

FRIENDS OF THE CHESHIRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

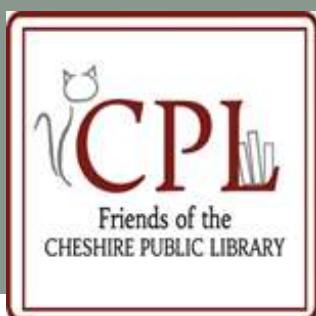
Winter 2023 Newsletter



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Letter From the President

Hello Everyone!

I hope 2023 is off to a great start for you!

I am thrilled to announce that our Fall Book Sale was the most successful sale we've ever had! We are so grateful to our volunteers, as well as to the the amazing community who donated a wonderful selection of digital media, children, teen and adult books.

January began our Membership Renewal Season. While our book sales are our largest fundraisers, funds from memberships are equally important - both directly support all the wonderful programs and concerts at the library. We hope you'll consider renewing your membership this year - and maybe inviting a friend or two to join you too!

See you at the library,
Allison

Fall Book Sale is a Huge Success

The Friends of the Cheshire Library's recent Fall Book Sale was a huge success due to our fantastic community and dedicated volunteers! We raised \$17,804 - higher than our record sale in 2019! Volunteers work year-round to screen donations and box them for storage. We have a new storage unit at Life Storage where our volunteers move our boxed books in preparation for the next Fall Book Sale! This new unit works out very well as we have complete access to any boxes at any time.

During our three-day preparation, approximately 75 volunteers unboxed and organized over 19,000 books and countless digital media items. A special thank you to members of Cheshire High School's Interact Club and the MechaRams Robotics Club, and Friends members who worked so hard to prepare for the sale. During the sale, 200 time slots were staffed by about 84 Friends members who kept busy by restocking and straightening books and various items for sale on tables and by cashiering. Another group of volunteers completed the clean up on Monday.

We would like to thank Toro Sushi, 223 Elm, Bella'Gio, Cheshire Pizza and Jersey Mikes for gift cards used as door prizes for extra excitement!

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

Here are a few reading recommendations from our Friends' members.



Curl up with a good book this winter!

- *The Latecomer: by Jean Hanff Koelitz*
- *Empire of the Vampire: by Jay Kristoff*
- *Horse: by Geraldine Brooks*
- *The Art of Living: by Grant Snider*
- *Before the Coffee Gets Cold: by Toshikazu Kawaguchi*
- *I am Quiet: A Story for the Introvert in All of Us: by Andie Powers*
- *Beartown: by Fredrik Backman*
- *Desolation Called Peace: by Arkady Martine*
- *Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns, and Abstractions: by Temple Grandin*

It's Membership Renewal Season

YOUR SUPPORT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER



The Cheshire Public Library's mission is to "transform lives and strengthen the community."

For over 100 years, the Friends of the Cheshire Public Library have worked to meet the funding needs of the library. **The Friends provide programs, equipment, and services that would not be available through the library's operational budget.**

The Friends is made up of committed volunteers and supporters who are passionate about helping the library achieve its mission. Through our book sales and memberships, we fund activities such as the Sunday concerts, children and family programs, educational toys for the Children's Room, adult programs, and museum passes. We also are proud to offer scholarships for two Cheshire seniors.

These valuable and popular programs are funded solely with proceeds from the Friends of CPL membership fees and book sales. **None of these programs are funded by tax dollars.**

To become a member, or renew your current memberships, please visit:
<http://www.cheshirelibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/join-the-friends/>

Remember, as a 501(c)(3) organization, your contribution may be tax deductible (depending on your individual tax situation).

We will also be mailing out membership renewal forms to those who haven't yet responded, so be on the lookout! We will mail your 2023 membership sticker and book coupons within a few weeks of receiving your renewal.

Remember, your membership also grants you access to Preview Night at the book sales. Thank you for your continued support!

We are on the Web!

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A Note from Our Librarians

The Library congratulates Sandra Hernandez who was promoted from Head of Technical Services to Deputy Director in December.

Adam Kaszas and Wendy Heidgerd have been hired as new Library Clerks.

The Library also bids a sad farewell to Allison Allen, Head of Youth Services who is leaving to take a job at the Trumbull Public Library.

The Cheshire Public Library's AV STUDIO is a fully equipped digital media lab for audio and video creation as well as digital conversion of outdated media formats such as VHS tapes, 8mm film and film negatives, among others. The Studio can be booked for 2-hour increments by calling the Library's Technology Office at (203) 272-2245 ext. 33019. A short orientation to the equipment will be given by staff the first time someone uses the AV Studio. To see the full suite of applications and types of formats that can be digitized, please visit

<https://www.cheshirelibrary.org/avstudio/> The AV Studio was made possible through the generous funding of the Friends of the Cheshire Public Library.

Friends of The CPL Scholarship

The Friends are pleased to announce their scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year, which will be offered in the spring of 2023. 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 this winter through the Cheshire High School Guidance Department.

