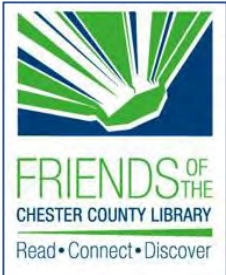


FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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

Spring 2025



WE ♥ OUR LIBRARY!

The Chester County Library is a treasure trove of library joy! In addition to the **Friends Spring Book Sale** (Apr. 11-13!), the library offers events and program for all, including exciting workshops, book discussions, kids' story times, author talks, cultural events—and SO MUCH more! The Friends are incredibly proud to help make it happen. Read on to learn more!

LEARN, PLAY, CREATE: FUN FOR ALL AT THE LIBRARY

As the heartbeat of our community, the Chester County Library is always buzzing with exciting programs. And the best part? They're almost always *free*!

In 2024, The Friends made some magical moments happen by funding fan-favorite events, including the Tiny Art Show, a highlight of our Summer Reading Program. But what's a masterpiece without the right tools? Thanks to our support, the library stocked up on paints, brushes, and, of course, tiny 4x4 canvases!

Artists unleashed their creativity, crafting mini masterpieces that turned a library wall into a tiny-but-mighty art gallery. And word on the street is this beloved event just might be making a comeback this year!



The “art” of gardening is also sprouting up at the library. Last year, green-thumb-minded patrons gathered to create a “cottage garden” display. See two lovely examples above!

Don't miss out on all the fun we have planned for 2025! Check out some of the exciting programs coming up below, and for more, head over to ccls.org and click on “**Events Calendar**.” We can't wait to see you at the library!



**Teddy Bear Clinic • Child & Adult Yoga
Acoustic Jam • Yin Yoga • Chess Club
Puzzle Swap • PA Wildlife Showcase
STEAM Activities • Read Local Author
Showcase • Story Times**

WE ❤️ OUR PATRONS & STAFF!

Spreading the love of reading with our biannual book sales is just the beginning! The money we raise goes right back into the library—supporting staff, upgrading tech, adding furniture, and even helping with conferences. That means every book you buy helps make the library even better for **you**!



Thanks to our sponsorship, one of the conference rooms and the circulation office now have functional and stylish new furniture. It might not steal the spotlight, but these upgrades make a huge difference—creating welcoming spaces where patrons can gather, learn, and connect, and where staff can keep things running smoothly. We love being part of the magic that makes the library feel like home!



WE ❤️ OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The library is always buzzing with activity—patrons browsing, librarians helping, and staff keeping things running smoothly. But let's not forget the behind-the-scenes heroes—our amazing volunteers! They give their time and energy to help the library thrive, and we think that's worth celebrating.



That's why every year, the library hosts and we support a special appreciation luncheon to thank volunteers for their dedication. Because without them, the library just wouldn't be the same!

Thanks to our volunteers for their hard work!

WE OUR BOOK SALE CUSTOMERS!

FRIENDS SPRING BOOK SALE APRIL 11, 12 & 13

Our next Book Sale is scheduled for **April 11 - 13**. 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 (lots of The Great Courses!). Check out our **Specials Room** for beautiful book sets for all ages, including Alexander McCall Smith, *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*, and *Anne of Green Gables*, plus illustrated volumes of Harry Potter. **(Please note:** We accept cash, checks, PayPal, or Venmo. We don't accept credit cards.)

The sale starts on **Friday, Apr. 11 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 Apr. 9 to attend the Friday night sale.)***

The sale is open to the public starting on Saturday, Apr. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Apr. 13 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."***

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*.

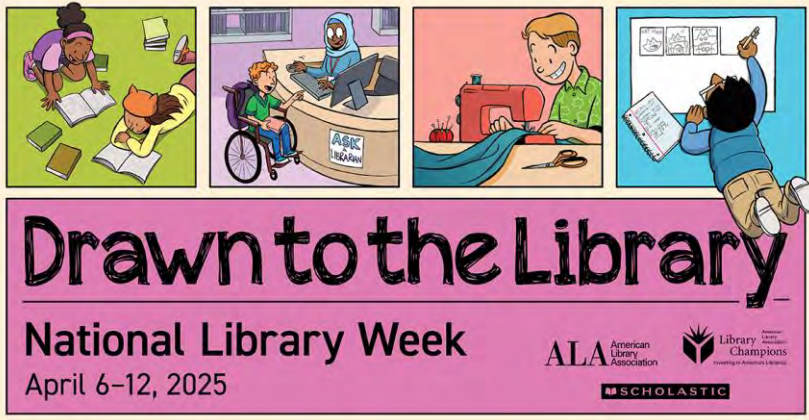
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LET'S CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK!



It's here! A week dedicated to celebrating the vital role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in strengthening the community and transforming lives.

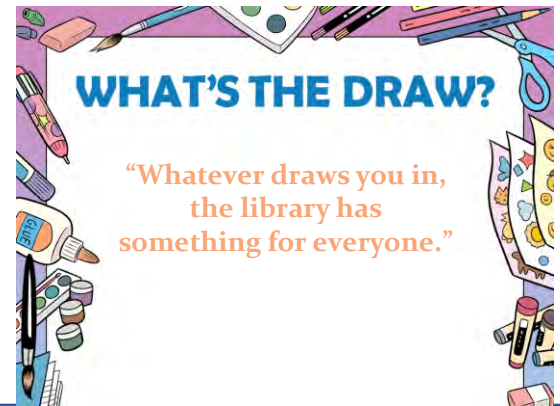
Since its inception in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read," National Library Week has grown into a cherished tradition. The American Library Association launched this celebration with a simple yet powerful mission: to inspire more people to read and, in turn, support their local libraries. Now, 67 years later, we continue to celebrate the lasting impact libraries have on the communities they serve.

Monday, April 7: Right to Read Day. A day for readers, advocates, and library lovers to take action to protect, defend, and celebrate the right to read.

Tuesday, April 8: National Library Workers Day. Take some time to say "Thank you!" to the library workers who help keep the library running smoothly!

Wednesday, April 9: National Library Outreach Day. A day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.

Thursday, April 10: Take Action for Libraries Day. A day to rally advocates to support libraries.

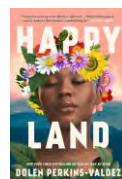
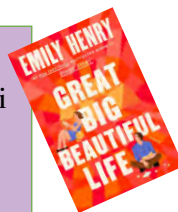


BOOK ENDS

Spring is almost here, and the great outdoors is calling—so grab a chair, claim a sunny patch of grass, or cozy up on your front porch with a good book! Whether you're basking in the sunshine or soaking up the fresh air, these must-read titles are ready to keep you company. Put some (or all!) on hold now and get ready for the ultimate outdoor reading session!

FICTION

Dream Count by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Happy Land by Dolen Perkins-Valdez
Tilda Is Visible by Jane Tara
Sunrise on the Reaping (A Hunger Games novel) by Suzanne Collins
Say You'll Remember Me by Abby Jimenez
Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry
Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid
My Friends by Fredrik Backman
The Emperor of Gladness by Ocean Vuong



NONFICTION

Firstborn by Lauren Christensen
Boat Baby by Vicky Nguyen
Free by Amanda Knox
Ask a Matchmaker by Maria Avgititis
The Killing Fields of East New York by Stacy Horn
Dare I Say It by Naomi Watts
Cellar Rat by Hannah Selinger
Love and Need by Vaginitis Adam Plunkett
Disposable by Sarah Jones