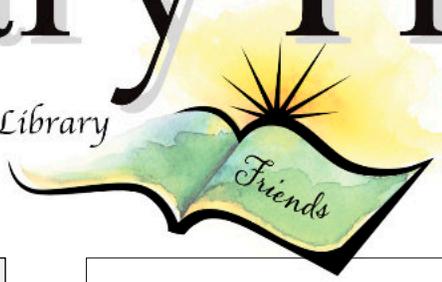


# Library Friends

*Friends of the Town of Chester Library*

*Expanding Opportunities*



### Amazon Smile

Support the Friends of the Library. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates!



### Save the Date

For the annual Friends of the Library Wine Tasting and Silent Auction on May 17, 2020. Time and place to be announced.

### Library Hours

Tuesday-9am to 1pm  
Wednesday-9am to 6pm  
Thursday-1pm to 6pm  
Friday-9am to 6pm  
Saturday-9am to 1pm

518-494-5384

### 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.

## Winter Book Sale

The Friends biannual book sale is scheduled for Friday, February 21 from 9am to 3pm and Saturday, February 22 from 9am to 2pm on the second floor of the Municipal Center. Find your reading interests in our sections of mystery, fiction, military, western, romance, novels, cooking, travel, children, young adult and more. You'll find some fascinating books in our Special Collections of old, first editions, and interesting volumes. In addition, there are CDs, DVDs, audio books, comic books, games and puzzles. You'll find our new book room filled with reading choices as well as tables lining two halls on the second floor. If you would like to help with a future sale, you can contact us at [FOLChester@gmail.com](mailto:FOLChester@gmail.com) or leave your name and contact information at the library.

Thank you to our generous supporters for your book donations throughout the year. Donated books, DVDs, CDs, and audio books can be left in the wooden box near the front desk in the library or in the book room #201 in the Municipal Center from 9-11am on Fridays. (Wednesdays 9-11 when the Farmers Market is open.)

[\(Click the purple links to learn more\)](#)

## Community Holiday Party

On what has become an annual event the Friends joined with the local **Rotary Club**, providing a free book to each of the approximately 180 children who visited with Santa on December 14. Noelle McCrum and Kathleen Rivers were our elves who assisted the children in picking out books. Many children also participated in the ginger bread house program provided by the Friends.



This year, Rotary volunteers transformed the municipal center gym into a beautiful holiday wonderland.



## Friends/Board of Trustees Holiday Luncheon

On Dec. 17, the Friends and the **Library Board of Trustees** jointly hosted a holiday luncheon for all board members, library staff and the volunteers who work tirelessly for our library. It provided an opportunity to become better acquainted and celebrate the season over a light lunch. Thank you to all our members and volunteers who make us so successful.



## New Chair for the 2020 Wine Tasting and Silent Auction

We are pleased to announce that Kathleen Rivers has assumed the chairmanship of our annual wine tasting committee. This is one of our primary fundraisers as well as a social event which many in the community look forward to each year. We are in the process of finalizing the details for this year's event, so stay tuned for that announcement. Kathleen has been a valued member of the committee and has agreed to take over from Noelle McCrum as chair. Noelle deserves special thanks for organizing very successful events over the last few years.

## Lecture Series

Our lecture series continued this fall with well attended presentations by local residents Greg Schaefer and Dan Smith.

Greg's presentation of "Ride Up-Slide Down" included early photos and videos describing the early days of skiing at Gore Mountain and other ski areas.

Dan Smith spoke about his investigations into the history and location of military roads in our area, describing his use of a combination of historic and archival research with hiking and bushwhacking skills.

The Lecture Series will continue this spring. If you have suggestions for programs you would like to see please leave them at the library.



## What We Do

Periodically, we find it helpful to remind the community who The Friends of the Library are and what we do. Officially our purposes are to coordinate volunteer workers in the library, to focus public attention on the services and needs of the library, to enrich the opportunities available to all local citizens through the library and to raise funds for items, activities, and programs not otherwise provided for in the Town's budget for library services.

We hold two major fundraisers each year-our **book sales** in February and July and at the summer **farmers market**, and the wine-tasting/silent auction each May. The proceeds from these events and other projects, along with membership dues, go directly to the library. As a result of the hard work of our members and success of our events over the years, the Friends have been able to purchase computers and software, furniture and shelving, books, DVDs, audio books, magazines and newspapers.

Over the past 8 years, the Friends have provided more than \$84,000 in direct support to the library. We sponsor many children's programs throughout the year, a lecture series and a book club. We also provide books and library information for incoming students at the North Warren Central School kindergarten roundup. And we sponsor the "Books for Babies" and "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" programs to encourage the gift of reading in young children. We have joined with the local Rotary to provide a new book to each child attending the annual holiday party. The Friends also maintain a collection of unique handmade books and other books of artistic or historic merit, curated by Bob Walp of **Chester Creek Press**, on display in the library's Book Arts Collection.

The Friends of the Library are a group of very dedicated hardworking people who realize what a treasure our library is. We work to constantly maintain it and improve it.

## Miniature Books (Click the purple links to learn more)

No one knows for sure when the first **miniature books** were made. Some of the earliest examples come from the Middle Ages in the form of the illuminated manuscripts called **Book of Hours**, many of which were created in very small sizes. These were Christian devotional books which were carried daily by most who could afford them.

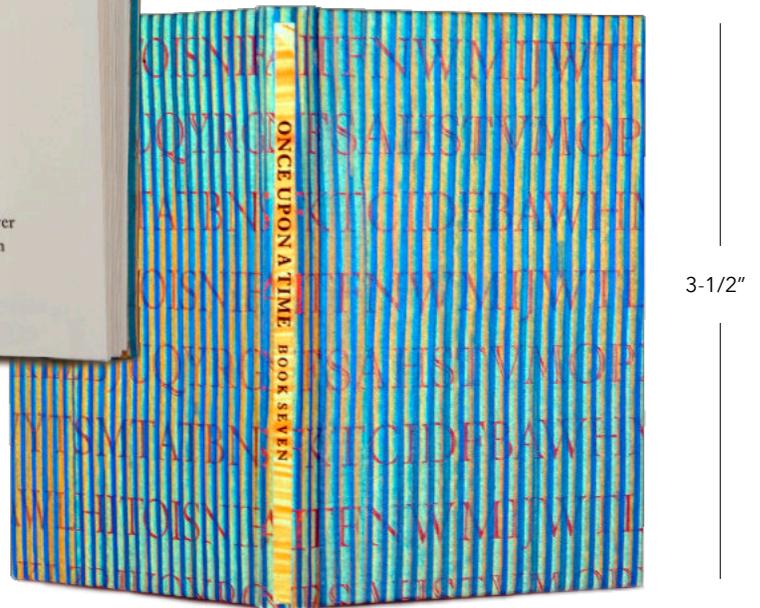
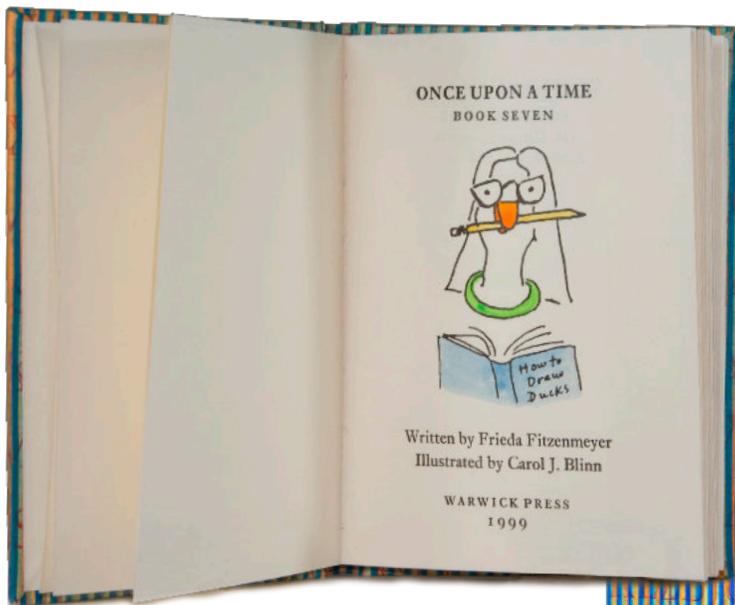
Definitions vary, but in general, a book is considered to be miniature if any of its dimensions are less than 3-1/2 inches. The best examples of miniature books are printed and bound with the same techniques as their full size cousins with everything to scale. The size of the type in some can be as small 4 or 6 points!

The **Library's Book Arts Collection** contains a few examples of miniature books. All are printed from hand-set metal type and bound entirely by hand.

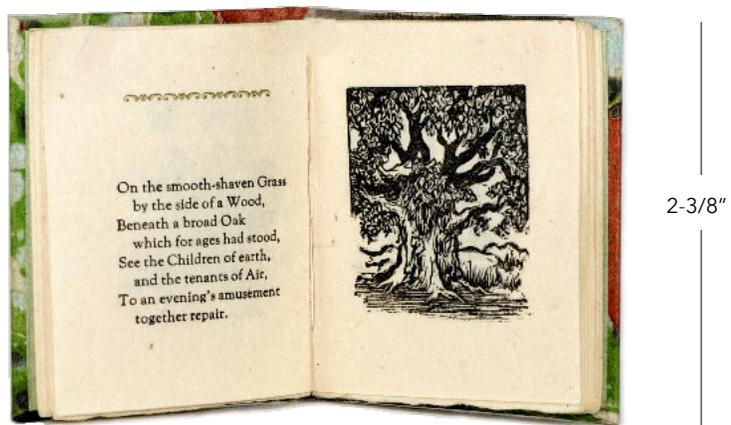
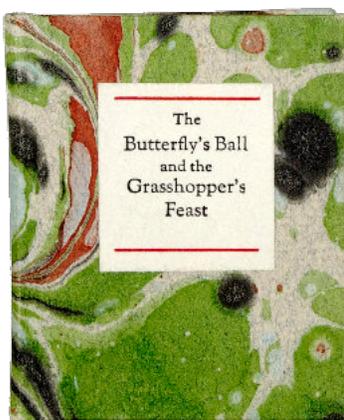
Would you like to examine them more closely? Visit the library to see these and other finely crafted hand made books in the Book Arts Collection.



The smallest book in the library's collection is part of a larger book titled "A Brief History of the Fan" printed by Carol Schwartzott at Lilliput Press.



"Once Upon A Time Book Seven" is an ABC book printed by Carol Blinn at **Warwick Press**. Each letter of the alphabet is linked to a proper name and a description. The illustrations are printed from original pen and ink drawings.



"The Butterfly's Ball and the Grasshopper's Feast", a fairy tale illustrated with wood engravings and printed by Sarah Chamberlain at The Chamberlain Press.

## Meet the Friends of the Library Board Members



Clockwise from the back:  
 Bob Walp–Vice Chair, Rich McCrum–Treasurer, Sharon Andrews–Director, Kathleen Rivers–Director, Linda Thorsen–Recording Secretary, Linda Taverni–Chair, Lynne Haggmann–Corresponding Secretary

### Linda Thorsen, Recording Secretary

My name is Linda Thorsen and I am the recording secretary for the Friends of the Library.

My husband and I started to come to Loon Lake in the early 70's. My parents built the home we live in today. It was their "summer place" for many years and we would spend weekends and vacation time when our children were growing up. When we retired, we winterized and are now enjoying a cozy life at the end of East Shore Drive.

I worked in the Division of Cardiology for 10 years and with the Hospitalists Program for 5 years at Albany Medical Center as an administrative assistant before retiring. I loved the 15 years I spent there, both the work and the people.

We have now been here full time for 8 years and have fallen into a totally different routine and love it. My favorite time is summer when we have lots of fun with our children and grandchildren; doing gardening and cooking out and enjoying those beautiful sunsets while sitting on the beach.

### Rich McCrum, Treasurer

I grew up in a military family and moved frequently, finally settling in Delmar, New York. We vacationed in the Adirondacks and after high school I attended and graduated from Syracuse University after which I received my

commission in the U.S. Air Force. Twenty-two and a half years later, I retired and subsequently flew 747s internationally for Atlas Airlines. The Adirondacks beckoned, and during that time my wife Noelle and I moved to Loon Lake. Noelle, being a fervent Library supporter, convinced me that the Friends needed a Treasurer and I was glad to help.

### Kathleen Rivers, Director

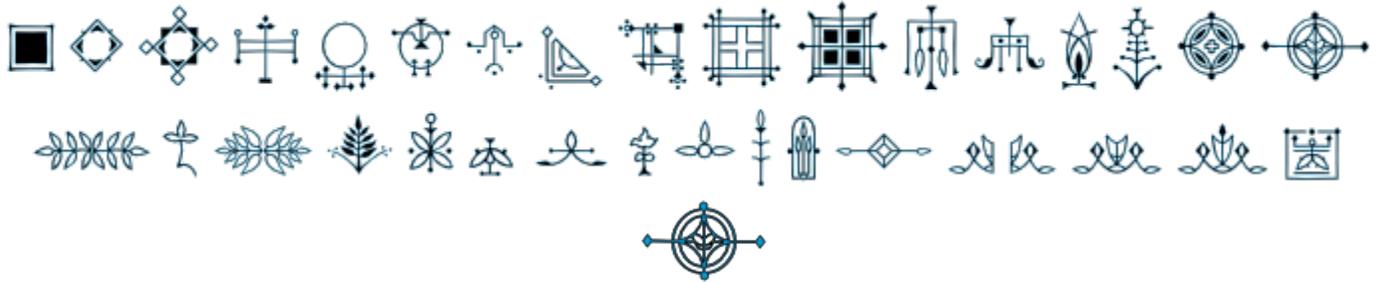
Kathleen Rivers moved from Bayport, Long Island to Chestertown in 2017 with her husband, Kip. They had visited the area and skied at Gore Mountain for many years. On Long Island she worked as a private law firm paralegal for several years, then began a twenty-three year career in Suffolk County government. Positions included Welfare to Work Supervisor, Director of Business Services, and lastly, Assistant Director of the Consumer Affairs Division, where her responsibilities included oversight of construction trade licensing, weights and measures, complaint investigations and hearings, as well as liaison to the county attorney and legislature in updating licensing law. Kathleen has a BS in Human Services Administration from SUNY Empire State College.

Kathleen and Kip have two grown sons, and are avid readers who enjoy skiing, paddling, golf and hiking, and love the local music scene!

Thank you for all you do for our organization!

## About Type

Not all the fonts on our computers are made up of letters. For instance, the font called **P22 Terracotta Extras** is derived from decorations used by the architect **Frank Lloyd Wright** to embellish his plans.



## Turning Pages Book Club

The Book Club meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10am in the library, and warmly welcomes new members. The choices for each season are voted on by our members and offer a variety of reading experiences. For more information, contact Judy at [judecnm@aol.com](mailto:judecnm@aol.com).



Daphne Maugham Casorati-Breakfast

## Ruplin Gallery Exhibits

- January:** Drawings by Ashlee Jennings
- February:** North Warren Elementary Art Students
- March:** North Warren High School Art Students
- April:** TBA
- May:** Art Whimsy by North Warren Head Start Students
- June:** TBA
- July:** Photos by Carolynn McCann
- August:** Photography by John Hales
- September:** TBA
- October:** Photographs by Greg Klingler
- November:** Photographs by Bob McDermott
- December:** Art Work by Lisa Collado

## Display Case Exhibits

- January:** 1,000 Book Challenge
- February:** North Warren Elementary Art Students
- March:** North Warren High School Art Students
- April:** Dianne Johnstone - collectibles
- May:** TBA
- June:** TBA
- July:** Patriotic collection by Karen Pelletier
- August:** Books & Their Bindings: Examples from the Book Arts Collection
- September:** TBA
- October:** TBA
- November:** TBA
- December:** TBA

[Check the website for an updated list of exhibits](#)

## Ongoing Programs at the Library

### Story Time for Children

Music and Stories with Wendy. Every Friday at 10:30am.

### Museum Passes

The Friends have purchased free passes for **The Wild Center** in Tupper Lake, **Adirondack Experience** in Blue Mountain Lake and **The Hyde Collection** in Glens Falls, which can be checked out at the library.

