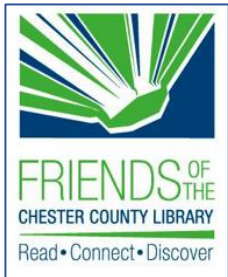


FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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

Fall 2024



AUTUMN ARRIVES!



It's time to turn the page on summer and get ready for the joys of fall, including the **Friends Fall Book Sale!** In this issue, we introduce you to our new library director, share details about the sale, spotlight a fresh crop of Friends-sponsored library items, and more. Read on!

GET TO KNOW JENNA PERSICK, NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

In early April, **Jenna Persick** was promoted to Library Director of Chester County Library and its Henrietta Hankin Branch. Although you may not think you know Jenna, you've most likely interacted with her, as she's been working as the CCL Business Services Librarian and in other roles since 2001!

We reached out to Jenna to learn about her 23-year tenure at CCL and what her plans are for its future. We also wanted to know what inspired her to become a librarian. And, of course, we had to know: What is her favorite book of all time? (Keep reading to find out!)

As a child, it didn't take Jenna long to become hooked on reading. When she was little, her hometown didn't have a library, so she checked out books at the bookmobile in the Kmart parking lot.

Her love of literature inspired her to pursue library sciences as a career. While in high school, she worked as library page and in college she also worked at the library. She says, "It made total sense to make libraries my career. I was happy to have an opportunity to give back to an institution that had meant so much to me growing up."

One of the biggest projects Jenna's worked on while at CCL was the creation of two separate websites for CCL and HHB. She also helped with the major redesign of chescolibraries.org that was completed last year.



As for CCL's future, Jenna wants to continue to build it up as a robust information and recreation hub for the growing Chester County community. Her dream program? Hosting regular, in-person author series at both CCL and HHB.

When asked what she loves most about her job, Jenna says, "I love our staff. We have a great group of people who are committed to providing quality service to our community." We're sure that with an amazing staff and Jenna at the helm, CCL and HHB will thrive for years to come!

Q: What's Jenna's favorite book?
A: *Persuasion* by Jane Austen!

FROM THE FRIENDS TO YOU!

Sharing the joy of reading with biannual book sales is just the start of our fun. We use the profits to support the library and its staff—and, in turn, you! From tech to multimedia to conferences and beyond, it’s a true delight to take your love of books full circle. Here are some library requests we’ve sponsored this year...

OH, THE PLACES STORIES WILL GO!

Going to the library for story time is a rite of passage for many kids (and parents!). CCL decided to take story time on the road around Chester County. Our Community Engagement team recently debuted a **Pop-Up Story Walk** at the Eagleview Farmers Market! The story *How a Seed Grows* by Helene Jordan was shared using reusable, laminated “pages.” While strolling in the shade, kids learned about the process of planting and growing their own vegetables.



Save the date!

On September 28, *Fletcher and the Falling Leaves* by Julia Rawlinson will “pop up” at the Warwick Fall Fest!

GET YOUR GAME(S) ON!



With *The Friends* help, CCL’s Multimedia Department recently purchased an impressive collection of board games and outdoor games! Located along the stone wall next to the video games, these games can be borrowed for one week at a time. They can’t be put on hold and must be picked up and returned inside the library.

The BOARD GAME collection features:

- Family favorites – Clue & Scrabble
- Cooperative games – Hanabi & Pandemic
- Educational games – Trekking Through History & Robot Turtles
- Party games – Exploding Kittens & Sushi Go Party

The OUTDOOR collection includes:

Pickleball, Badminton, Lawn Darts, and more!

FRIENDS FALL BOOK SALE

OCTOBER 4, 5 & 6

Our next Book Sale is scheduled for **October 4 - 6**. 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 100 graphic novels from DC Comics and Marvel, recently published novels, comic books, beautiful book collections, autographed books, and many first editions and rare books—perfect for holiday gifting! (**Please note:** We accept cash, checks, PayPal, or (*new!*) Venmo. We don't accept credit cards.)

The sale starts on **Friday, Oct. 4 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. 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 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.”

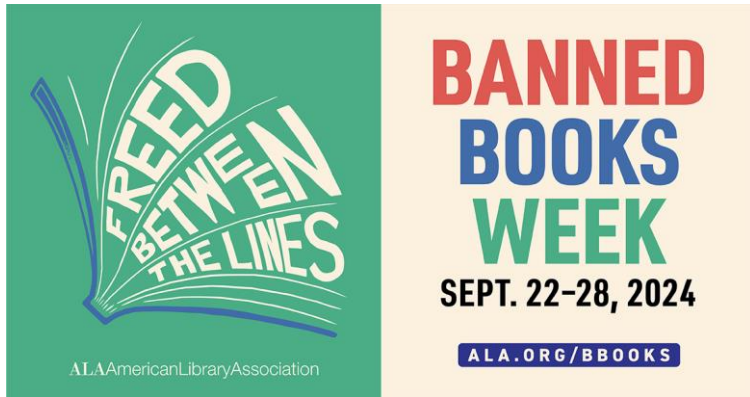


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Comics for sale in the
Specials Room!

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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The ALA recently released 2023 book banning statistics, and they're especially eye-opening. Since 2022, there has been a 65% increase in unique titles challenged. And 54% of the challenges are directed at the collections in public libraries. Filmmaker Anna Duvernay is this year's honorary chair, and Saturday, September 28 is Let Freedom Read Day.



Launched in 1982 by the American Library Association, **Banned Books Week** spotlights intellectual freedom and the right to read. During this week, the book community celebrates this right, while also raising awareness and working to defend books from censorship in their communities. This year's theme is **Freed Between the Lines**.

Want to get involved? Go to bannedbooksweek.org to learn how you can participate!

🎃 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

- Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout
- Intermezzo* by Sally Rooney
- Playground* by Richard Powers
- The Grey Wolf* by Louise Penny
- The Waiting* by Michael Connelly
- The Life Impossible* by Matt Haig
- The Mighty Red* by Louise Erdrich
- The Wedding Witch* by Erin Sterling
- Reel* by Kennedy Ryan

NONFICTION

- Lovely One* by Ketanji Brown Jackson
- Reagan* by Max Boot
- Connie* by Connie Chung
- The Message* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- Be Ready When Luck Happens* by Ina Garten
- John Lewis* by David Greenberg
- Patriot* by Alex Navalny
- Cher: The Memoir* by Cher
- Carson the Magnificent* by Bill Zehme with Mike Thomas

THRILLS & CHILLS



- So Thirsty* by Rachel Harrison
- Model Home* by Rivers Solomon
- Private Rites* by Julia Armfield
- The Bog Wife* by Kay Chronister
- We Used to Live Here* by Marcus Kliewer

