

The Friends of the



Community Library

FRIENDS News

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FRIENDS OF
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

VOTING MATTERS

The Library's 2025 Budget & 2024 Trustee Election

will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 9am to 9pm at the C-R High School

The Community Library is expecting portions if not all of the annex to be open in 2025. As a result, the proposed budget for 2025 is \$475,700. Over 16% of the budget is covered by state aid, grants, donations, and the fundraising activities of The Friends of The Library. The remainder is funded by the tax levy approved annually by voters in the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District. The tax levy request on the ballot this year is \$396,000 for budget year 2025. 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 2025 tax levy on May 21 is another.

Interested in running for Library Trustee? More information can be found on page 4.

Battle of the Books

In December, Friends of The Community Library donated \$1800 to support, "Battle of the Books" at CRCS Radez and Golding buildings. These funds allow the purchase of books, T-shirts, prizes, pizza, and drinks. There are 13 Elementary Teams and 3 Middle School Teams. The Radez battle is held Saturday, April 13, at 9 AM. There will be 6 rooms used, so many volunteers are needed. Each room needs a Reader, Scorer, and Timer. Extra people are needed to be runners, handing out prizes and snacks, and helping students find their way. If interested in volunteering, please contact Courtney Little at the library, clittle@mvls.info. She will email descriptions of each job and organize volunteers. Volunteers will need to be present at 8:45 until approximately noon.

Your support makes this program possible! Thank you.



Monthly Meetings

During the March meeting the members decided to move to a monthly meeting schedule alternating between Wednesday nights at 6pm and Saturday mornings at 11am. We hope this new schedule works with schedules for more members to participate.

2023-2024 Officers

President: Kimberly Walchko
 Vice-Pres.: Catherine Weidman
 Treasurer: Margaret Dafeldecker
 Secretary: Jody Pugh
 Membership: Sally Stroh
 Fiscal Year: 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
 Membership: 1/1/24-12/31/2024

Meeting Dates

April 10 @ 6pm
 May 11 @ 11am
 June 12 @ 6pm **Annual Meeting**
 July @ 13 11am
 August 14 @ 6pm
 September 14 @ 11am
 October 9 @ 6pm
 November 2 @ 11am
 December 11 @ 6pm

CONNECT WITH THE FRIENDS
 Email: FriendsCommunityLibrary@gmail.com
 The Friends have a Facebook Page
 Look for “Friends of The Community Library” on Facebook

President’s Corner

At our March 16, 2024, Friends Meeting, it was decided to meet monthly instead of quarterly. The Community Library has grown and their needs are more numerous thus quarterly meetings were too much of a span of time to plan for their many programs and activities. It was decided to meet monthly the second Wednesday at 6 PM or Saturday at 11 AM every other time. Our Bylaws allows us to make this change and it would also help shorten our meetings and make the meetings more available for our members. Our next meeting is scheduled Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 6 PM at The Community Library.

New programs and activities at the library will require more volunteers to help. One activity is working and playing at the monthly Trivia night where we serve the snacks. A new monthly “Cafe Chill” will need a baked item to serve. With our used book sale, member Sally Stroh, needs continued help sorting these books to display in the basement. February is “Love Your Library Month” and then our “Annual Basket Sale/Used Book Sale” in September all require volunteer help. Friends will continue to decorate the library for Christmas and the Village would like us to participate in the Halloween/Christmas displays on the front lawn.

In addition, volunteers will be needed to help with Fund Raisers to furnish the Library Annex space that will be available for use in 2025. ~ Kimberly Walchko

FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
January – December 2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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

Dues are a donation of at least \$10.

A donation of \$25 or more entitles you to 10 free raffle tickets for our Basket Raffle in September.

Please check here if you prefer to decline the free raffle tickets.

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 Amount \$ _____ Tax Receipt Yes No

Please check if you may be interested in volunteering to help The Friends with any of the following:

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



Basket Raffle and Book Sale 2024

This year's "Basket Raffle & Used Book Sale" is set for Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 9 AM. to 12 noon. Sarah Davis will chair this fundraiser. Anyone interested in donating a basket or helping that day (adult or students), please contact Sarah Davis at thaise75@gmail.com
Baskets will be inside the library with used books outside.

Basket Raffle Tickets will be on sale after Labor Day, September 3, 2024.

Vice President Position Open for Next Year

We will vote on our slate of officers at our annual meeting in June. All positions on the Executive Board will run from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. The VP responsibilities are to assist the president in activities and to facilitate meetings in the absence of the president. Interested? Please email Sally at strosalsally@yahoo.com.

Richmondville Days

Saturday, June 1

Friends will have a booth at the Radez School Building. We will host a book sale and hand out information on The Community Library and Friends. Volunteers are needed at 8 AM to set up, sell books, and hand out information. If interested, please contact Kate Elder at katelynnelder@yahoo.com

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH BOOK SALE

We raised \$136.16 for the library in our February book sale. If you missed it, there are always used books for sale in the basement. Check it out! Many thanks to all of you who are donating books, helping sort and set up the sales and supporting these sales with your purchases.

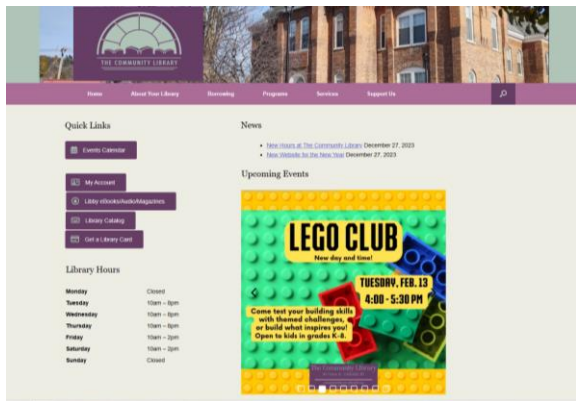


Trivia Night @ The Library

Teams of 2-5 people test their knowledge with trivia questions. This is hosted by Don LaPlant and held in the community room the last Thursday of each month. Friends sponsor the refreshments and get to play too. Two volunteers are needed to serve and play from 6:15 PM till 7:30 PM. We set up the table using a snack container with some snacks, drinks, and supplies. Baked items are often provided. Any volunteers interested to host a night, please contact Kim Walchko at kimberly.walchko@gmail.com



<p align="center">Events @ The Library</p> <p>Visit the Library's events calendar at https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryEvents</p> <p>You can register for upcoming programs</p>	<p align="center">New Library Items</p> <p>You can view our new items at: https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryNewStuff</p>
<p align="center">National Library Week April 7-13, 2024</p> <p>Time to Connect with your Library, sign-up for the Library News emails at https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryNews</p> <p align="center">Right to Read Day – April 8 Library Workers Day – April 9</p> <p>More Information at www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek</p>	<p align="center">Holiday Closures</p> <p>Saturday, May 25th for Memorial Day. ~~~</p> <p>Wednesday, June 19 for Juneteenth. ~~~</p> <p>Thursday, July 4th for Independence Day. ~~~</p> <p>Saturday, August 31 for Labor Day.</p>



What's New in 2024

Adjusted Hours Now Open 38 hrs/wk
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am-8pm
 Friday and Saturday 10am-2pm
 Closed Sunday and Monday

Logo

Working with Kayla Vaughn, an artist, graphic designer, and SUNY Cobleskill professor, who created the new image for us.

Library Cards

Come in and exchange your green card for the new purple card with the new logo. The new cards also have a key ring card.

Redesigned Website

www.communitylibrarycobleskill.org

The Community Library is seeking civic-minded individuals for our Board of Trustees!

Are you interested in helping guide and support the work of the Library? There are five open seats with varying terms. To find out more about the Board of Trustees and how to become a candidate please visit www.communitylibrarycobleskill.org/trustees or visit the Library.

Petitions are due to the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District Office by April 22. The Library will have more details on nominated candidates after April 30th.