



Chester Springs Library

In the Lincoln Building at Historic Yellow Springs

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Newsletter

Fall 2010

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

Library Hours

Monday: 10AM to 6PM

Tuesday: Noon to 6PM

Wednesday: 10AM to 6PM

Thursday: Noon to 6PM

Friday: 10AM to 6PM

Saturday: 10AM to 4PM

Sunday: Noon to 4PM

Story Times

Monday 10:30AM: Ages 1-3

Wednesday 10:15AM: Ages 3-6

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Dear Friends:

Every year at this time we make our annual appeal for community support. This year, our financial outlook is the most difficult it has ever been. Last year, Pennsylvania cut 2010 funding for libraries by 21%. Chester County and West Pikeland Township also trimmed their spending. We have been advised to expect additional funding cuts of another 15% for 2011.

As a result, the Chester Springs Library is facing a reduction in governmental support next year of up to 31% compared to 2009. In response to last year's cuts, we reduced our business hours, instituted a \$1 charge for DVDs, and cut some children's summertime programming. We also asked the Friends of the Library to increase their fund-raising efforts, which they generously and selflessly did. Yet, despite these drastic measures, the library still suffered a sizable operating deficit in 2010, and the outlook for 2011 is even worse!!

The Chester Springs Library is open every day and houses a collection of over 20,000 items. Except for DVDs, our Library is a "free" library. Books, CDs, Play-Aways, computers, Internet access, and children's reading and science programs are all free of charge. In 2009, over 21,000 people came to the Library to make use of our services, and this year, despite our reduced hours, a similar number is expected.

Historically, one quarter of the library budget has come from the private sector. For 2011, given the reduction in governmental funding, that percentage will be insufficient to close our budget gap. Therefore, we ask you to support the Chester Springs Library as generously as you can in 2011. Please help us to continue to be your community library, providing content and services 7 days a week to local residents, especially those who are more than ever in need of those services.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Len Olsen

President

P.S. If your employer offers a gift-matching program the impact of your donation can be even greater!

SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY

Donate a Best Seller

Were you so excited to read the latest best seller from John Grisham, Michael Connelly, Lisa Scottoline, or one of the books in the "Girl" Trilogy by Stieg Larsson 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 at the library, we'll include it in the next book sale, which also translates to support for the 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 current magazines and exchange them for ones that someone else has left.

Book Sale

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

that are in good condition. However, we cannot accept mildewed, worn or yellowed books, books with torn or missing covers, condensed books, magazines, or encyclopedias. A donor form is available if you would like a receipt. All proceeds from the book sale go to support the library. Our next book sale will take place in the spring of 2011.

FRIENDS OF THE CHESTER SPRINGS LIBRARY

Chester Springs Christmas House Tour And Holiday Celebration!!

Come join us for our 2010 annual Christmas House Tour on **Sunday, December 5**, now in its 22nd year hosted by the *Friends of Chester Spring Library*. The "**Many Colors of Christmas**" is our theme this year. Enjoy touring 6 stunning homes, 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 @ Historic Yellow Springs and its programs.



Tickets may be purchased for \$35.00 at the Chester Springs Library located in the Lincoln Building of Historic Yellow Springs and at Gardner's Nursery on Route 113. All sales must be made in advance and are by cash or check only. The House Tour runs from 1:00pm to 4:30pm followed by the reception at Montgomery School from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

We want to thank everyone who turned out for our Whisky Tasting event in October. The evening was a huge success! Everyone attending enjoyed great food, learning about Celtic whisky, and the

chance to share in a unique experience.

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

Become a Friend

New members are always welcome! 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 information contact Christine at christinekeegan@verizon.net.

STAFF READS

- *Ape House* / Sara Gruen
- *Beachcombers* / Nancy Thayer
- *Crossfire* / Dick Francis & Felix Francis
- *Cutting for Stone* / Abraham Verghese
- *Death of a Valentine* / M C Beaton
- *The Distant Hours* / Kate Morton
- *Faithful Place* / Tana French
- *Fragile Beasts* / Tawni O'Dell
- *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest* / Stieg Larsson
- *The Happiness Project* / Gretchen Rubin
- *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* / Jamie Ford
- *The Island* / Elin Hilderbrand
- *Little Bee* / Chris Cleave
- *The Long Way Home* / Robin Pilcher
- *Mockingjay* / Suzanne Collins (YA)
- *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* / Aimee Bender
- *Promises to Keep* / Jane Green
- *Safe Haven* / Nicholas Sparks
- *Sarah's Key* / Tatiana de Rosnay
- *A Secret Kept* / Tatiana de Rosnay
- *The Truth About Forever* / Sarah Dessen (YA)
- *The Warmth of Other Suns* / Isabel Wilkerson
- *The Widow of the South* / Robert Hicks
YA—Young Adult

If you want your children to be brilliant,
read them fairy tales.
If you want them to be geniuses,
read them more fairy tales.
~ Albert Einstein

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 library holds two sessions per year, in the spring and fall. Our next session will be in the spring of 2011. Watch our website for the exact dates. Registration is required, and classes are limited to 15 infants and caregivers. Siblings are welcome. This program is funded by the QVC Corporation.

POETRY

On a beautiful fall day in October, poet Aaren Perry paid a visit to the Chester Springs Library at Historic Yellow Springs. Accompanied by the Berimbau, a single-stringed musical instrument from Brazil, he performed his poetry to an enthusiastic audience. Reading from his own and other's works, he demonstrated the versatility of the art of poetry, from the whimsical, to story telling, to the competitive format of a poetry slam.

*Poetry is an echo, asking
a shadow to dance.
~ Carl Sandburg*

The poetry reading, along with the Library's Harvest Story Time were part of the Village's "Hands-on Clay" Day. Other venues included demonstrations of still life pastel drawing and ceramics techniques, the "Pots at Work" exhibition, and of course a hands-on opportunity to create a decorated ceramic tile.



A STORY TIME HALLOWEEN

The Library celebrated Halloween twice this year. On Monday, October 25, we partnered with Historic Yellow Springs for a toddler story time and craft party. Then on Wednesday, the 27th, during our regular pre-school story time, we held a second Halloween party. At both events, the children dressed up in their costumes, listened to Halloween tales, sang, danced, and paraded through the library. Later they made Halloween crafts and enjoyed snacks and treats. A great time was had by all!



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Chester Spring Library is part of the Chester County Library System. The Chester Springs Library serves the residents of the area by making readily available a variety of materials, resources and programs to promote education, information, recreation and a sense of community.

YES, I want to help Chester Springs Library @ Historic Yellow Springs with a tax deductible donation.

◇ \$25.00 Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____
 ◇ \$50.00 Address _____
 ◇ \$100.00 _____
 ◇ \$250.00 _____
 ◇ \$500.00 _____
 ◇ Other Phone _____
 ◇ Endowment

Please make checks payable to:
Chester Springs Library

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY!!

DVD'S & AUDIO BOOKS

New DVD's

Children and Family

How to Train Your Dragon
 The Last Airbender
 Nanny McPhee Returns
 Ramona and Beezus
 Secret of Moonacre
 Shrek Forever After
 Toy Story 3

Adult

Babies
 Cats & Dogs—The Revenge of Kitty Galore
 Charlie St. Cloud
 Eat Pray Love
 The Girl Who Played With Fire
 The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo
 Grown Ups
 Inception

Iron Man 2
 Karate Kid
 Letters to Juliet
 Pillars of the Earth
 Robin Hood
 Sex and the City 2
 The Sorcerer's Apprentice
 Twilight: Eclipse

Audio Books

Playaways are mp3 players with an audio-book pre-loaded. Just plug in your ear-phones. We also have a new collection of **mp3-cd's**. This audio disc format can hold an entire book on one CD. Great for a long car trip! 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

Are You There Vodka? It's Me Chelsea / Chelsea Handler
The Confession / John Grisham
Fall of Giants / Ken Follett
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo / Stieg Larsson
Guilt / John Lescroart
Hell's Corner / David Baldacci
Room / Emma Donoghue
Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk / David Sedaris

New mp3-cd's

American Assassin / Vince Flynn
Full Dark, No Stars / Stephen King
Great House / Nicole Krauss
I'd Know You Anywhere / Laura Lippman

The Weekend / Bernhard Schlink
The Whisperers / John Connolly

Books on CD - Adult

Bad Blood / John Sandford
Cure / Robin Cook
The Fort / Bernard Cornwell
Gingerbread Cookie Murder / Joanne Fluke
In the Company of Others / Jan Karon
Moonlight Mile / Dennis Lehane
The Red Queen / Philippa Gregory
Running Scared / Lisa Jackson
Tough Customer / Sandra Brown

Books on CD - Children

Clementine, Friend of the Week / Sara Pennypacker
Crispin: The End of Time / Avi
The Fran With Four Brains / Jim Benton

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