

The Friends of the



Community Library

# FRIENDS News

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FRIENDS OF  
THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## VOTING MATTERS

### Library Budget & Trustee Election

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Our Library operates on a very modest budget which needs to be approved by voters in the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District. The proposed budget for 2022 is for \$304,572, of which \$274,000 needs to be supported by taxes. Fifty-eight percent of this covers personnel costs; seventeen percent is for building, equipment and utilities; eleven percent is for books and other items in the collection, and the remaining monies are for office costs and programming.

Please vote at the William H Golding School or the Joseph B Radez School between 9AM - 9 PM to approve this proposed operating budget and to select the trustees running for election or re-election. See the last page or visit the Library for more details.

## Library Donation

The Friends of the Community Library are grateful for all the support given over the years. Membership donations and fund raising are so important in enabling us to help the library as it serves our community. Our gifts to the library help to provide programs that are not funded in the budget. In the past they have been used for the Summer Reading Program, Preschool Story Hour, Second Saturday Cinema, computer equipment and to provide prizes and pizza at the Battle of the Books. We sincerely thank you for your past support and hope you will join us again with a membership donation. Once the pandemic is behind us, we hope to see these programs grow and more opportunities provided for all library patrons.



Ken Hotopp, Board President,  
Kim Zimmer, Library  
Director and Rose Marie  
Joyce Friends President.

### Annual Meeting

Come join us and find out more about The Friends.

Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30  
via ZOOM

Send an email to

[cob-director@mvlis.info](mailto:cob-director@mvlis.info) for the link  
and instructions.

### 2020-2021 Officers

President: Rose Marie Joyce

Vice-Pres.: Kim Walchko

Treasurer: Margaret Dafeldecker

Secretary: Kate Elder

Membership/Book Sale: Sally Stroh

### Meeting Dates

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20 – 6/30/21

June 12, 2021 Annual Meeting

September 11, 2021

December 11, 2021

March 12, 2022

June 11, 2022

10:30 am

### 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://smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0601645>



### FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY 2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

As Friends and/or patrons of The Community Library we sincerely thank you for your past support and ask that you consider future involvement with either volunteer activities and/or financial membership.

You are invited to our meetings held quarterly on the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Library.

Volunteer Opportunities  
Would you be able to help with one of the following activities:

- Basket Raffle
- Used Book Sales
- Staffing special events
- Publicity

Dues are a donation of at least \$10. This year we are offering a gift of 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 \_\_\_\_\_

What was the best book you have read in the past 6 months? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Tax Receipt  Yes  No

Tote Bag  Yes  No

### The Friends Basket Raffle & Used Book Sale

September 25, 2021 from 9-12 pm

Notify The Friends of your intention to donate a basket by June 30, 2021. Baskets need to be brought to The Community Library August 10 through the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Donations of books are needed for the Used Book Sale. Drop off at The Community Library during Library hours.



### Early Voting Site

This June and October our Community Library will host the early Primary voting and early regular Election voting. Stay tuned for more details.

### New Library Items

You can view our new items at <https://pac.sals.edu/polaris/custom/newstuff.aspx?ctx=25.1033.0.0.3>



2021 marks 100 years of service for The Community Library. We are planning to celebrate this milestone later in the year. In the meantime, we will be sharing information on Facebook and in the Library on our past, present and future. For more information follow our Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/theCommunityLibraryCobleskill/](http://www.facebook.com/theCommunityLibraryCobleskill/) or sign up for future Library News emails at <https://mailchi.mp/287db1f866ef/news>



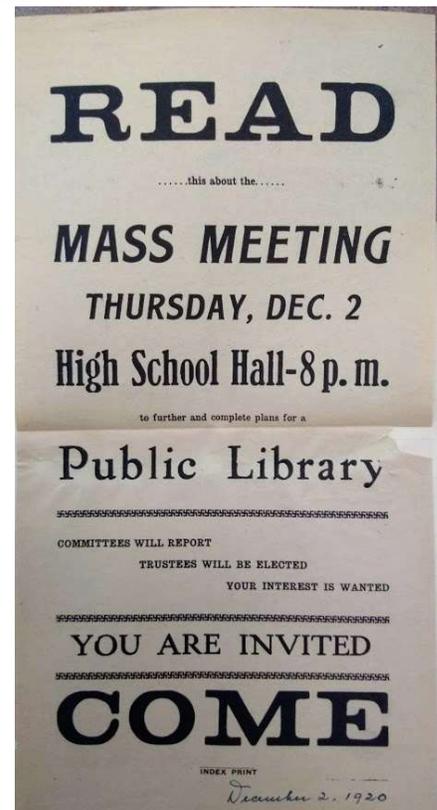
### 100 Years of Trustees

When the Library opened the number of trustees was only five. The list of duties of the trustees was so slim that five were able to handle it. The duties of the trustees can be summed up in two words: physical and fiscal.

Today the trustees have a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of the school district. In the beginning it was only the few who organized the Library. Later it became a Town of Cobleskill Library and only Cobleskill residents were trustees. The local businesspeople participated in the running of things.

Norman Olsen was the Library trustee responsible for the Library joining the Mohawk Valley Library Association. (MVLA). Later it became the Mohawk Valley Library System (MVLS).

In 1999 the Library became a Cobleskill-Richmondville School District Library and the trustees are elected by the entire school district. During the Library's growth the jobs became many and more trustees were needed to carry out the items to be looked after. Eleven trustees now do the work necessary to run the physical plant and to watch over and provide for the financial needs. *Harriet Berard, TCL Board Historian*



Library Hours		
Tuesday & Thursday 10-7	Wednesday & Friday 10-5	Saturday 10-1
Closed Sunday, Monday and Holidays		

### A Note from the Library Board President

The Library Board of Trustees see The Friends of The Community Library as an important part of our Library's contact with the individuals and families in the Cobleskill-Richmondville School district. In addition, since the Trustees are not permitted to raise money we greatly appreciate the efforts of The Friends in raising substantial dollars which are used to support and improve library programs.

We look forward to working with The Friends as together we "build strong communities by preserving the past, enriching the present and inspiring the future." *Ken Hotopp, President, TCL Board of Trustees*

### Our Library During a Pandemic

In March 2020, The Community Library faced the task of closing our doors in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The six-month closure while difficult provided the opportunity to complete a few projects as well as find new ways to be your Library operating under new health and safety constraints. Fortunately, the Board made the decision to keep our staff employed and to work on projects like moving the children's room and separating the juvenile nonfiction from the adult nonfiction collection, converting all the lighting in the Library to LED and completing the new accessibility ramp and entry to the building. Staff were resilient in converting programs from in-person to virtual and moving from in-building browsing to a safe delivery of resources through curbside service. Adjustments to lending allowed for borrowing more items for a longer period of time. Fines continue to be waived on all items. We recently purchased 11 Chromebooks with support from SEEC. They will be added to the collection and can be borrowed with your Library Card. Trustees even began work on the next Long Range Plan by holding focus group meetings through Zoom hosted by MVLS staff.

We want to thank everyone for your patience, it has been a difficult year. Between COVID and the entryway construction project delaying access to the building our circulation, attendance, and programming numbers for 2020 decreased however we are striving to make improvements and with your continued patience, support and input we hope to be a better Library on the other side of COVID.

*Kim Zimmer, TCL Director*

### 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 Board of Trustees meet the second Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m., and in addition subcommittees meet monthly. Prospective Trustees submit petitions and are voted into office by residents of the school district in May.

#### Meet the 2021 candidates

The following Cobleskill-Richmondville School District residents are running for one four-year term and two five-year terms for The Community Library Board of Trustees.

#### Candidates running for the one four-year term position are:

- James Collins from Cobleskill
- Shannon White Knowles from Cobleskill

#### Candidates running for the two five-year term positions are:

- Colleen Badger from Cobleskill
- Linda Carpenter from Richmondville
- Julie Santoro from Seward

For the candidate's full bio and additional budget information please visit [communitylibrary.mvls.info](http://communitylibrary.mvls.info).

*Virginia Downs, TCL Board Secretary*