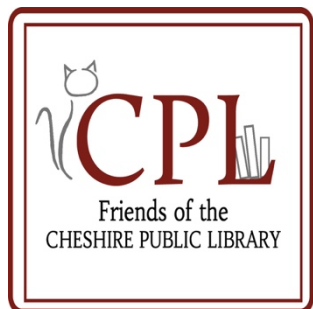


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Fall Book Sale Breaks Records!

By now you may have heard that our recent book sale was a huge success due to our fantastic volunteers and community! We raised **\$16,639**, shattering our Spring record by over \$2,600. Volunteers work year-round to screen donated books and box them for storage. We are very fortunate to have Cheshire's Ace Van Lines donate warehouse space to store the filled boxes and then deliver them on our day of setup. During our three-day preparation, 70 volunteers unboxed and organized approximately 18,000 books and 4,000 digital media. A special thank you to members of the High School's Interact Club and the MechaRams Robotics Club, Rotarians and Friends members who worked so hard.

During the sale, over 90 time slots were staffed by Friends members who restocked tables and cashed out customers. Fun fact: Over 30% of sales were paid for by credit cards!

Lots of people ask what happened to the unsold books! We invite non-profit organizations (like Read to Grow, American Friends of Kenya, etc.) to take any left-over books on the Monday after the sale. Goodwill took the remaining books in 10 big bins.

With the wonderful support of our volunteers and community, the Friends can continue funding dynamic programs at our vibrant library.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Spring Sale, with the Preview Night on April 22, and the sale continuing April 23-26th.

You Can Help the Library Just by Shopping

Support the Friends by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Search for Public Library Association of Cheshire





Friends of the CPL Scholarship

The Friends are pleased to announce their scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year, which will be offered this spring! Two scholarships will be awarded to graduating Cheshire seniors pursuing higher education. As you know, the Friends support and augment CPL's mission of "Transforming Lives and Strengthening the Community" by providing financial and volunteer support to the library for children and adult programming and activities. In concert with this mission, a key factor in awarding the scholarship will be the applicant's essay regarding the transformative effects of a book or books and/or the Cheshire Public Library in the individual's life. Volunteer activities at the CPL and/or with the Friends also will be considered. Complete scholarship details will be available in the winter through the Cheshire High School Guidance Department.

In Remembrance

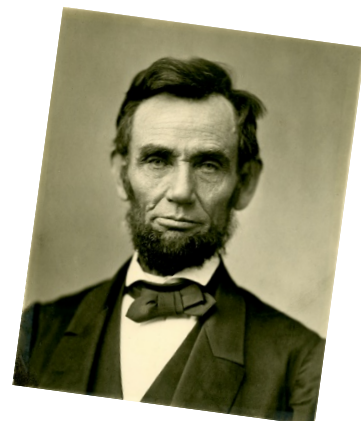
This month, the Library is pleased to offer two special events in memory of long-time friends and supporters of the CPL.

On Saturday, February 22nd, the two- part Presidential series in memory of Arthur Hostage will kick off with "Simply Lincoln." Part two will come on Tuesday, February 25th with "The changing nature of the Presidency."

On Sunday, February 23rd, "The Hotflashes" will host an afternoon of bluegrass, jazz, country and swing music in memory of Janice Minor.

Friends of CPL remember Bruce Richardson, a longtime volunteer, recently passed away. Memorial donations are currently being received in his memory.

For more information, please visit our events calendar at www.cheshirelibrary.org





Curl Up With a Blanket and A Good Book!

Here are a few recommendations from some of our Friends' members.

- *Do You Mind If I Cancel?* : Humor by Gary Janetti
- *Truly Devious*: Young Adult Fiction by Maureen Johnson
- *Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs?:* Science by Caitlin Doughty
- *The Silent Patient*: Mystery/Thriller by Alex Michaelides
- *Labyrinth of Ice – Greeley Polar Expedition*: Biography by Buddy Levy
- *The Institute*: Horror by Stephen King
- *Where the Forest Meets the Stars*: Fiction by Glendy Vanderah
- *Recursion*: Science Fiction by Blake Crouch
- *Grumpy Monkey*: Picture Book by Suzanne Lang
- *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*: Historical Fiction by Kim Michele Richardson

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Free museum passes available!

Check out the library's newest museum passes for the Salem Witch Museum, Kids Play Torrington, Lyman Allyn Art Museum, Real Art Ways and the Roger Williams Zoo. A complete list of the library's museum passes can be found on the library's website at www.cheshirelibrary.com/museum-passes. The Friends fund this popular service!



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Library News

Winter is a busy time of year for library programs sponsored by the Friends! From January through March, library patrons can attend six Sunday concerts, including another concert featuring Rhonda Denet and her trio, who were the most popular group we had last year.

Our next Family After-hours program sponsored by the Friends is a Hula Hoop Dance party on January 24.

St Patrick's Day is always a favorite holiday and we are celebrating it with two events, a concert of traditional Irish music with Deirdre McMorrow and Paul Pender on Sunday March 15 and a talk on March 10 on the Ogham Alphabet, which is the earliest written form of primitive Irish and the oldest of the Gaelic languages.

Funding from both the Friends and the Rotary was used to purchase the library's new Scannx Scan Center. If you have albums and boxes of family photos that you would like to digitize, we encourage you to stop by for one of our short hands-on demonstration. The next one is scheduled for Thursday February 13 at 2:00. Of course you are welcome to stop by at any time and try it out yourself with the help of one of our reference librarians!

On Saturday March 21, the library is once again collaborating with Artsplace to offer free mini-art lessons. Four Artsplace artists will each offer 3-45 minute classes. Preregistration is required for this popular program sponsored by the Friends.