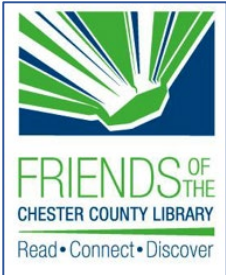


FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

Improving the lives of library users through advocacy, service, and funding

Fall 2023



IT'S FALL, Y'ALL

As we close the book on summer, it's time to get ready for a fun and festive fall at the Chester County Library! In this issue, we share details about the **Friends Fall Book Sale**, recap the success of the Maker-In-Residence and Teen-Artist-In-Residence programs, and give you the scoop on events, equipment, and more we've helped bring to life at the library. Let's dig in!

A SUMMER OF CREATIVITY AT THE LIBRARY

We know summer is filled with reading in the sun and traveling to the shore, but we hope you were able to stop by the library for a bit to see our inaugural Maker-in-Residence, Megan Raab-Greenholt, and Teen-Artist-In-Residence, Alayna Rodner (right) in action. Both residencies were sponsored by the Friends.

Alayna Rodner just completed her residency with the library as our first Teen-Artist-In-Residence. During her residency, Alayna set up a mini studio at the library and led a figure drawing workshop for teens. She also worked on pieces for the portfolio she plans to use to start applying to art schools after she's finished her current senior year of high school.

Alayna typically works in oil and watercolor paints, and charcoal. If you'd like to see some of her work out in the community, you can view it at Ludwig's Corner Hardware Store in Chester Springs.



SAVE THE DATE!



See the stunning work created by both Alayna and Megan Raab-Greenholt at an **Art Show and Reception** being held at the library on **Thursday, Sept. 21, from 6 to 7:30p.m.** You can meet the artists, enjoy light refreshments, and learn about their work and residency programs.

WHAT ARE THE FRIENDS FOR?

When you purchase books at our spring and fall book sales—it's a win-win! You get a bunch of great books (we know you can't leave with just one) and we raise money to help support a host of library events, programs, equipment, and more. What have you helped us recently bring to life at the library? Let us tell you...



CD SHELVING IN THE MULTIMEDIA AREA

The multimedia area of the library is home to a large collection of CDs available for borrowing. In the past, it was difficult to browse these titles due to bulky shelves. Say "Hello!" to these beauties! Thanks to Friends funding and a savvy vendor, the new, easily browsable shelves are in—and they're amazing.



A PLETHORA OF PROGRAMS

The library serves an expansive community of readers and residents. Throughout this year, they've hosted a variety of programs that celebrate different cultures, inspire creativity, educate and inform, and entertain kids, teens, and adults alike. Did you attend any? See what you may have missed (and keep an eye on the events calendar for ones to come!).

LUNAR NEW YEAR



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TEEN TINY ART SHOW



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CONFERENCE FUNDING

Recent conferences for library staff included LibLearnX in New Orleans · Lead the Way Community Engagement · Technical Services EDI Cataloging · & More!

FRIENDS FALL BOOK SALE

OCTOBER 6, 7 & 8

Our next Book Sale is scheduled for **October 6 - 8**. Recent bestsellers and books in a variety of subjects including history, music, art, religion, romance, science, humor, sports, gardening, and crafts will be available for purchase at bargain prices. Music and movie CDs and DVDs are priced at \$0.50 each. Check out our **Specials Room** for a huge selection of children's books (great holiday gift idea!). (**Please note:** we accept cash, checks or PayPal, but not credit cards.)

The sale starts on **Friday, Oct. 6 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. for members of the Friends of the Chester County Library**. All Friday night attendees must have a current membership before they get into line outside the Struble Room. Place-saving using boxes, crates, etc. is not allowed.

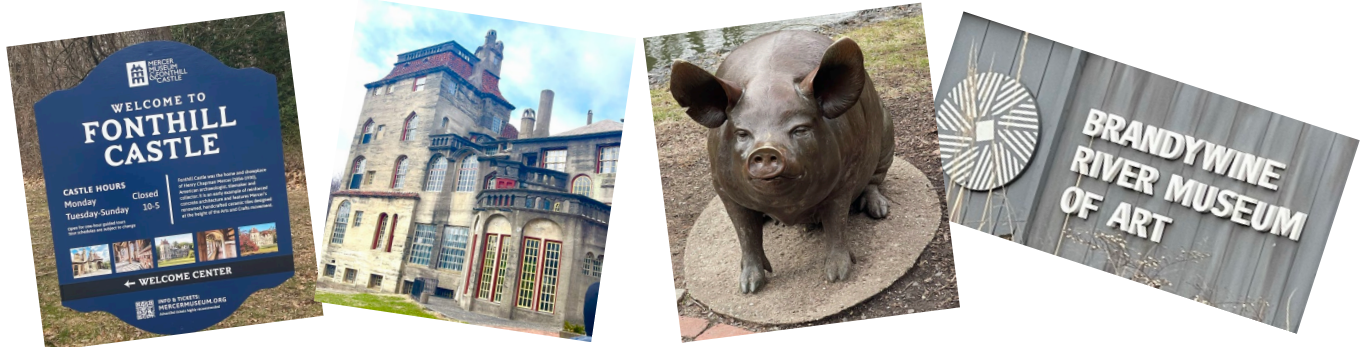
Memberships start at \$15 for an individual and \$20 per household and can be purchased in advance by mailing in the membership form (available at the Library or on The Friends website) or by purchasing a membership at the Library's Main Checkout Desk prior to 4:30 p.m. on Friday night. There will also be a membership sign-up table beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday night. **Memberships can also be obtained online with a PayPal account. (Must be done prior to Oct. 4 to attend the Friday night sale.)**

The sale is open to the public starting on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8 is Bag Sale Day, which takes place from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We supply the bag; you fill it and pay \$10. Show your current Friends membership card and pay only \$7 per bag. For less than a whole bag, the books will be sold at half-price. All proceeds from the Book Sale benefit the Chester County Library.

"The Friends would like to thank the many volunteers who work to make our Book Sales a success. We could not do it without you."

VISIT, LEARN & ENJOY—FOR FREE!

Did you know the library offers free passes to many museums and cultural attractions in PA, DE, and NJ—and all you need to reserve them is your library card? The Friends is one of the sponsors for the **Museum Pass Program**. Fall is the perfect time to visit a museum, train, ship, zoo, or even a castle! **Go to chescolibraries.org > Using the Library > Museum Pass Program** for more info.



Friends Meetings: The Board meets at the library on the *first Tuesday of each month* with the exception of July. The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Chester County Library is held the *first Tuesday in December*.

Contact us at cclfriends@ccls.org for more information.

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IT'S YOUR TURN TO CREATE

Have you been bitten by the creative bug? Have our maker-and-teen-artists-in-residence sparked your creativity? Do you love to give homemade gifts for the holidays? If you answered yes to one or all of these, you *need* to check out the library's makerspace next to the Jacobs Technology Center.

Throughout the years, the Friends have supported the purchase of various machines and tools for this space. From 3D printers, to engraving machines, to CNC mills, to a Cricut device, to laminating and button-making items, and more, there is so much here to help boost your creativity—and confidence. Check out some of our patron's latest creations!



BOOK ENDS

Cozy season calls for a cup of tea, a soft blanket, and, of course, a good book! Below we share fiction and nonfiction titles to look forward to this fall—and some thrillers perfect for spooky season. Log in to your library account and place your holds today!

FICTION

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store
by James McBride
The Fraud by Zadie Smith
Let Us Descend by Jesmyn Ward
The Vaster Wilds by Lauren Groff
The Little Liar by Mitch Albom
The Exchange: After the Firm
by John Grisham
Things We Left Behind by Lucy Score
The Burnout by Sophie Kinsella

NONFICTION

My Name is Barbra by Barbra Streisand
Thicker Than Water by Kerry Washington
A Man of Two Faces by Viet Thanh Nguyen
Going Infinite by Michael Lewis
The Woman In Me by Britney Spears
Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant by Curtis Chin
Worthy by Jada Pinkett Smith

THRILLS & CHILLS

Holly by Stephen King
Vampires of El Norte by Isabel Cañas
Black Sheep by Rachel Harrison
People to Follow by Olivia Worley
Black River Orchard by Chuck Wendig
The Scandalous Confessions of Lydia Bennet, Witch by Melinda Taub

