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Who Are the Friends of the Library?

The Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library (FOL), a volunteer-driven, nonprofit organization, functions as an independent entity of the Library, but plays an integral role in supporting the Library's mission to serve the community. The Friends group raises funds for events, projects, and activities beyond the Library's operational budget, promotes the image of the Library, and garners support for the annual budget vote.



There are nearly 500 dues-paying members of the group; all membership dues go toward Friends programs and events to support the Library.

More than 100 Friends members actively volunteer their time and energy to promote and run fundraising events and programs, including a travel program, a Plant Swap and Sale, Used Book Sales, an Engraved Pavers program to honor loved ones, and the newest event, a Craft Swap.

Director's Message

By now you have probably noticed construction on the second floor. After 17 years in this building, it was time for a little home improvement!

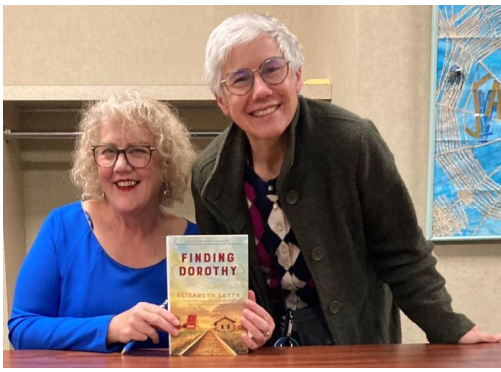


Our much-loved and well-used Children's Activity Room has been completely remodeled with new floors, fresh paint, and all new storage for the many supplies used to create our wonderful children's programs. We have also added additional storage in the way of a spacious closet outside of Program Rooms A-B.

If you've been in the Children's Library, you may have noticed a new interior window above the bookshelves. Behind this wall will be new office space for our ever-growing staff! Our previous Youth Services office needed a refresh and was updated with new flooring and a fresh coat of paint. Additionally, we are creating an exciting new Reading Nook in the Children's Library, overlooking the Reading Garden. When finished, it will be a cozy place for you and your child to curl up with a good book and enjoy the view out the windows.

With careful planning, grants from New York State, and a generous donation from the Friends of the Library, these upgrades were made with minimal fiscal impact on our taxpayers. We were also able to remain open during construction and continue to offer the same quality programming throughout the summer. We encourage you to stop by and see the improvements we have made to better serve you. *Abutilum*





Interested in becoming a Friend of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library? Find out more at friendsofcphlibrary.org.

very best boosters for the Library,” she says. “At a time when libraries need all the support they can get, our Friends group is there, on the front line.”

The members also play an important role in encouraging the community to vote on the annual library budget and trustee election. They post signs in the community, coordinate with the school district, and use social media, their newsletter, and an email campaign to remind patrons to show up and vote.

“The fact that there is a Friends group is important to the Library because it reflect the values of the community,” Foster says. “It is encouraging for us to know they are committed to the success of the Library and its importance to patrons.”



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The **Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election** will take place **Thursday, September 14 from 7 am–9 pm** at the Library. Registered voters (renters and homeowners) living within the library district are eligible to vote. For more information, visit our website, pick up a Voter Information Brochure in the Library, or attend the **Budget Information Session on Thursday, September 7 at 7 pm.**

2023 Summer Reading Challenge Numbers

- Nearly 2,200 children and teens participated
- More than 200 adults participated

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