

The Friends of the



Community Library

# FRIENDS News

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FRIENDS OF  
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## VOTING MATTERS

### Library's 2024 Budget & 2023 Trustee Election

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 9am to 9pm at the C-R High School

The Community Library operates on a very modest budget. The proposed budget for 2024 is for \$378,370, 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 2024 budget on May 16 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Battle of the Books

In December, Friends of The Community Library contributed \$1500 towards supporting Cobleskill Richmondville Central School District's Battle of the Books. These funds are used toward purchasing books, prizes, t-shirts, pizza, and drinks. Members of Friends volunteered to write 20 questions from specific books used, volunteer to read, score, and time during the contest dates, and serve food. This year's contests are being held at Radez Elementary April 1, at 9 AM in the Gym, Golding Middle School April 6, at 1:15 PM in the library, and Area High Schools April 22, at 10:00 AM in The Community Library.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact

Courtney Little at [clittle@mvls.info](mailto:clittle@mvls.info)

Your support makes this program possible. Thank you.

## National Library Week

April 23-29, 2023

Time to Connect with your Library. Sign-up for the Library News emails at

[https://bit.ly/CommunityLibrary News](https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryNews)

It is easy to find age-appropriate programs on the event calendar visit

[https://bit.ly/CommunityLibrary Events](https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryEvents)

### Annual Meeting

Come join us and find out more about The Friends.

Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30

At the Library in the Program Room.

### 2022-2023 Officers

President: Kim Walchko

Vice-Pres.: Catherine Weidman

Treasurer: Margaret Dafeldecker

Secretary: Kate Elder

Membership: Sally Stroh

### Meeting Dates

Fiscal Year: 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

Membership: 1/1/23-12/31/2023

June 10, 2023 Annual Meeting

September 9, 2023

December 9, 2023

10:30am

The Friends have a Facebook Page  
Look for "Friends of The Community Library" on Facebook

## FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY 2023 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Your membership helps fund special purchases and programs for our library. Dues are a donation of at least \$10. This year we are offering 10 free raffle tickets, for our Basket Raffle Fund Raiser to be held in September, for anyone who makes a membership donation of \$25 or more. Join and recruit a new member for 25 free raffle tickets. If your friend joins, we will reserve 25 free raffle tickets for you and 10 free raffle tickets for your friend.

Please fill out the form below and return to:  
The Friends of The Community Library  
The Community Library, 110 Union St, Cobleskill, NY 12043

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Receipt  Yes  No

Are you a new member? Did a current member refer you? Please share their name below:

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Please check any tasks you may be interested in volunteering to help The Friends with:

Basket Raffle  Book Sales  Staffing Events  Publicity  Battle of the Books  Trivia Night

### The Friends of The Community Library Basket Raffle & Used Book Sale

Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

9am to 12:30pm

Basket donations for the sale can be dropped off at the Library from August 22 through August 26 during regular library hours. Tickets will be sold starting on September 5 at the library. Ticket sale times on those days will be posted in August.

Anyone wishing to help wrap the baskets is welcome to join us on August 26 from 10:30 - 12noon and August 29 from 4pm-6pm at the library.





Roaring '20s afternoon Tea Celebration on April 2, 2022 marked 101 years of library service. Board President Ken Hotopp, Janet Sand, Board Historian Harriet Berard, Fred Barnes, Board Vice President Julia Walter, Library Director Kim Zimmer, Assemblyman Chris Tague, Jim Collins, Janice Clark, Board Financial Officer Linda Carpenter and Julie Santoro.

### 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.

#### 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 17<sup>th</sup>. The May ballot will include one one-year term, one three-year term and two five-year terms.

### The Annex Renovation

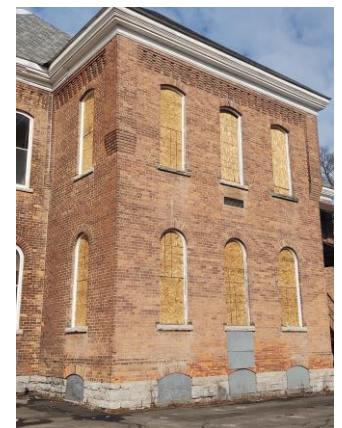
In the Fall of 2021 discussions about grants and concepts for the restoration of the Annex started taking shape. Plans for the first floor provide space for teens and children, the media collection and a creative space. The second-floor, accessible outside library hours, will have a history room, a community room, a mixed-use space for meetings and programs by and for the community.

During the Summer and Fall of 2022 the hazardous materials were remediated. The windows were removed for restoration by Millworks in Sharon Springs and bids will be going out for the electrical, plumbing, and façade work.

While a significant amount of money has been obtained, costs have increased and we are unsure that it will get us to full restoration of the Annex but the Library will continue to seek grants to achieve the full restoration.



Multipurpose Room on the second floor. Hazardous materials removed.



Windows removed and boarded.



## Mission of The Friends of The Community Library

The purpose of The Friends of The Community Library is to maintain a voluntary nonprofit organization composed of persons interested in promoting and supporting the library. Our group creates an awareness for the library and supports its many programs and events. It also raises funds for items not in the library's budget such as "Battle of the Books", Summer Reading Program, refreshments for programs such as "Trivia" and other events such as the CRCS Orchestra Christmas concert, Museum passes, etc. Membership dues and donations are also used for library support. Our funds are generated through donations from our Used Booksale, Christmas ornament sales, and snacks sold at Trivia night. Our largest fundraiser is the Annual Basket Raffle held in September.

Since The Community Library is going through extensive costly renovations, our organization needs to step up to meet these future demands. More fundraising is needed so that the library can meet future demands. Therefore, our goal is to increase our membership. Please consider joining The Friends.



*CRCS Orchestra Christmas concert this past December.*

## Award Winning Trivia Night @ the Library Last Thursday of the month at 6:30

Gather your friends and form a team of 2 to 5 people, to test your knowledge with trivia questions of various categories, hosted by Quizmaster, Don LaPlant. Small prizes go to first, second, third places. All ages are welcome! Sign up online or call to reserve a table. The friends sponsor the refreshments during the event from 6:15 PM till 7:30 PM. Any interested people willing to host the refreshments and play the game, please contact Kim Walchko at [kimberly.walchko@gmail.com](mailto:kimberly.walchko@gmail.com)

## Events @ The Library

Visit the Library's events calendar at <https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryEvents>  
You can register for upcoming programs.

## New Library Items

You can view our new items at:  
<https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryNewStuff>

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The Library will be closed Saturday,  
May 27<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

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The Library will be closed Saturday,  
June 17 for Juneteenth.

## Richmondville Days Saturday, June 3

The Friends will have a booth at the Radez School Building to host a booksale and hand out information. Volunteers are needed to help setup and sell books. If interested please contact Kate Elder, [katelynnelder@yahoo.com](mailto:katelynnelder@yahoo.com)

## Library Giving Day April 4, 2023

Support Mohawk Valley Libraries during National Library Week.

[mvlslibraryfoundation.wordpress.com/library-giving-day-april/](https://mvlslibraryfoundation.wordpress.com/library-giving-day-april/)

## Used Book Sale

The ongoing Friends Used Book Sale is located in Basement of the Library. Check it out regularly. We are always getting new donations of books. Now we also have a new, red security box to leave your monetary donations in. It's on the wall by the children's books.

Do you have books in good condition that you don't need anymore? Please consider donating them to us to add to our collection. Our sincere thanks to all of you who support us by purchasing books or donating them.