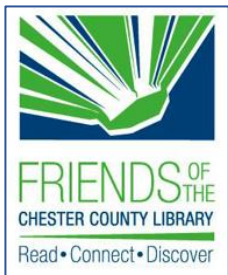


# FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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

Spring 2026



## BLOOMING WITH POSSIBILITIES

Spring is here, and fresh programs, events, and new materials are popping up at the **Chester County Library**! Don't miss the always-popular **Friends Spring Book Sale, April 10–12**. Thanks to the support of the Friends, the library's rooms and gathering spaces continue to grow with updated technology, essential equipment, and a welcoming vibe. Keep reading for more!

## GATHER, CREATE, COLLABORATE

The Chester County Library is always buzzing with activity—and our rooms, furniture, and equipment need to keep pace with both the work and the fun!

One of our busiest spots is the Reference Area. The Friends are proud to support this space by funding key additions and upgrades. Recent purchases include a portable whiteboard to capture the many great ideas shared during meetings, as well as a new microfilm machine—still an essential tool for accessing archival and historically significant documents.



We love helping keep the library's infrastructure strong and up to date, too. Additional support has included chair mats and solar shades for Technical Services, updated furniture and TVs for conference rooms, and new seating for the Struble Room and Youth Services.

With a full calendar of spring and summer programs ahead, we're pleased to play a part in keeping spaces functional, welcoming, and comfortable—so patrons can continue to connect, create, and learn.

**APRIL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS!**  
**Chair Yoga with Kim • Craft & Chat •**  
**Book Clubs • Makerspace • AARP Tax Aide •**  
**Crazy 8s Math Club**

# A TOAST OF THANKS TO OUR TEAM

Nothing at the library would be possible without our dedicated staff and volunteers. Their energy, expertise, and everyday acts of kindness keep our shelves in order, our programs thriving, and our community connected. They're truly our "stack stars," and the Chester County Library is grateful for the care they bring to every patron interaction and every behind-the-scenes task.

Throughout the year, the Friends proudly help celebrate and support these amazing individuals by sponsoring a Spring Volunteer Luncheon and a festive Staff Holiday Party. These gatherings offer a chance to pause, connect, and recognize the contributions that make our library shine.

They're always joy-filled celebrations with delicious food, thoughtful gifts, and plenty of laughter. Most of all, it's an opportunity to come together in appreciation and share our heartfelt thanks for the time, talent, and teamwork that sustain the Chester County Library all year long.





## FRIENDS SPRING BOOK SALE

### APRIL 10, 11 & 12

The Spring Book Sale is scheduled for **April 10 - 12**. 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 \$.50 each. A huge selection of children's books will be available in the Specials Room, including *The Little House* book set, beloved historical fiction for young readers, *Goosebumps Horror Land* book set, *The Last Kids on Earth* book set, *The Skinjacker* paperback trilogy, Live Chicago CD collection, illustrated volumes of *Harry Potter*, and the complete *Dog Man* series. **Please note:** We accept cash or checks, Paypal and Venmo (\$15 minimum please). We don't accept credit cards.

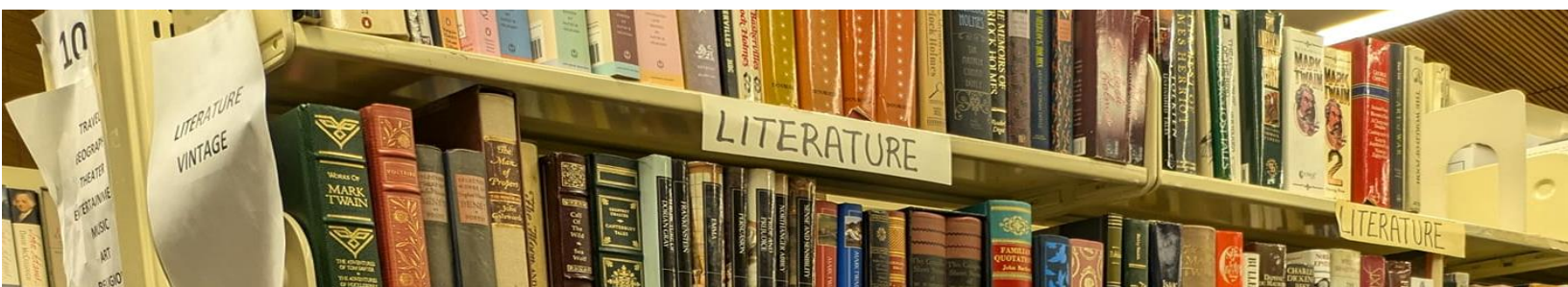
The sale starts on **Friday, Apr. 10 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. for members of the Friends of the Chester County Library**. All Friday night attendees must have a current membership before they get into line outside the Struble Room. Place-saving using boxes, crates, etc. is not allowed.

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. **You can also get a membership on the Friends website with a PayPal account. (Please do this before April 8 to attend the Friday night sale.)**

The sale is open to the public starting on Saturday, Apr. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Apr. 12 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."***

**Save the Date!**  
**Fall Book Sale, Oct. 9 - 11**



**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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# Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19–25, 2026



## Celebration Days!

Looking for a little joy? A great story, a new skill, or simply time with your community? You'll find it all at the **Chester County Library**—especially during National Library Week!

From April 19–25, we're celebrating the many ways libraries inspire learning, spark creativity, and bring people together. From books and digital resources to career support and innovative programs, there's something here for everyone.

Whether you're a longtime visitor or haven't stopped by in a while, now is the perfect time to rediscover all we have to offer. Come connect, explore, and be inspired.

**Monday, April 20: 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 21: National Library Workers Day.** Take some time to say "Thank you!" to the library workers who help keep the library running smoothly!

**Wednesday, April 22: 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 23: Take Action for Libraries Day.** A day to rally advocates to support libraries.

To learn more, visit [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).



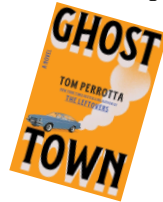
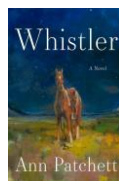
## BOOK ENDS



Spring is almost here—and there's nothing better than stretching out in the sunshine with a great book. We're thrilled to share some exciting books publishing this spring and summer, from buzzy new releases to nonfiction marvels to new titles from top authors. Whether you're on a porch, a , or poolside, you'll find plenty of inspiration below. Happy reading!

### FICTION

- Fat Swim: Stories* by Emma Copley Eisenberg
- Whistler* by Ann Patchett
- Ghost Town* by Tom Perotta
- Cool Machine* by Colson Whitehead
- Love by the Book* by Jessica George
- Go Gentle* by Maria Semple
- Son of Nobody* by Yann Martel
- Take Me With You* by Steven Rowley
- Cleopatra* by Saara El-Arifi



### NONFICTION

- You With the Sad Eyes* by Christina Applegate
- Chain of Ideas* by Ibram X. Kendi
- We the Women* by Norah O'Donnell
- BBQ* by Jamie Oliver
- Young Man in a Hurry* by Gavin Newsom
- London Falling* by Patrick Radden O'Keefe