



KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

FRIENDS OF THE ROCKY HILL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER- FALL 2023

New Name, New Corporation!

The Friends of the Cora J Belden Library is evolving into the Friends of the Rocky Hill Library Corporation! The Friends of CJB was originally formed as a club and did not have official non-profit status. We launched our efforts back in March, after Mary Hogan worked with the Pro Bono Partnership to find legal representation at a greatly reduced rate. Since that time, we have created new articles of incorporation, bylaws, a business plan and various policies.

We were incorporated on 8/3/2023 and received our IRS letter shortly thereafter confirming our 501 c(3) status. We have also registered with the CT State Dep of Consumer Protection as a public charity. We are now able to solicit donations that can be tax deductible for the donors. It also provides us other fund-raising opportunities through matching grant programs and corporate donations.



Tom Morck

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Friends Scholarship

The Friends of the Library award a \$500 scholarship annually in spring that recognizes a student with strong academic achievement, school and community involvement and who demonstrates an understanding of the public library's mission and services. An application can be downloaded [here](#).

Membership News



We are currently 156 members strong!

Thanks for your support!

Thank you all for being members of the Friends! Your support helps fund all the special programs and activities that our library offers our community.

Our memberships run on a calendar basis. We already have 26 members for 2024!

Renewing is easy! You can join/renew online at the Friends website www.friendshrhl.org, or with a paper form from the library. Renewal email reminders will go out in January, and a paper mailing later that month to those without emails.

Since we're now a 501c(3), your contribution may be tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

FALL BOOK SALE WRAP UP

The Friends of the Rocky Hill Library just completed a record-breaking Fall Book Sale! We raised over \$7,500 that will be used to fund programs and activities at the library for children and adults.

The success was due to the great donations that come in all year long which are checked and boxed by our dedicated crew of sorters. We started the process with an amazing team of high school volunteers who set up the tables and moved over 200 boxes of books and materials. Then Friends members unpacked and organized the books on tables. During the sale, our cashiers and book restockers helped ensure a successful buying experience. Finally, on Monday our clean-up crew reset the Stepney Room for other library activities.

We always receive great town support. We would like to thank *Stop and Shop* for the bag donations, and the following restaurants for their gift cards for door prizes: *The Banana Leaf, Salute, Casa Mia, and DeNovellis.*



\$7,500 Profit!



The Friends support the many ways our library enriches our town with educational courses, family fun activities, and cultural programs.

Thank you all for supporting the Friends!

Deb and Tom Morck
Book Sale Co-Chairs



NEW! Meeting Schedule

At our recent monthly Friends meeting, we agreed to move our Thursday meetings to the **second Monday of the month, starting at 6:30**. Since the Stepney Room is already booked on Mondays for other programs, we will meet in the **Community Center- Room 1A**

We also discussed having a social time or program linked to our meeting time. A committee is working on the details to enhance our get togethers. We will share more information as it becomes available. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Monday, January 8 @6:30 pm

Monday, February 12 @ 6:30 pm

Mini Golf @ the Library: 3/15 - 3/17



Friday, March 15: Adult Night 6:30 -8 pm

Saturday March 16: General Admission 10 am- 4 pm

Sunday, March 17: General Admission 10 am- 2 pm



Mark Your Calendars-Don't Miss the Fun!

We've started planning this year's mini-golf event! Last year's fundraising event was so successful and we want to make this one even better! We have already received several sponsorships from local businesses for all the holes!

We will need help all weekend making sure everything runs smoothly! Please contact Lew at ljnedell@cox.net if you would like to help.