

# Library News



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

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Winter 2025

## What's Happening at the Library



The Poor Poet—Carl Spitzweg—1839

### Library Hours

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



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Scholarship

The proceeds from the raffle of this beautiful quilt, titled *Delectable Mountains*, will help fund a \$500.00 scholarship for a North Warren graduate interested in pursuing a Library Science, Literature, Information & Technology, or a related college major.

The 42 inch, machine pieced table runner by Library friend Karen Pellettier is on display in the Library. Raffle tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00 and can be purchased at the Library. The drawing will be held in June, 2025.

### Storytime & Sing-a-Long with Wendy

Every Friday at 11 a.m.

### Technology Training For Adults - 10a.m. Limited space—sign up required at the Library

Wed. April 9, 2025: *How to use your smartphone.*

Wed. May 7, 2025: *Photography with a smartphone.*

Wed. May 21, 2025: *How to spot and avoid online Scammers*

Wed. June 11, 2025: *Cyber Security, Protecting your pass words and data.*



### Museum Passes

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



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



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



## Imagination Library Anniversary

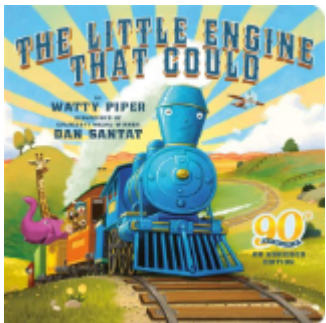
This April marks the four-year anniversary of the Friends of the Town of Chester Public Library's recognition as an official affiliate of the [Dolly Parton Imagination Library](#). To date, exactly 90 local preschool children and their families have registered to participate in the Imagination Library program! But the excitement about this

anniversary doesn't stop there...as of our March, 2025 book order, **1,936** children's picture books have been mailed to area preschoolers through the Imagination Library program!

Participating children from birth through age 5 receive a free picture book each month mailed directly to them. The books are theirs to keep, available for reading, rereading, and enjoying. *The Little Engine That Could*, is the first book sent to new registrants as this is Dolly Parton's favorite book. After that, the monthly book is selected based on the child's age until he/she turns 5 years old and "graduates" from the Imagination Library.

*"My daughter received her first book this month. You would have thought it was Christmas! We've already read it once and she can't wait for her book next month! Thank you Friends, for making this possible!!"*

When first established in April 2021, the Friends of the Town of Chester affiliate was underwritten by the *Glen and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation*. Across the years anonymous donors and the Friends of the Library have provided ongoing support for our local Imagination Library program. For further information about the program, how to register, and important contact information please [visit the Library website](#).



## What the Friends Did in 2024

- Managed and funded the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.
- Purchased and distributed free books to youngsters at the annual Rotary Christmas Party.
- Raised money for the Library through memberships, our Annual Wine Tasting, twice annual book sales, and book sales at the Chestertown Farmers Market.
- Provided over \$10,000 to supplement the Library's budget for books, dvds, equipment and programs.
- Sponsored a \$500 scholarship for a North Warren graduate interested in pursuing a Library Science, Literature, Information & Technology, or related college major.
- Installed a [Little Free Library](#) and picnic table at the Dynamite Hill Recreation area.
- Funded and maintained the Story Book Trail at [Dynamite Hill](#).
- Funded [Hoopla!](#) for Library patrons.
- Funded the Library website.

- Curated our collection of over 70 handmade books in the Book Arts Collection.
- Provided books for the North Warren Central School Kindergarten Roundup.



[Visit the Ruplin Art Gallery in the Library](#)

## Story Book Trail

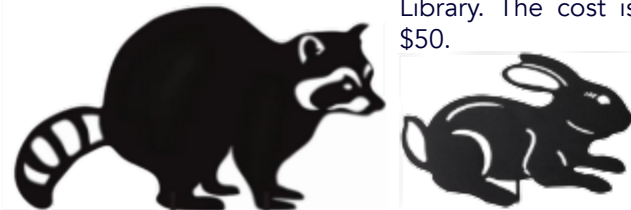
Forty six people visited our storybook trail at **Dynamite Hill** this winter. Spring is here and we will be installing a new book, *When Spring Comes*, by Kevin Henkes, in April. This book is sponsored by Kathy Belanger in memory of her dear friend Mary Smith.

When you visit our trail this Spring you will see some new features. A Little Free Library and a picnic table made possible from a grant from the Community Fund for the Gore Mt. Region are there for your use.



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

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



## Save the Date!

The Friends next Annual Fall Wine Tasting is planned for Sunday September 21, 2025 at the **Friends Lake Inn** in Chestertown. Details will be coming later this summer.



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Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of each month from September to June, at 10 a.m. in the Library.

All are welcome!

## Summer Book Sale



The Friends Summer Book Sale will be held on Friday July 11th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday July 12th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This major fundraiser for the Library features gently read books of all types along with puzzles and dvds—all at below bargain prices.

Find us on the second floor of the **Town of Chester Municipal Center**.

## Adopt an Author

Thanks to all who participated in our 2024 *Adopt an Author* fundraiser with special thanks to Sue and Tom Sliva of Chestertown who adopted 6 books during the year.

Give a Library staff member your favorite author(s) names and when a new book is published by your author you will be contacted by the Library. You can buy the book at the Library's discounted cost and you will be the first to read the book! A bookplate with your name will be placed in the front of the book before it's added to the Library's collection..

# 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 Librarv. PO Box 451, Chestertown, NY 12817



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### 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 \_\_\_\_\_