#### The Friends of The Community Library

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## FRIENDS News A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FRIENDS OF

THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

 The Library Hosts Early Voting October 26<sup>th</sup> through November 3rd

 All Schoharie County residents will have the ability to vote early at the Library for the General Election. On November 5<sup>th</sup>, general election, you will vote at your local polling location. 9am-5pm Saturday, October 26 9am-5pm Sunday, October 27 12pm-8pm Monday, October 28 9am-5pm Tuesday, October 29 12pm-8pm Wednesday, October 30 9am-5pm Thursday, October 31 Halloween 9am-5pm Friday, November 1 9am-5pm Saturday, November 2 9am-5pm Sunday, November 3

## Friends Present \$3,000

The Friends recently presented a check for \$3,000 to The Community Library, in part to support "Battle of the Books" — a reading competition in which Cobleskill-Richmondville students work in teams to read books and answer trivia questions about them. The money was raised in the Friends' popular annual September basket raffle and used book sale, which were held on Saturday, September 21. Other monies raised by the Friends support the library's "Summer Reading" program, which aims to help local young people



maintain and improve their reading skills during school's "off season." Past fundraising by the Friends paid for the library's outdoor book drop box and supported some library programs not covered by the library budget. In addition to "Battle of the Books" and the "Summer Reading" program, funds from the Friends go toward providing refreshments at library events and supporting the "Museum Pass" program. In addition, the Friends have collaborated with the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District to offer holiday concerts. Last but not least, in the basement of the library the Friends maintain a year-round secondhand bookshop where hardcore readers can satisfy their penchant for paperbacks or hunger for hardcovers at the price of a small freewill donation.

#### Membership

Haven't joined us yet for 2024? It's not too late. Our membership year is Jan. 1st through Dec. 31st. Dues are at least \$10. Every little bit adds up to help support special purchases and programs for the library. Please consider joining us with a membership donation before the end of the year.

#### 2024-2025 Officers

President: Catherine Weidman Vice-Pres.: Sarah Davis Treasurer: Margaret Dafeldecker Secretary: Jody Pugh Membership: Sally Stroh Fiscal Year: 7/1/24 – 6/30/25 Membership: 1/1/24-12/31/2024

#### Meeting Dates

November 2 @ 11am December 11 @ 6pm January 4 @ 11am February 12 @ 6pm March 1 No Meeting April 9 @ 6pm May 3 @ 11am June 11 @ 6pm Annual Meeting

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

## The Purpose of the Friends

The purposes of the Friends of the Library are to (1) create public support and awareness for the library and its programs, (2) raise money for campaigns or for gifts for items not in the library budget, (3) work for library legislation or increased appropriations, (4) sponsor and support library programs and events, (5) volunteer to work in the library or on specific tasks and projects, (6) and encourage gifts, memorials, and bequests to the library of funds and books, magazines, and desirable collections.

## 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. Please fill out the form below and return to: The Friends of The Community Library

110 Union St, Cobleskill, NY 12043

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

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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

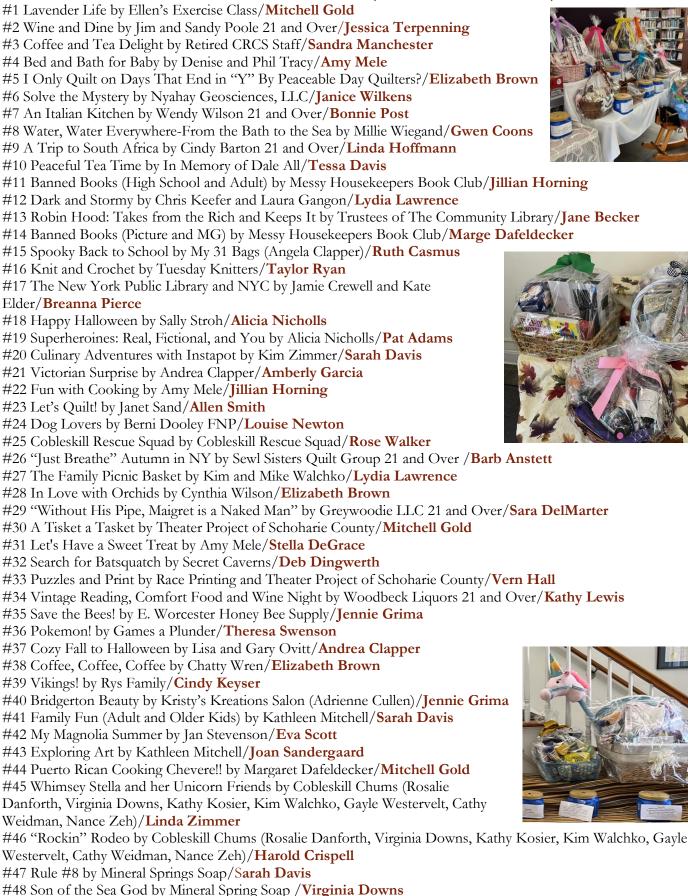
#### National Friends of Libraries Week

October 20-26, 2024— is a great time to recognize the work of The Friends of The Community Library. National Friends of Libraries Week is coordinated by United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association. United for Libraries supports those who govern, promote, advocate, and fundraise for libraries, and brings together library trustees, advocates, friends, and foundations into a partnership that creates a powerful force for libraries in the 21st century. For more information, visit www.ala.org/united

#### Join Us to Decorate

The Friends can use your help in making the library festive for the holidays. Join us at 10:30 am on Friday, November 29th (the day after Thanksgiving) setting up a tree, ornaments, menorah, stockings snowmen and other decorations. The ornaments on the tree and table are available for a donation. You know what they say, "Many hands make light work" and more fun. So please join us if you can. We are also looking for donations of new or slightly used ornaments/holiday decorations and battery-operated candles for the windows.

#### **2024 Annual Basket Raffle (**Basket/Donor**/Winner)** Ellen's Exercise Class/**Mitchell Gold**









#### Trivia Night @ The Library

October 31 will be the last Trivia Night with our host librarian Don LaPlant. Don is headed to new adventures at another library. We will miss him and wish him well in his new endeavors.



### BOOK SALE NEWS

Thanks to the support and donations of everyone who came out for our annual outdoor used book sale we raised over \$400 that day alone. Special gratitude for the football team who moved tables, shelves and boxes of books out to the parking lot for us. On top of that, in our last fiscal year, we raised over \$1,600 from the ongoing book sale in the basement. Check it out during regular library hours all through the year. Find some interesting books and just leave a donation in the red box on the wall by our bulletin board. We appreciate your donations of used books and your support of the sale.

Connect with the Library		
Visit the Library's events calendar at:		
<u>https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryEvents</u>		
You can register for upcoming programs		
Sign-up for the Library News emails at:		
https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryNews		
You can view our new items at:		
https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryNewStuff		
Library Hours		
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am-8pm		
Friday and Saturday 10am-2pm		
Closed Sunday and Monday		

#### 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. Starting in 2025 new cards will cost \$1.00

#### **Holiday Closures**

Saturday, November 9 for Veterans Day. Wednesday, November 27 close at 1pm for Thanksgiving Holiday. Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Day. Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> for Christmas Eve. Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas Day Tuesday, December 31 close at 4pm for the New Year's Holiday. Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Redesigned Website www.communitylibrarycobleskill.org

# The Community Library is seeking a civic-minded individual for our Board of Trustees!

Are you interested in helping guide and support the work of the Library? There is one open seat. This opening is due to a recent resignation. The interested individual would be appointed to fill the term through June 2025. To find out more about the Board of Trustees please visit <u>www.communitylibrarycobleskill.org/trustees</u> or visit the Library and speak with the Library Director.