

The Friends of the



Community Library

# FRIENDS News

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FRIENDS OF  
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## VOTING MATTERS

### Library's 2023 Budget & 2022 Trustee Election

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 9am to 9pm at the C-R High School

The Community Library operates on a very modest budget. The proposed budget for 2023 is for \$329,769, over 15% of which is covered by state aid, grants, donations, and the fundraising activities of The Friends of the Library. The remainder is funded by taxes approved annually by voters in the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District. Your membership in the Friends is an important way to help our library, but encouraging your friends, family members, and coworkers to turn out to vote in favor of the library's 2023 budget on May 17 is another.

More information for people interested in running for Library Trustee can be found on page 3. The Library will have more details on nominated candidates after April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Battle of the Books

In January The Friends of the Community Library contributed \$1,200 towards supporting the Cobleskill Richmondville School District's Battle of the Books. These funds are used towards purchasing books, prizes, t-shirts, pizza and drinks. Members of The Friends volunteer to write questions and on the day of the battle keep score, track timing and help to keep the event running smoothly. This year the Golding Battle will occur on Friday, April 8 at 2pm and the Radez Battle will occur on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

We are still seeking volunteers for the Radez event. Please contact [clockhart@mvls.info](mailto:clockhart@mvls.info)

Your past support makes these programs possible.

## National Library Week

April 3-9, 2022

Time to Connect with your Library. Signup for the Library News emails at

<https://mailchi.mp/287db1f866ef/news>

## National Giving Day

April 6<sup>th</sup>

Support the Mohawk Valley Library System Foundation

[Donate Here](#)

### Annual Meeting

Come join us and find out more about The Friends.  
Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30  
At the Library in the Program Room.

### 2021-2022 Officers

President: Rose Marie Joyce  
Vice-Pres.: Kim Walchko  
Treasurer: Margaret Dafeldecker  
Secretary: Kate Elder  
Membership/Book Sale: Sally Stroh

### Meeting Dates

Fiscal Year: 7/1/21 – 6/30/22  
  
June 11, 2022 Annual Meeting  
September 10, 2022  
December 10, 2022  
10:30am

### AMAZON SMILE

While shopping remember you can now support the Friends of The Community Library when you shop at Smile.Amazon.com. A portion of your purchases will be donated to the Friends.

Follow this link to sign up. <https://bit.ly/CommunityLibrarySmile>  


## FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY 2022 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Your membership helps fund special programs and purchases for our Library.

Our membership year is January 1 through December 31.

Dues are a donation of at least \$10. You may request a reusable tote bag for a membership donation of \$15.

Please fill out the form below and return to:

Friends of the Community Library

The Community Library, 110 Union St, Cobleskill, NY 12043

Make checks payable to **FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Receipt \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Tote Bag \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Volunteer Opportunities

Would you be able to help with one of the following activities?

\_\_\_ Basket Raffle \_\_\_ Used Book Sales \_\_\_ Staffing special events \_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_ Battle of the Books

### The Friends Annual Basket Raffle

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

The Basket Raffle is our largest fundraiser of the year. We need a volunteer to coordinate this event.

Please contact Rose Marie Joyce,

[joycelh2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:joycelh2@nycap.rr.com) or Kim Walchko,

[Kimberly.walchko@gmail.com](mailto:Kimberly.walchko@gmail.com) if you are interested.



### Early Voting Site

June 18-26 our Community Library will host the early voting for the Primary.

### New Library Items

You can view our new items at:

<https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryNewStuff>



2021 marked 100 years of service for The Community Library. The pandemic forced a postponement of our Roaring '20s afternoon Tea Celebration to April 2, 2022 from 2pm – 4pm. The event is open to the public.

### The Community Library Board of Trustees

The Community Library's mission is to build *"strong communities by preserving the past, enriching the present, and inspiring the future."* The eleven-member Board of Trustees strive to attain these goals by setting policies, overseeing the general operation of the Library, initiating and processing the budget, and hiring and evaluating the director. The Trustees take their responsibility seriously to serve the community by ensuring access to resources and programs that enhance the quality of life of our residents. This important public service role affects every tax payer, whether that person uses the Library or not.

Monthly meetings are open to the public and held on the second Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm and run about two hours. Trustees are expected to attend and participate in two of the six subcommittees that meet on a regular basis for about an hour.

#### Interested Candidates

Nominating petition forms are available at the Library or the Cobleskill-Richmondville District Office. Petitions need at least 25 signatures of voters living in the School District. Petitions must be filed with the District Office by 5pm on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The May ballot will include one four- year term and two five-year terms held by incumbents Janet Sand and Fred Barnes.

### The Annex Renovation

In December of 1996 the Library purchased the Annex for \$1 from the Cobleskill Richmondville School District. Over the years the Annex has remained vacant except for the storage of documents and furniture. The Library replaced the roof when it leaked causing interior damage. More recently vandals have broken windows furthering the need to address restoration. The Library Trustees have been meeting with the community, creating plans and seeking funds for restoration. After discussion with the Village Mayor and the Town Supervisor, the Library met with Lamont Engineering staff Brendon Becker. Last fall, discussions about grants and concepts for the restoration started taking shape.

In the Annex plans the first floor will provide space for teens and children, the media collection and a maker space. The second-floor, accessible after hours, will have a large community room, a mixed-use space and a history room for meetings and programs by and for the community.

Annex restoration funding to date: The Community Library has been award NYS Environmental Protection Fund support in the amount of \$500,000 and NYS Empire State Development funds up to \$250,000. The Town of Cobleskill has been awarded \$1,184,000 from the NYS Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

While this is a significant amount of money we are unsure that it will get us to full restoration of the Annex but it is anticipated the building will be safe and secure. The Library will continue to seek grants to support the full restoration.

## Bluebird House Raffle Fundraiser



The Bluebird houses, painted by local artists, would make a lovely Mother's Day gift.

Ticket sales will be available:

4/2 during Library hours & the Tea party

Additional sales May 3-7th

Raffle Drawing

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon

Tickets

one for \$1

six for \$5

## Trivia Night @ the Library

### Kick Off Event

Thursday, March 31 at 6:30

Gather your smartest, most fun friends and form a team for Trivia Night at The Community Library. Quizmaster Don LaPlant will be serving up three rounds of trivia questions in a range of categories including books, movies, music, history, science, geography, and pretty much anything else you can learn about in the library. Bragging rights (and modest prizes) are at stake. Sign up online or call to reserve your table. All ages welcome; teams limited to a maximum of 5 players each.

The Friends will sponsor the refreshment table during the Library's Trivia Night.

## Events @ The Library

Visit the Library's events calendar at

<https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryEvents>

You can register for upcoming programs.

## Cobleskill Richmondville

### High School Art Show

### Reception

Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm

Student Artwork will be on display in the Library for the month of May.

The Friends will host a refreshment table during the reception on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Fan Favorites Book Club

Join us at The Community Library at noon on the first Friday of every month for our casual conversation about the books, tv series, and movies we love. Each month we'll gather to socialize and share our suggestions and reviews of what we've been reading and watching. No assigned readings, just a chance to meet people, talk about things you love, and perhaps pick up a few recommendations of what to read next.

## Richmondville Days

Saturday, June 4

The Friends will be hosting a booksale table during the day. The table will be setup near Radez School. Volunteers are needed to help setup and sell books. If interested please contact Kate Elder, [katelynnelder@yahoo.com](mailto:katelynnelder@yahoo.com).

The Library will be closed May 28<sup>th</sup> for the Memorial Day Weekend.

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Library Staff are participating in the Marathon for a Better Life on June 4<sup>th</sup>.