

Library News



The Newsletter of the Friends of the Town of Chester Public Library

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Library Update

Unfortunately, the pandemic continues to exert its hold, preventing all of us from returning to what were once our normal activities.

The [Municipal Center is closed](#) which means the Library has to restrict its operations. It's open by appointment for curbside pickup of pre-ordered books, computer use, faxing, copying, and printing done by staff. Wi-fi service has been updated to provide a stronger signal throughout the building and into the parking lot.

All of our events for the coming year, including our book sales, and wine tasting and silent auction, have been put on hold. We are hopeful that "normality" will return by the fall to allow us to hold some type of event. We are tentatively planning to resume our book sales at the Chestertown Farmers Market this summer. Please be reminded that our book room is over-flowing so we cannot accept any new donations. Please don't contact the Library or bring donations until further notice.

Check for updates at the [Library website](#) or visit our [facebook page](#).



John Singer Sargent, *Man Reading*
about 1905-1910

Reading online? [Click the purple links throughout the newsletter to learn more!](#)

Library Hours

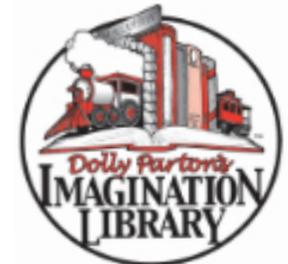
The Library is currently closed due to Covid restrictions, except for curbside service & certain other services by appointment. See the [Library website](#) for updates and details.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

The Friends of the Town of Chester Public Library has a long history of providing books and programs for children in the Town of Chester. Their commitment to early literacy development in the community has taken a number of forms such as the distribution of free books at the annual Rotary holiday event for children and the donation of books to preschoolers as they register for Kindergarten. To further early literacy opportunities in the community, the Friends applied for, and recently were awarded, a [Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation](#) grant to fund a local Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. The program pro-

vides free picture books mailed monthly to preschool children (ages 1-4) residing in the Town of Chester who register for the program. Each picture book is a high-quality piece of children's literature and is the family's to keep as part of a collection of children's books in each preschooler's home.

The Friends owe a special thanks to Trudy Walp for suggesting the program, writing the grant, overseeing the start-up, (continues)



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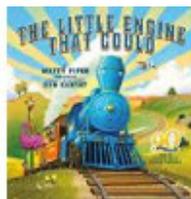
and agreeing to administer it. We have already had a good response in registrations.

What is the Dolly Parton Imagination Library?

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to preschool children. Children registered for the program receive a set of books, one a month across the year, mailed to their residence, starting with the children's classic, *The Little Engine That Could*. Each month a new, carefully selected picture book is mailed to the residence of registered preschool children in the child's name. There is no cost or obligation to the child's family. The book is a gift and belongs to the child to build their own library.

Who Is Eligible?

Preschool children, ages one through four, who reside in the Town of Chester, are eligible to register. For further information, please call 518-494-3627, or send an email to: trudyreads@chestercreekpress.com.



Glenn & Carol Pearsall
Adirondack Foundation

Farewell Sharon Berg

In December, the Library Board of Trustees sadly accepted the resignation of Sharon Berg, who worked as a Library Aide for many years. Sharon was always a welcoming face at the library and eager to help all who needed it. She was a great asset for the Friends, who was always ready to help with any of our projects.

Sharon is leaving to pursue her Master's Degree in Library Science.

The Friends of the Library and the entire community will miss her.

We wish you well in all your future endeavors!



What the Font?

The typeface used for the article text and titles in this newsletter is **Avenir**, designed by the American typographer Adrian Frutiger in 1987. The round bowls of the letters, such as the letters "o" or "p", classify it as a geometric typeface based on straight lines and shapes drawn with a compass.

Eric Gill, English sculptor and type designer, drew the characters used in the "Library News" title.

Visit the Library's **Book Arts Collection** to see some fine examples of book design and typography.



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Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of each month from September to June, at 10am by Zoom. Everyone is welcome.
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It's Not Too Late!

If you haven't already responded, the Library Board of Trustees have prepared a short community survey to guide our Library in planning for the future. Your ideas for improving the library are important, and will be much appreciated. It will only take a few minutes to complete!

[Please Click here for the survey](#)

Join the Friends of the Library Annual Membership–July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Thank you to all our members who supported the Friends of the Town of Chester Library this past year. Your commitment helps our library provide current best selling books, newspapers, magazines, DVDs for all ages, computer and internet access, children's programs, special events and much more. As a Friends member you are playing an important role in supporting a vital community resource. We look forward to your continued membership in our organization and we welcome our new members!

Submit your membership online at <http://www.chesterfriends.org>

Or print the membership form and mail it with your check payable to:

Friends of the TOC Library, PO Box 451, Chestertown, NY 12817

Thank You!



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

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