

Library Friends

Friends of the Town of Chester Library

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Library Hours

Monday - 9 am to 5 pm
 Tuesday - closed
 Wednesday - 9 am to 5 pm
 Thursday - 9 am to 5 pm
 Friday - 9 am to 5 pm
 Saturday - closed

Board of Directors

Linda Taverni - Chair
 Bob Walp - Vice Chair
 Lynne Hagmann - Corresponding Secretary
 Linda Thorsen - Recording Secretary
 Rich McCrum - Treasurer

Directors:
 Kathleen Rivers
 Liz McNamara

Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of each month from September to June, at 10am. Everyone is welcome.



Friends Update

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY continue to meet and work to support the Library. Unfortunately, the pandemic continues to exert its hold, preventing all of us from returning to what were once our normal activities. The Library is now opened on a limited basis, allowing restricted in person browsing. Computer use, faxing, copying, and printing done by the staff are available by appointment, as is home-bound delivery and notary service. Curbside delivery continues as well. Be sure to check out the library website at www.chesterlibrary.org and visit www.facebook.com/adkchesterlibrary for updates and upcoming programs and events!

The Friends were compelled to cancel our major fund-raisers, the wine tasting and silent auction and the July book sale, making a serious dent in our finances. However, our basket raffle was very successful and helped offset these losses. We wish to offer a heartfelt thank you to all who supported the raffle.

Basket Raffle

A SPECIAL THANK YOU for their hard work to the Wine Tasting Committee and all who sold raffle tickets. A special thanks to our chair, Kathleen Rivers, and to Noelle McCrum and Moira Goldfarb for outstanding sales. Thanks to your hard work we made over \$3,200.00. The committee and Board held a wrap up luncheon at the Friends Lake Inn on September 27, at which time the lucky winners were drawn as follows:



- ADK Basket** - Katie Henrikson
- Money Tree** - Barb Gilmore
- Carr Wine Basket** - Laura Wesner
- Patriotic Quilt** - Rose Alwyn
- Taste of Whiskey Basket** - Alma Alvarez
- Rainy Day/Fun Basket** - Lynne Hagmann
- Ice Cream Sundae Basket** - Angela McCrum

We hope you all enjoy your winnings and thank you for your support!

Welcome to A New Board Member

THE BOARD RECENTLY ACCEPTED the resignation of Sharon Andrews who had served for several years. Sharon will continue to chair the Book Sale Committee and we look forward to many more successful sales under her leadership. We are happy to have Liz McNamara join us as a Board member. Dr. Liz McNamara is a retired educator who has focused on helping schools use technology to support student learning. Liz started her career as a reading specialist, and is an avid reader, with a special interest in children's literature. As a school-based Director of Technology, Liz worked with classroom and library systems, software and equipment. Liz and her husband have lived in Pottersville for over 20 years, and run the Strand Theater in Schroon Lake. She has enjoyed supporting the Friends of the Library, and looks forward to taking a more active role with the Board.

If you're reading online, click the purple links throughout the newsletter to learn more!

Poet Laureate Joy Harjo: A Brief Bio

JOY HARJO was appointed the 23rd U.S. Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress on June 19, 2019. She was reappointed to a second term on April 30, 2020.

An enrolled member of the Muscogee Creek Nation, Harjo is the first Native American poet to serve in the position.

She was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on May 9, 1951, and is the author of nine books of poetry—including *An American Sunrise* (2019); *Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings* (2015); *The Woman Who Fell From the Sky* (1994), which received the Oklahoma Book Arts Award; and *In Mad Love and War* (1990), which received an American Book Award and the Delmore Schwartz Memorial Award. Harjo has also written a memoir, *Crazy Brave* (W. W. Norton, 2012), which won the 2013 PEN Center USA literary prize for creative nonfiction, as well as a children’s book, *The Good Luck Cat* (Harcourt, Brace 2000), and a young adult book, *For a Girl Becoming* (University of Arizona Press, 2009).

Harjo’s second term as Poet Laureate will focus on her signature laureate project, “Living Nations, Living Words: A Map of First Peoples Poetry.” This digital project, developed in conjunc-

tion with the Library of Congress’s Geography and Map Division, will be created using ArcGIS StoryMaps, a web mapping application geared toward storytelling, to showcase contemporary Native American poets from across the country.

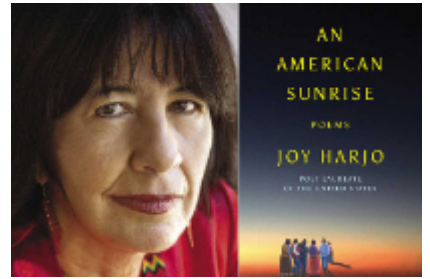
The project will include Native poets’ biographies and recordings of them reading and discussing one of their poems. It will also help build a new collection in the Library’s American Folklife Center featuring recordings of the Native poets.

Your library is proud to own the following works by Joy Harjo:

Crazy Brave: A Memoir

Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings: Poems

An American Sunrise: Poems



Listen to Harjo read her poem "An American Sunrise"



Girl Writing, Henriette Browne, ca. 1870

Book Sale

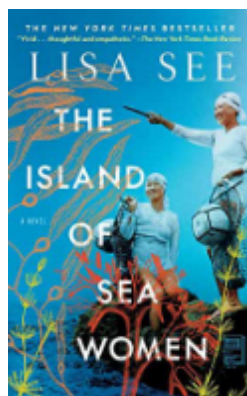
DUE TO THE SOCIAL DISTANCING requirements which are expected to remain in place through the winter, our next book sale will not be until next summer. At this time, our book room is overflowing so we cannot accept any new donations. Please do not contact the Library or bring donations until further notice.

Tri-Lakes Book Club:

CURRENTLY READING:

The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See - A historical novel about female friendship and devastating family secrets on a small Korean island.

The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey - A mystical fairy tale as well as a satisfyingly realistic depiction of 1920s homestead-era Alaska, and the people who settled there, including an older couple bound together by resilient love.



Can You Name These?

These six common, and not so common typographical characters have names. Do you know them?



(answers on next page)

Answers:

& Ampersand

¶ Pilcrow - used to denote the beginning of a paragraph when spaces between paragraphs are not used.

~ Tilde - many uses, can denote approximately, or similarly. “~ 3 miles” = about 3 miles.

♥ Fleuron - originally used in a similar fashion as a pilcrow. Now mainly used for borders and other decorations. Some other fleurons:



? Interrobang - for a question with emphasis!

. . . Ellipsis - used to indicate a trailing-off or hesitation of thought. Always three dots – except at the end of a sentence when there are four. There is disagreement about spacing between the dots - a single space, a smaller space, or no space all being acceptable.

Learn more by clicking the purple links!



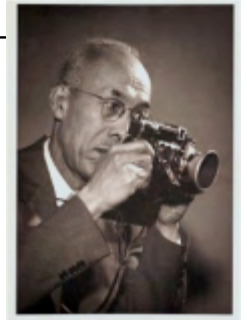
The State of the Library

THE PANDEMIC has brought many changes to the Library. Hopefully things will return to normal in the not too distant future.

Meanwhile, [check our website](#) for the current status of services.

Ruplin Gallery

THE LIBRARY'S FIRST EXHIBIT since the pandemic began is now hanging in the Ruplin Gallery. Featuring photographs representing multiple adventures spanning the entire globe, Bob McDermott's stunning photographs now line the walls of the entrance to the Library.



Itsuzo Sumy

ITSUZO SUMY was a much beloved photographer who chronicled the places and people of Chestertown from the 1930s until 1970. [The Historical Society of the Town of Chester](#) plans a Municipal Center-wide exhibit of his photographs in July, 2021.

Join the Friends of the Library

Annual Membership-July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

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, and, if possible, add a little to ensure that we are able to support the Library as we have in the past. You can mail the attached slip with your check, or [renew on line using Paypal](#). Remember, the Friends of the Library is a 501(c) 3 organization so all donations are considered tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

We will be most grateful for your support in helping your Library through this difficult time!

[Print and mail this membership form or submit your membership online at: http://www.chesterfriends.org/townofchesterli1.html](#)

Annual Membership Form -July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Thank You!

Name(s) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Local Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Individual \$10 _____ Household \$15 _____ Special Friend \$25 _____ Donation \$ _____

Your privacy is important to us. We will never share your information with any other organization.

Interested in volunteering? Please indicate how you might be willing to help:

Book Sales _____ Farmers Market _____ Programs _____ Fund Raising _____

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