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An Occasional Newsletter by the Friends of Chester Library

## Welcome!

*The Friends of the Chester Public Library is a small group of volunteers who love and appreciate the programs, services, information, and peace of mind that we get every time we enter the Chester Public Library.*

*We are a group that makes a tremendous difference for all Chester Library patrons. The Friends fund:*

- DVD and CD purchases and a Netflix membership
- professionally facilitated Spring and Fall book discussion series
- materials for children's story and craft hours
- summer reading program supplies and performers
- passes to area museums and attractions

*We work together to offer the library book sales and we team up to deliver this periodic newsletter to the community. We are fortunate to have such an eclectic and artistic community that we are often approached by musicians, artists, authors, and others who wish to provide their services to our community with a concert or show, and ask us to support and provide refreshments for those events. They, in turn, often dedicate a portion of their profits to the library.*

*However, there is so much more we wish to do. Our library is facing a very important and exciting time in its history. Although small, it offers incredible value to our community, and our librarians do a tremendous job of utilizing the space we have to its fullest! Our group has many great ideas for the future, but we very much need more dedicated volunteers to be a part of The Friends.*

*We hold our meetings twice a year: one in April/May and one in October/November. We just held our May meeting, so we won't meet again until Monday, November 8 (7:00 pm at the Library). I am reaching out to the community of Chester to please contact me, via e-mail, if you feel a connection to this organization and would like to join us.*

*Thank you so much....*

*Tracy Quale, President  
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## Summer 2010

### Library Staff

Linda Fox, Director  
Leigh Basilone, Circulation  
Pam Larson, Interlibrary Loan  
Patty Petrus, Children's Librarian

### Library Hours

Monday 10-8  
Tuesday 2-6  
(Closed July 1 - Labor Day)  
Wednesday 10-6  
Thursday 2-8  
Friday 10-6 •  
Saturday 10-2

### Chester Fair Book Sale

The Friends of Chester Library return to the Chester Fair, August 27-29, for their third annual paperback-only sale! If you are able to help with either sorting or selling at the Fair, please call Diane Lindsay at 860-526-2443.

### Exploring a New Look for Chester Library

Over the past year, the Board of Trustees has been developing a Long Range Plan for Chester Library. The information gathering part of the process included a community survey and focus groups, through which Chester residents said:

- We need change now
- Use experts to help rethink the space
- Provide access for all residents
- Get local people to pitch in
- Be resourceful but not over-consumptive, and
- Make this library reflect Chester: Unique, high-quality, comfortable and charming.

The Trustees heard you and are ready to act. The first step is to investigate reconfiguring the existing interior of the library. To that end, the Trustees are seeking redesign ideas from designers, architects, space planners

and/or other creative people with thoughtful solutions. Plans will be due at the end of the summer. (Improving library access will be addressed under a separate initiative.)

To learn more about this redesign process, come join us for an INFORMATION SESSION on Monday, June 28 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM at the library. Please RSVP by calling 860-526-0018 or emailing [chesterclibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:chesterclibrary@yahoo.com). Please help spread the word about this project.

### Admission Passes to Area Attractions

As you plan summer activities, keep in mind that our library has free or reduced admission passes to a number of area attractions. As a Chester resident, you may reserve a pass to any of the following:

- Connecticut River Museum
- Connecticut's Old State House
- Connecticut State Parks and Forests Day Pass
- Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art
- Florence Griswold Museum
- Mystic Aquarium
- Mystic Seaport
- New Britain Museum of American Art
- Peabody Museum
- Wadsworth Atheneum

## Make a Splash... READ!

Come jump into the cool pool of readers this summer at Chester Public Library. The more time spent in the "pool," the more prizes each child will receive. To begin, fun charts, stickers, and bookmarks will be given to each reader. Our reading incentive program is open to children ages preschool and up, beginning Monday, June 21. Don't forget to register!

The wave of activities continues all summer with:

- **The Incredible Journey — Wednesday, July 7 at 3:30 PM.**

If you're ages 6-12, you'll travel through condensation, precipitation, and evaporation, a journey that brings water to life. Then using your watery words and thoughts, generate poems and Mad Libs to share with others. The story, *A Drop Around the World*, will be read to get things flowing.

- **Around the Pond and in the Woods — Monday, July 12 at 10:30 AM**

"Splash Off" for ages 3-6 in our summer story/craft program. What might you find when you visit a water habitat? Learn what you'll find living in the water through stories such as *Some Smug Slug* and

*Around the Pond: Who's Been Here*. Later, investigate samples of pond water to find the tiny, but very important animals living there.

- **Cool Stories and Crafts**

For ages 3-6 continue on Mondays at 10:30 AM from July 19 and running through August 16.

- **Creative Opportunities for Older Children**

- **Small Expressions:** A creative writing class taught by Diane Tracy (7/14; ages 8-10)
- **Macramé bracelets** with Megan Winslow (7/21; ages 7-10)
- **Knit** with Anne Winslow (7/28; ages 7-10)
- **Decoupage** with Anne Winslow (8/11; ages 7-10)

These programs will be held on Wednesday afternoons beginning at 3:30 PM. All materials will be provided by the library.

- **Book Discussions with Sally Murray**

- **Uglies by Scott Westerfeld**  
For ages 10-14... with pizza! In a world of extreme beauty, anyone normal is ugly... but, oh those hoverboards... you're going to want one! Join the discussion on Wednesday, August 4 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM.

- **The Book Thief by Markus Zusak**

For ages 14 and up. With Death as the narrator, discover how words feed the soul. Pizza doesn't hurt either! Discussion set for Wednesday, August 18 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM.

Books for both discussions will be available from the library.

- **Secret World of Bubbles — Monday,**

**August 16 at 10:30 AM** (place to be announced). Experience the funtastic science of bubbleology as Keith Michael Johnson shares his exciting bubble sculptures — everything from a three-foot stack of baseball-size bubbles to the Jurassic Bubble. Bring the whole family, along with any friends you can gather, to this special presentation on Monday, August 16. The more, the merrier. It's so much fun you'll want to just...pop!

Sign up for all programs begins the first of June. Space is very limited for most events, except the "Secret World of Bubbles." Please call the library to register at 860-526-0018.

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