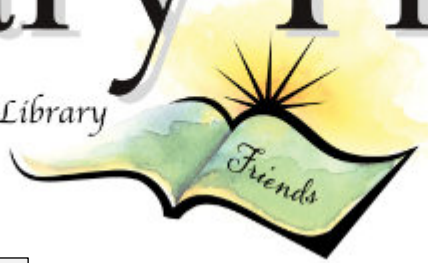


# Library Friends

Friends of the Town of Chester Library

Expanding Opportunities



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## Library Hours

### (When the Library Reopens)

- Monday (July & August)  
9am to 1 pm
- Tuesday-9am to 1pm
- Wednesday-9am to 6pm
- Thursday-1pm to 6pm
- Friday-9am to 6pm
- Saturday-9am to 1pm

## Board of Directors

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

- Directors:  
Kathleen Rivers  
Sharon Andrews

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



The Library is open for curbside pickup and book return only until further notice. See the Library website for updates.



## COVID-19 UPDATE

WE HOPE THIS FINDS YOU, your family and your friends safe and well in these difficult times. Unfortunately, we have all been facing a time of unprecedented stress, with deep uncertainty about the future.

If there is any good news, it is apparent that many of us are increasingly realizing what is truly important to us all—our health, our families and friends, our economic security and the vitality and future of our communities and social institutions. I think, as our community cautiously reopens, we are all heartened to see so many working towards the common good by observing necessary health precautions, as well as the outpouring of assistance to so many who are struggling at this time. I think we have all seen what the closure of our library has meant to so many of us and the community at large.

So much of life is now on hold. The Friends of the Library had looked forward to holding another annual wine tasting and auction in May, and normally would be gearing up for the summer book sale. Due to the expected restrictions which will be in effect for the foreseeable future, and the concerns of many of our volunteers, we have decided to cancel our annual wine tasting for this year. The July book sale and the **Farmers Market** sales are on hold. We will review conditions later this summer to see if it would be feasible to schedule these.

The proceeds from these events constitute the majority of our annual budget. Most of the funds we raise go directly to the library to supplement its budget for items, activities and programs, including computers, software and a substantial portion of book and periodical purchases. The **Town of Chester** has already advised the library to expect budget cuts due to the economic effects of the pandemic, while it faces additional expenses to obtain the necessary supplies and equipment to enable it to reopen under the state mandated guidelines. There is concern about the long term impact on this important community asset.

Please consider helping by renewing your membership in the Friends and participating in our basket raffle.

**Linda Taverni,**  
Chair, Friends of the Town of Chester Public Library

## Basket Raffle

IN LIEU OF the Wine Tasting and Silent Auction, we will be selling raffle tickets for seven wonderful prizes—a money tree, a beautiful handmade quilt and 5 themed baskets. Photos and descriptions are pictured on our website at [www.chesterfriends.org/raffle](http://www.chesterfriends.org/raffle). Tickets are 3 for \$5.00. Please consider buying your tickets at the Chestertown Farmer's Market, **on our website through PayPal**, or at the Library when it fully opens to the public. Our fundraising committee members will also be selling tickets. Contact Kathleen Rivers, Chair 518-494-8018, Noelle McCrum 518-494-5193, Linda Taverni, Lynne Hagmann, Robert Walp, Monica Herrington, Dennis Wilson, Barbara Repp or Anne Gabriel. The drawing will take place on September 27. Your generosity is especially important right now and all dollars raised will go directly to the Library for books, dvds and other materials.



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

A few baskets from our raffle [www.chesterfriends.org/raffle/raffleemailform.html](http://www.chesterfriends.org/raffle/raffleemailform.html)



<p><b><u>We Purchase</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ \$4,000-\$5,000 New books annually</li> <li>→ \$1,000 DVDs annually</li> <li>→ \$500 Audiobooks</li> <li>→ Computers and updated software as needed</li> <li>→ Maintain a unique book arts collection (rare, handmade, singular artistic value)</li> <li>→ Shelving, furniture and equipment as needed</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>We Provide</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ A new book to each child attending Rotary Holiday Party</li> <li>→ Books to support kindergarten roundup, Born to Read +1000 books before kindergarten</li> <li>→ "Friends" Lecture Series</li> <li>→ Volunteers to assist library staff as needed</li> </ul>	<p><b>Join the Friends of the Library</b></p> <p><b>Annual Membership-July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021</b></p> <p>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 <b>renew on line using Paypal</b>. Remember, the Friends of the Library is a 503(c) 3 organization so all donations are considered tax deductible to the full extent of the law.</p> <p>We will be most grateful for your support in helping your Library through this difficult time!</p>
<p><b><u>We Pay For</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Annual subscriptions to magazines &amp; newspapers</li> <li>→ Management of library website</li> <li>→ Summer children's reading program &amp; prizes</li> </ul> <p>Visit the library website at <a href="http://www.chesterlibrary.org">www.chesterlibrary.org</a> for upcoming programs and events!</p>	<p><b><u>How We Do It</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Wine Tasting &amp; Silent Auction fundraiser</li> <li>→ Farmers Market and Biannual book sales</li> <li>→ Lots of volunteers and community support</li> </ul> <p>Or visit <a href="http://www.facebook.com/adkchesterlibrary/">www.facebook.com/adkchesterlibrary/</a> for upcoming programs and events!</p>	

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Please return with your check payable to: Friends of the TOC Library, PO Box 451, Chestertown, NY 12817