

Board Members

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Bon Air: Kathryn Helen Geranios
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 Enon: Angela Roisten
 Ettrick-Matoaca: Angela Roisten
 La Prade: Cherie Heintz
 Meadowdale: Bill Brown
 Midlothian: Mary Bawol
 North Courthouse Road: Randy French

7:00 p.m. Program Agenda

Welcome - Andrea Brown, President, Friends of Chesterfield County Public Library
 Remarks - Carolyn Jensen, Assistant Director, Chesterfield County Public Library
 Remarks - Jim Holland, Dale District Supervisor, Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors
 Speaker Introduction - Mary Beth Cox
 Interview with Meg Medina, with Kahil Dotay
Please visit the Memorial Table in honor of special Friends who have passed way this year and share your memories.

8:15 p.m. Business Meeting

Opening Remarks - Andrea Brown, President
 Summary of 2022-2023 Activities - See Program Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting - Teresa Wray
 Treasurer's Report - Jan Rusbasan
 Recognitions - Cherie Heinz and Mary Beth Cox
 By-law Updates - Mary Bawol
 Election - Mary Bawol
 Adjournment - New President



Meg Medina is the 2023-2024 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.

She has written numerous award-winning young adult novels and picture books for children, including the Newbery Medal-winning "Merci Suárez Changes Gears". The daughter of Cuban immigrants, she grew up in Queens, New York, and now lives in Richmond, Virginia.

Many thanks to the Friends' Library branch groups and to Virginia Credit Union for their generous contributions and support .

Friends of Chesterfield County Public Library

Accomplishments 2022-2023

Friends Accomplishments

- Major fund raising projects: August 2023 Golf Tournament; Giving Tuesday campaign November 2022.
- Ongoing fundraising through book sales: daily book sales at each library using A-frame units; general book sales; and specialty book sales. We also sell books online through a relationship with Amazon.
- Funded the CCPL Staff Recognition Dinner, May 19, 2023.
- Provided staff appreciation refreshments and activities several times per year, at each library.
- Provided a reception for Friends members at author program June 2023 featuring Rabia Chaudry at Perkinson Center and also volunteer assistance for the event.
- Continue to educate ourselves on library trends through events such as United for Libraries Conference.
- Provided information to the community about the November 2022 bond referendum, which was approved for major library projects. We look forward to what is ahead!
- Through frequent communication with library administration, we support and promote library resources, projects, and staff.

Branch Accomplishments: Highlights of how the Branch Groups supported the library during the year.

- The **Bon Air Friends** contributed \$900 to the wish list for the Bon Air Library to support a new community initiative fostering the love of books. They hosted the "Music Lovers/Antique book sale" in February, making close to \$1,000. They contributed \$6,000 for the Program Fund and \$1,000 for LEAP (Librarian Education Assistance Program), helped staff celebrate National Library Week and the end of Summer Reading.
- The **Central Friends** contributed to the annual Program Fund, National Library Week and staff appreciation. Members volunteered for many events: Perkinson Arts book & author, first Golf Tournament, 50th Annual Meeting, and held a successful April book sale. On a weekly basis, volunteers box and sort books for all Friends groups for their A-Frames. They also contributed \$200 to the annual meeting.
- The **Friends of Chester Library** donated \$2,000 to the Program Fund, had a big book sale at Chesterfest in September 2023 and sponsored the Library of Virginia bus to be onsite during Chesterfest.
- The **Clover Hill Friends** have made donations to the Collection, various Library Programs, a staff wish list, and supported the Clover Hill Aquarium.
- The **Ettrick-Matoaca Friends** collaborated to spearhead two golf tournament fundraisers. The proceeds from the first golf tournament were used to facilitate "Spaced Out at the Library" programs and materials at the Ettrick-Matoaca and Meadowdale locations. They also supported the Holiday Festival in November 2022 with lunch for the library and Friends teams staffing the event.
- The **Enon Friends** look forward to opportunities to serve the library and community in the coming year!
- The **LaPrade Friends** held several staff appreciation events and contributed to the Program Fund and LEAP. They held a successful special book sale of leather-bound classics and autographed books in December 2022. They are planning a 2023 Christmas staff appreciation and a Panera boxed lunch for staff packing the library after shutdown for renovation, and will be inactive while the library undergoes renovation.
- The **Meadowdale Friends** provided refreshments for the Meadowbrook High School art show, provided lunch for the ESL Family Literacy Program, updated the Book Sale A-frame monthly, worked at the trailer twice a month with Central Friends, provided refreshments at National Night Out, purchased a Ficus tree for the library, hosted a DVD sale at the Galaxy Day event, and attended a garden patio dedication.
- The **Midlothian Friends** are delighted to have begun contributing, financially, to the new Midlothian Library. We are sponsoring a mural in the entrance with a gift of \$5000 and will be helping to provide the refreshments for the Grand Opening. We will also be gifting nearly \$10,000 for beautification of the exterior. We hope to have a specialty sale of autographed books shortly after the opening.
- The **North Courthouse Road Friends** provided \$5,000 to the Program Fund; provided \$1,000 to the LEAP fund; provided funding for the staff to enjoy an evening of bonding; and held a History Book Sale on Sept. 14-16, 2023. The NCR Friends provide snacks for the library staff on election days and meet quarterly.