

# ***Chester County Library Update***

September 2020

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## **Upcoming Library Events**

September 10, 2020– Library Card Sign Up Event– 3pm-6pm Come and Go- We will have take and go snacks and crafts, a short self-guided scavenger hunt within the library so that children can familiarize themselves with the different areas of the library, and a few prize drawings for those who are between the ages of 5 and 17 and obtain their very first library card.

Story time is held virtually via the library Facebook page every Tuesday at 10:15 am. Activity packs are available the day before each week– the crafts and activities go with that weeks story time theme.

## **Library Displays**

August Juvenile Non-Fiction & Biography: Dogs, Women’s Equality, and Health Topics

September Juvenile Displays: Grandparent’s Day, Rosh Hashanah, Labor Day, Speak Like a Pirate Day, Elephant Awareness Day, Johnny Appleseed’s Birthday, Fall

September Adult Displays: In Case You Missed It! : Display of all the new items from January 2020—May 2020 that patrons may not have had the chance to check out.

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## **COVID-19 Update**

All items are quarantined for 72 hours (3 full days)

Masks are required

A hand washing sanitization area is set up in our foyer

Computer sessions are limited to one hour, per person, per day

Patrons are able to check items out from the library

If we are notified that a patron is being tested for COVID-19, the library renews ALL of their items for a full month and asks them to not return them until they and their whole household is healthy and has tested negative

We offer curbside services (not applicable during the hours of 11am and 1pm) and contactless delivery for those unable and/or unwilling to wear a mask.

Computers are sanitized after use and all touched surfaces are wiped down regularly as well as a thorough cleaning at the end of every day

We ask that all return items be placed in a blue bin in front of the circulation desk or in the drop box- this enables staff to check all items in at one time, clean, and avoid cross contamination

We offer **mystery bags** for all ages- for those not wanting to spend a large amount of time in the library or are uncomfortable browsing for books can utilize this option-Staff select a variety of titles for a patron to check out. As we have done this, we have really been able to tailor our bags to each individual patron’s likes and dislikes and this has become a popular option with adults, teens, and children.

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## Library Statistics

<b>July 2020 Check Out Stats</b>	
<b>Material Type</b>	<b>Checkouts</b>
Audiobooks	23
Adult Books	830
Juvenile Books	1,296
WiFi Users	2,990
Computers	252
DVD	329
Hotspot	28
ILL Loaned/Borrowed	14/37
R.E.A.D.S Checkouts	1,716
Programs Offered/Total Attendance	9/133
Collection Development:	70/2
<b>Reference Questions</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>August 2020 Check Out Stats</b>	
<b>Material Type</b>	<b>Checkouts</b>
Audiobooks	10
Adult Books	714
Juvenile Books	993
WiFi Users	2,922
Computers	181
DVD	235
Hotspot	27
ILL Loaned/Borrowed	22/51
R.E.A.D.S Checkouts	
Programs Offered/Total Attendance	3/22
Collection Development: Added/Removed	159/559
<b>Reference Questions</b>	<b>9</b>

### Note from the Director

The library has been developing our collection to include more up-to-date and desired reading materials. We have recently added materials for what we are calling our “Tough Topics” collection. We have a flier in the library that has the call numbers on where to find materials on a variety of topics. We have also begun developing our collection in terms of preschool aged children as well as materials to support the development of reading and materials designed to help struggling readers. Given the recent changes in our school system, the library has added several homeschooling books as well as juvenile nonfiction books that are great for virtual learners and homeschoolers.

## **County Commission Vote Requested**

### **Request for Appointment to the Chester County Library Board**

*Request to renew appointment terms- Terms will end in 2022*

Melinda Carroll

Larry Bloomingburg

Sara Knoell

Jean Smith

Mike Alexander

Donna Butler

*Request to appoint to library board for first term- Term will end in 2023*

Rosemary McKnight