



Chester Springs Library

In the Lincoln Building at Historic Yellow Springs

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Newsletter

Fall 2011

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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 5PM

Saturday: 10AM to 4PM

Sunday: Noon to 4PM

Story Times

Monday 10:30AM: Ages 1-3

Wednesday 10:30AM: Ages 3-6

THE LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Dear Friends:

Every year at this time we make our annual appeal for community support. This year, our financial outlook is just as bleak as it was last year. Our Pennsylvania and Chester County funding has been decreased in each of the last two years, a total of 31% since 2009, and we have been advised to expect an additional 11% funding cut for 2012.

As a result, the Chester Springs Library is again facing a significant operational shortfall as we head into the new year. In response to last year's cuts, we reduced our business hours, cut paid-staff hours and tightened the belt in other areas including programming and spending on books and DVD's. 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 will still suffer a sizable operating deficit in 2011. And the outlook for 2012 is no better.

The Chester Springs Library is open every day and houses a collection of over 20,000 items. And, except for DVDs, our Library is a "free" library. Books, CDs, PlayAways, computers, internet access, and children's reading and science programs are all free of charge. In 2010 almost 20,000 patrons came to the library to make use of our services, and this year, despite slightly reduced hours, a similar number is expected.

Historically, one quarter of the library budget has come from the private sector. For 2012, that percentage will be insufficient to close our budget given the continued reduction in governmental funding. Therefore, we ask you please to support the Chester Springs Library as generously as you can in 2012. 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 Sue Grafton, Janet Evanovich, James Patterson, or John Grisham, 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 ex-

change them for ones that someone else has generously donated.

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, salable condition. However, we CANNOT accept dirty, mildewed, worn or yellowed books; books with highlighting or writing in

them; books with torn or missing covers, condensed books; magazines, text books or encyclopedias. Please do NOT leave boxes of books outside on the porch. A donor form is available if you would like a receipt. All proceeds from the book sale go to support the library.

Chester Springs Library Friends Holiday House Tour!!



Come join us for our 2011 annual Christmas House Tour on **Sunday, December 4** hosted by the *Friends of the Chester Springs Library*. Now in its 23rd year, our theme this year is "**Additions, Renovations, and Transformations.**" Enjoy tour-

ing 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 and fun! Proceeds benefit the Chester Springs Library @ Historic Yellow Springs and its programs.

Tickets may be purchased for \$40.00 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.

Coming this Spring! The Friends of the Chester Springs Library @ Historic Yellow Springs will hold a community **ESTATE SALE** (i.e., an upscale garage sale with a lot of good 'stuff' at bargain prices). If you'd like to participate, save all your treasures and donate them to the Friends. We will take furniture, jewelry, art, toys, rugs, household items, gardening items, etc...but no clothes, please. Additional information will become avail-

able soon. You can contact the Library or Noreen Vigilante at nvigilante@comcast.net with questions or information regarding donations.

Become a Friend

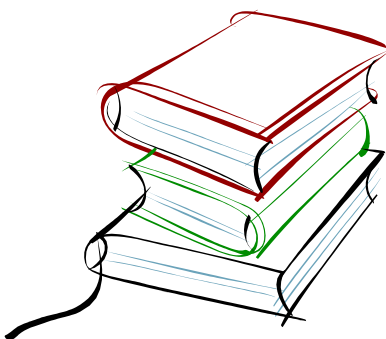
New members to the Friends are always welcome! We would love to have you be a part of this fun and active group who help support the library with fundraising events and more. We meet at 9:15am the first Wednesday of the month at Manhattan Bagel, Chester Springs. For information contact Christine at christinekeegan@verizon.net.

STAFF READING CORNER

- *Before I Go to Sleep* / S. J. Watson
- *The Best of Me* / Nicholas Sparks
- *Boomerang: Travels in the New Third World* / Michael Lewis
- *Caleb's Crossing* / Geraldine Brooks
- *A Discovery of Witches* / Deborah Harkness
- *The Girl in the Garden* / Kamala Nair
- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* / Rebecca Skloot
- *In the Garden of Beasts* / Erik Larson
- *Love You More* / Lisa Gardner
- *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* / Helen Simonson
- *The Night Strangers* / Chris Bohjalian
- *The Red Garden* / Alice Hoffman
- *Rules of Civility* / Amor Towles
- *The Silent Girl* / Tess Gerritsen
- *Sister* / Rosamund Lupton

Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside a dog, it's too dark to read.

~Groucho Marx~



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

RAISE A READER

Raise a Reader is a free four week program for children ages 0-23 months. Come and join in for finger plays, rhymes, music and stories. Give your child a wonderful start to becoming a great reader! The library holds two sessions per year, in the spring and fall. Our fall session will be held on Fri-



day mornings from October 28 through November 18, with our spring session to be scheduled in April. Please check our website for more information. Registration is required, and classes are limited to 15 infants and caregivers. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and siblings are welcome. This program is funded by the QVC Corporation.

HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES*

This fall, children from the Chester Springs Library community will be creating and decorating holiday cards to send to members of the military, veterans and their families. November story times will feature opportunities for preschool children to use their artistic abilities to make their cards. We will also have card-making supplies here for use at other times. Adults and older children, please consider contributing cards, too! The Red Cross has established specific guidelines for us all to follow. Please call the library or www.redcross.org for more details. The deadline for bringing in cards is December 4, 2011.

*Sponsored by The Red Cross and Pitney Bowes

We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude.

~ Cynthia Ozick ~

HOLIDAY EVENTS IN HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS

November 11–20, 2011

Opening Reception: Friday, November 11, 6-9 pm

Hours: Monday - Saturday 10am - 4pm, Sunday noon - 4pm

IMAGES OF YELLOW SPRINGS ART SHOW COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION (2nd Floor Lincoln Building) For the 7th year, current artists are invited to participate in the competition to have their work selected as the image that will represent the 39th Annual Yellow Springs Art Show in 2012. Artists have been exploring our village and the archival collection to create the image that they believe best represents this special place.

2011 HOLIDAY FINE CRAFTS SALE (1st Floor Lincoln Building) With a wide array of quality one-of-a-kind handcrafted items available for purchase including pottery, jewelry and so much

more. Of special interest is the work by the faculty and students in our Ceramic Studio.

Friday, December, 2, 2011

6:00-8:30 pm

HOLIDAY STROLL

Begin your holiday season with a stroll through the picturesque, candlelit Village of Historic Yellow Springs! The buildings will be festively decorated and include many activities, including seasonal music, yuletide treats and crafts, and even a visit from **Santa!** Bring your whole family and invite your friends and neighbors to this community get-together in the Village of Historic Yellow Springs.

The Library will host a special **Story Time** at 7:30 PM.



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Chester Springs Library is part of the Chester County Library System, serving 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 _____ Email _____
◇ Endowment	

Please make checks payable to:
Chester Springs Library

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY!!

DVD'S & DOWNLOADABLE BOOKS

New DVD's

Children and Family

Cars 2
 Chicken Run
 Diary of a Wimpy Kid:
 Rodrick Rules
 ElmoCize
 Gnomeo and Juliet
 Diego Saves the World
 Judy Moody and the Not
 Bummer Summer
 Mars Needs Moms
 Nutcracker: The Untold
 Story
 Rango
 Rio
 Spookie Buddies
 Tales About Tails (The
 Cat in the Hat)
 The Wiggles: Ukulele
 Baby!
 Winnie the Pooh
 Zoe's Moves (Sesame
 Street)

Adult

Bad Teacher
 Blitz
 Blue Valentine
 Captain America
 Forks Over Knives
 The Green Hornet
 The Green Lantern
 Hall Pass
 Hanna
 Henry's Crime
 Horrible Bosses
 Jane Eyre
 Just Go With It
 Justin Bieber: Never Say
 Never
 Limitless
 The Lincoln Lawyer
 No Strings Attached
 The Other Woman
 The Rite
 Snowflower and the Secret
 Fan
 Something Borrowed
 Soul Surfer

Source Code

Thor
 Transformers: Dark of the Moon
 Water for Elephants
 The Way Back
 X-Men First Class
 Zookeeper

Downloadable Books

Library eBooks are now available for Kindles.

We are excited to announce that in addition to other devices, our eBook collection is now compatible with the Kindle. You can now download popular and classic eBooks to your Kindle or any of the free Kindle apps. eBooks and audiobooks are also available for use on a PC or Mac computer and popular mobile devices such as a Smartphone,

MP3 player, and eBook reader like the Barnes & Noble® Nook™ and Sony® Reader. To get started, visit *Overdrive* on our website.

Recent titles include:

- *After America* / Mark Steyn
- *Body Surfing* / Anita Shreve
- *Headhunters* / Jo Nesbo
- *Heat Wave* / Nancy Thayer
- *I Moved Your Cheese* / Deepak Malhotra
- *Inheritance* / Christopher Paolini (YA)
- *The Next Always* / Nora Roberts
- *One Day* / David Nicholls
- *Prey* / Linda Howard
- *The Race* / Clive Cussler
- *Rafa: My Story* / Rafael Nadal
- *Second Son* / Lee Child
- *Why Read Moby Dick* / Nathaniel Philbrick
 YA—Young Adult

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