This is how it works: You pay the library's discounted price for the latest book, generally around 40% of the list price. A book plate acknowledging your donation will be placed inside the book and you get to be the first to read it!

For a list of available authors and to sign up,

CALL THE LIBRARY AT 518/494-5384.

COMING THIS SPRING!

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND THE SENIOR CENTER. WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE ESTATE OF THERESA MAHONEY, AND EARMARKED FOR SENIOR SERVICES, WE WILL PRESENT A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO HELP SENIORS NAVIGATE THE DIGITAL HIGHWAY.

PROGRAMS WILL INCLUDE:

HOW TO USE YOUR SMARTPHONE,

PHOTOGRAPHY WITH A SMARTPHONE,

HOW TO SPOT AND AVOID ONLINE SCAMMERS,

AND CYBER SECURITY: PROTECTING YOUR PASSWORDS AND DATA.

THESE FREE PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED FOR SENIORS,

BUT CAN ACCOMMODATE ADULTS OF ANY AGE, IF SPACE PERMITS.

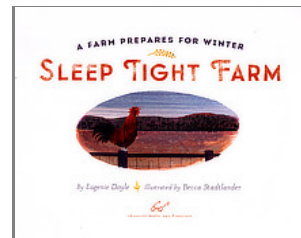
SPRING SIGN-UPS TO BE ANNOUNCED.

ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD IN THE SENIOR CENTER.

Story Book Trail



The Friends' Story Book Trail saw nearly 100 visitors over the summer, with many repeat readers. The Trail follows a nature path over a rustic bridge and through the woods beginning near the Chamber of Commerce building at **Dynamite Hill**. The new children's book for Fall is **Sleep Tight Farm** by Vermont children's author Eugenie Doyle. A new book is displayed in Spring, Summer and Fall.



Want to honor a friend or loved-one? A \$50 donation will help cover the cost of a book and lamination. The dedication in memory or in honor of someone will be posted at the initial sign-in kiosk. *Sleep Tight Farm* is dedicated in memory of Erin Foley by Paul Foley and Mary Stein.

Contact Lynne Hagmann at John2145@aol.com.



Museum Passes

Discounts at area museums. Use your library card to check them out!



Coming in Mid-November

A new exhibit in the Library showcasing several of the varied styles of hand bookbindings from the **Book Arts Collection**.



Friends Board of Directors

- Linda Taverni – President
- Bob Walp – Vice President
- Lynne Hagmann – Corresponding Secretary
- Liz McNamara – Recording Secretary
- Rich McCrum – Treasurer
- Directors:
- Kathleen Rivers
- Linda Thorsen

Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of each month from September to June, at 10am in the Library. All are welcome!

About Type: Serif and Sans Serif

You may have come across the terms “serif” and “sans-serif” as applied to the fonts on your computer. Here’s a little background information for the curious.

Type, or font, designs might be sorted into three major groups: *serif*, *sans-serif*, and *blackletter*. Serifed typefaces have horizontal lines at the top and bottom of the vertical strokes in each letter. Sans-serif (without serifs) have none.

Perpetua, used in the first-page header of this newsletter, is an example of a serifed typeface:

Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Hh, Ii, Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn, Oo,
Pp, Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt, Uu, Vv, Ww, Xx, Yy, Zz

Avenir is an example of a sans-serif typeface. It is used for the body type of the newsletter:

Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Hh, Ii, Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn, Oo,
Pp, Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt, Uu, Vv, Ww, Xx, Yy, Zz

The use of serifs is thought to derive from Roman inscriptions found on stone monuments where the stone-cutters finished the vertical strokes of their letters with a horizontal chisel stroke, as in the example from [Trajan’s Column](#) in Rome to the right. Serifed faces make up most of the earliest European type designs, the exception being *Blackletter*.

Not to confuse things, but some type is not clearly one or another, such as *Optima*:

Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Hh, Ii, Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn, Oo,
Pp, Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt, Uu, Vv, Ww, Xx, Yy, Zz

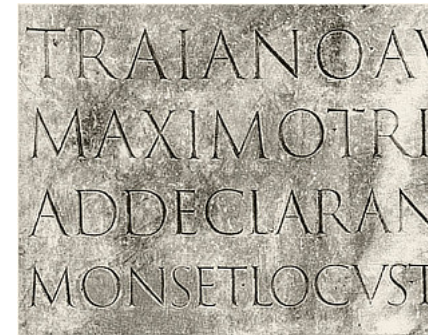
Notice how the vertical strokes of *Optima* swell at the top and bottom as if wanting to grow into serifs. The example to the right of an early twentieth century advertisement, by the graphic designers Guido and Lawrence Rosa, shows this more clearly.

Sans-serif typefaces are a more recent typographical development. According to the [Typotheque](#) website, the first sans-serif type probably appeared when the British type designer William Caslon designed a typeface

called *Two Lines English Egyptian* in 1816. By the twentieth century sans-serif type came into general use.

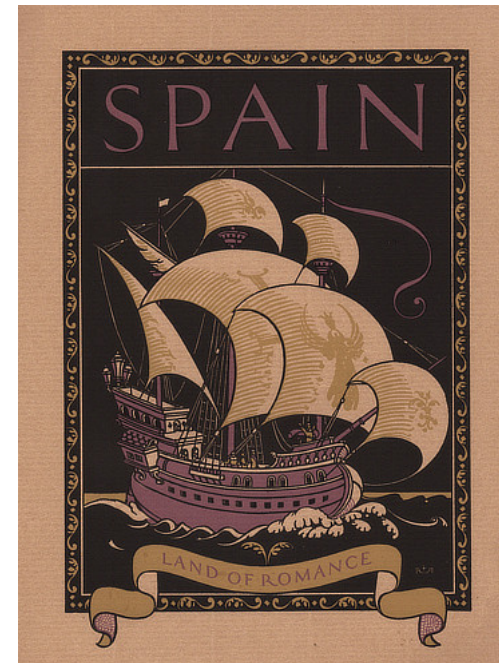
Finally, here’s an example of *blackletter* type, such as that once used in the Germanic and Nordic countries. This example, *Gutenberg Textura*, is based on the type used by [Gutenberg](#) to print his famous bible:

*Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg, Hh, Ii, Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn, Oo, Pp,
Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt, Uu, Vv, Ww, Xx, Yy, Zz*



A portion of Trajan’s Column

The books in the Library’s Book Arts Collection contain many examples of both serif and sans-serif type.



TWO ORGANIZATIONS—ONE LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Library Board of Trustees is the state mandated governing body of the Library

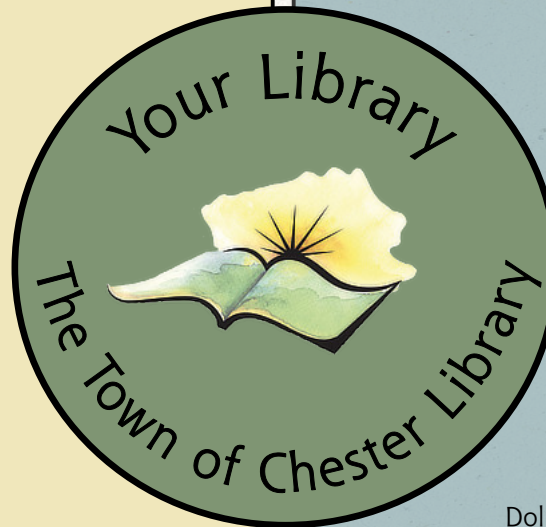
Creates & oversees the Library budget in cooperation with the Town of Chester which provides the major source of funding for the Library

Creates & implements strategic plan for the Library

Creates Library policies
Updates policies to maintain the Library's relevance to the community

Hires & appraises performance of the Library Director

Manages the Library's endowment fund to ensure its future viability



The Friends of the Library is a non-profit volunteer organization separate from the Trustees

Conducts fundraising to further the mission of the Library & supplement its budget:

- Annual wine tasting
- Biannual book sales
- Basket & quilt raffles
- Farmers Market book booth

Provides extra funding for books, computers, equipment and more

Offers Programs for the public:

- Lecture series
- Story Book Trail
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- Handmade Book Arts Collection

Funds & maintains the Library website & newsletter

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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Join the Friends of the Library

Annual Membership–July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

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, 2024 to June 30, 2025

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 _____