



Chester Springs Library

In the Lincoln Building at Historic Yellow Springs

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Newsletter

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Meetings
2nd Monday of the
month at the Library
7:30 PM

This past summer, the children of Chester Springs were encouraged to express their creativity through the 2009 Summer Reading Club and its theme of "Be Creative." At the Chester Springs Library, over 500 boys and girls came to watch and learn magic from a young magician; create their own ceramic pottery and have it fired at the Chester Springs Studio; create puppets and put on a show; learn about foods and create fun snacks; learn a foreign language; and design their own flower arrangements.



School-age readers were able to sign up for the Summer Reading Club either at the library or online. By keeping track of their reading they could earn small prizes, al-

though the real prize lay in discovering the books themselves.

Younger children enjoyed Story Time on Wednesdays, where they listened to stories, sang, danced, and created crafts to take home. Each week had a different theme, ranging from pirates, to colors, to outer space.

As summer turned into fall, we separated Story Time into two age groups, toddlers and preschoolers, with sessions designed for the skill levels appropriate for their ages. Our themes for the fall included apples, pets, dinosaurs, Halloween, and being thankful. Story Time continues throughout the school year.

Watch for next summer when the theme turns to water with "Make a Splash."

Library Hours

Monday: 10AM to 6PM

Tuesday: 10AM to 6PM

Wednesday: 10AM to 8PM

Thursday: 10AM to 6PM

Friday: 10AM to 6PM

Saturday: 10AM to 4PM

Sunday: Noon to 4PM



Story Times

Monday 10:30AM: Ages 1-3

Wednesday 10:30AM: Ages 3-6

Saturday 10:15AM: All ages

As a child, my number one best friend was the librarian in my grade school. I actually thought all of those books belonged to her. ~ Erma Bombeck ~



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ANNUAL BOOK SALE

On a lovely weekend in the middle of September, and accompanied by a reenactment of a Continental Army encampment as part of Historic Yellow Springs annual, "A Day with George," the library held its 2009 book sale. With hundreds of books and movies for sale, there was something here for everyone. Our thanks go to

everyone who volunteered to help with the sale and to those whose donations made it possible.

The library collects books year-round in anticipation of the next sale. We welcome your donations during our regular hours and accept most books that are

in good condition. However, we cannot accept textbooks; magazines; mildewed, worn or yellowed books; books with torn or missing covers; or condensed books. A donor form is available if you would like a receipt. All proceeds from the book sale go to support the Chester Springs Library.

SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY

Magazine Exchange

Do you subscribe to magazines that you read once and throw away? Would you like to try out some different titles – for free? If so, bring in your magazines and exchange them for ones that someone else has left. Please only bring in issues that are less than 6 months old.

Donate a Best Seller

Were you so excited to read the latest best seller from John Grisham, Dan Brown,

Robert Parker, or Danielle Steele that you just had to have a copy and went ahead and bought it? Now that you've finished it, is it going to gather dust on your shelves? You might consider donating it to the library and sharing it with others. We are accepting new (within the last 6 months) best sellers to add to our collection. As with any donation, if we are unable to use it here, we'll include it in our next book sale—another way to support the library.

Acme tapes

The Friends of the Library have a collection box across from the circulation desk for Acme register tapes. The tapes are collected, tabulated and then exchanged at the store for a donation. What a simple way to make a difference at the library! Please only bring in tapes from Acme stores.

Volunteer

The library has a need for occasional and/or regular volunteers. If you have a few hours available, per-

haps you would like to help out. For more information, contact the library.

Become a Friend

New members are always welcome at The Friends. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Lincoln Building. We would love to have you be a part of this ever growing, fun, active group who help support the library with fundraising events and more. For more information contact Lisa at lblue2@mac.com.

Chester Springs

Christmas House Tour And Holiday Celebration!



FRIENDS OF THE CHESTER SPRINGS LIBRARY

Come join us for our 2009 annual Christmas House Tour on **Sunday, December 6**, now in its 21st year hosted by the **Friends of Chester Springs Library**.

The "Greens of Christmas" is our theme this year! Enjoy touring 6 stunning properties beautifully decorated and architecturally appointed that have been generously opened by their owners. After your tour, gather with us at the

Montgomery School for holiday refreshments, music, and fun! Proceeds benefit the Chester Springs Library and their programs.

Tickets may be purchased at the Chester Springs Library located in the Lincoln Building of Historic Yellow Springs beginning **November 9**. Tickets are \$35.00 and are by advance sale only. House tour runs from 1:00 – 4:30pm followed by a reception at Montgomery

School from 4:00 – 5:30pm.

Don't forget to mark also your calendars for our annual **Garden Tour** set for **Saturday, June 5, 2010!**



The *Friends of Chester Springs Library* wishes you a very *Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year!*

STAFF READS

- *Atonement* / Ian McEwan
- *Best Friends Forever* / Jennifer Weiner
- *Dune Road* / Jane Greene
- *Fatally Flaky* / Diane Mott Davidson
- *The Forgotten Garden* / Kate Morton
- *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* / Mary Ann Shaffer
- *The Help* / Kathryn Stockett
- *Her Fearful Symmetry* / Audrey Niffenegger
- *The Glass Castle* / Jeanette Walls
- *Handle With Care* / Jodi Picoult
- *Invention of the Jewish People* / Shlomo Sand

- *Julie & Julia* / Julie Powell
- *Labor Day* / Joyce Maynard
- *Last Song* / Nicholas Sparks
- *Little Women* / Louisa May Alcott
- *Look Again* / Lisa Scottoline
- *The Lost Art of Gratitude* / Alexander McCall Smith
- *The Lost Symbol* / Dan Brown
- *Morality for Beautiful Girls* / Alexander McCall Smith
- *No Right to Remain Silent: The Tragedy at Virginia Tech* / Lucinda Roy
- *Now You See Him* / Eli Gottlieb
- *Outlander* / Diana Gabaldone

- *Outliers* / Malcolm Gladwell
- *A Season of Gifts* / Richard Peck — J
- *Smashed* / Koren Zailckas
- *South of Broad* / Pat Conroy
- *Surviving the Applewhites* / Stephanie Tolan — YA
- *13 1/2* / Nevada Barr
- *A Tuscan Childhood* / Kinta Beevor
- *Twenties Girl* / Sophie Kinsella
J—Juvenile; YA—Young Adult

When I discovered libraries, it was like having Christmas every day.

~ Jean Fritz ~

UPCOMING EVENTS

RAISE A READER

Raise a Reader is a free four week program for children ages 0-23 months. Come and join in for fingerplays, rhymes, music and stories. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Give your child a wonderful start to becoming a great reader! The sessions this fall are Tuesday mornings Oct 13-Nov 3, 2009 from 10:30 – 11:00. Registration is required, and classes are limited to 15 infants and caregivers. Siblings may attend. Watch for our next session again in the spring.

HALLOWEEN WALK WITH HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 6:30 PM

Come in costume and bring a flashlight! Stories of Yellow Springs' past will be revealed as we take a *Trick or Treat* walk 'back in time' along the Discovery Trail and have our passports stamped at each festive station. **Storytelling** and light refreshments to follow. Recommended for ages 4-10 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult (18 years & up). Trail is not stroller friendly. In case of rain, we will have indoor activities, stories, and refreshments.



Photo by Suzanne Halstead

POETRY READING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 @ 7 PM CHESTER SPRINGS LIBRARY

You are invited to attend an inaugural event at the Chester Springs Library. A poetry reading will be held on Wednesday evening, November 4, featuring two regional poets. Barbara Crooker and Kenneth Pobo.

A native of Villa Park, Illinois, **Ken Pobo** is a poet, educator, gardener and environmentalist. He teaches Creative Writing at Widener University in Chester, PA. His poetry has been inspired by such poets as Langston Hughes, T.S. Eliot, and John Donne among others. "With a Keatsian sensibility, he draws our

attention to the natural world, its rich diversity, [...] and without being judgmental, academic or didactic, he reminds us of what we sadly lost to some alarm: Our humanity." - Jacqueline Marcus.

Barbara Crooker comes to us from the Lehigh Valley. She has written over 650 poems that have been published in books, anthologies, and magazines. Seventeen of her poems have been read by Garrison Keillor on *The Writer's Almanac*, National Public Radio. She has won numerous awards and prizes, including her

most recent, the 2007 Pen and Brush Poetry Prize.

And, coming on **March 3**, Dan Maguire and Bill Van Buskirk. Dan has read his poetry at The Library of Congress and won the poetry competition at the Philadelphia Writer's Conference in 2000, 2001 and 2002. He has been published and anthologized both locally and nationally. Bill recently won the Mad Poets society *Joie De Vivre Book Award*, a national competition. He teaches in the graduate business school of LaSalle University.

HOLIDAY STROLL VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009 6:00 TO 8:30 PM

This annual event hosted by the Chester Springs Library, Chester Springs Studio, Historic Yellow Springs, and West Pikeland Township invites you to begin your holiday season on Friday, December 4th from 6 to 8:30 pm, with a visit to our picturesque, candlelit village.



The buildings will be festively decorated for the holidays and include many activities including a visit from Santa, Make & Take Crafts, Seasonal Music, Yuletide Treats and dozens of delights for all ages to experience within each building. Bring your whole family and invite your neighbors to this community get-together in the Village of Yellow Springs.

The Chester Springs Library will have a special **Story Time** at 7:30 PM.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY!!

DVD'S & AUDIO BOOKS

New DVD's

Still with no rental fees!

Children and Family

- Blue's First Holiday
- Coraline
- Dora the Explorer:
 - Dora's First Trip
 - Meet Diego
 - Singing Sensation
 - Super Silly Fiesta
- Dragon Tales. Let's Share!
 - Let's Play
- Go Diego Go! The Great
 - Dinosaur Rescue
- Hannah Montana:
 - The Movie
- Inkheart
- Feel Better Little Bear
- On-the-go Oswald
- Race to Witch Mountain
- The Wiggles Go Bananas!

Adult

Duplicity

- Fast and Furious
- Ghosts of Girlfriends Past
- I Love You, Man
- Knowing
- Land of the Lost
- Monsters vs. Aliens
- The Nutty Professor
- The Pink Panther 2
- The Proposal
- 17 Again
- The Soloist
- Sunshine Cleaning
- Taking of Pelham 1 2 3
- Transformers: Revenge of
 - the Fallen
- Watchmen
- X-Men Origins. Wolverine
- Year One

Playaways are Here!!

Playaways are mp3 players with an audio-book pre-loaded. All you need to do is plug in your earphones and

enjoy. Come in and see what they are all about. If we don't have a title you want, we may be able to get it for you from one of the other Chester County libraries.

New Playaways

- At First Sight* / Nicholas Sparks
- Black Hills* / Nora Roberts
- The Hard Way* / Lee Child
- Long Lost* / Harlan Coben
- Three Cups of Tea* / Greg Mortenson
- The Tipping Point* / Malcolm Gladwell

Books on CD - Adult

- 206 Bones* / Kathy Reichs
- Alex Cross's Trial* / James Patterson
- The Audacity of Hope* / Barak Obama
- Blink* / Malcolm Gladwell

- Breaking Dawn* / Stephenie Meyer
- Dune Road* / Jane Green
- Look Again* / Lisa Scottoline
- Rain Gods* / James Lee Burke
- South of Broad* / Pat Conroy
- Zeitoun* / Dave Eggers

Books on CD - Children

- Curious George Rides a Bike and other stories*
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw* / Jeff Kinney
- Friend of Foe? With the Pain and the Great One* / Judy Blume
- Ivy + Bean Doomed to Dance* / Annie Barrows
- Library Mouse: A Friend's Tale* / Daniel Kirk
- Miss Nelson Has a Field Day and other stories*
- Poppy and Ereth* / Avi

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