

# CHESTER COUNTY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION – March 2024

## **Highlighted Service of the Month: Access to 30+ Digital Resources/Databases**

Check out the more than 30 FREE databases of the Chester County Library System available to all library card holders including Ancestry - Library Edition, POWER Library, Kanopy, CreativeBug, Gale eBooks, Mango Languages, The Philadelphia Enquirer, New York Times, and more! Great for all your educational, reference, and research needs!

<https://chescolibraries.org/tools-and-research/featured-databases-and-websites/>

## **The 5- top checked-out titles for February 2024 were:**

1. [Tom Lake: A Novel](#) by Ann Patchett
2. [The Women](#) by Kristin Hannah
3. [Guinness World Records 2024](#) by Guinness World Records Limited
4. [Lessons in Chemistry](#) by Bonnie Garmus
5. [The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store](#) by James McBride

## **Some Program Highlights for April 2024**

### **Monday, April 8, 2–4:30 pm: Observing the Total Solar Eclipse (In-Person at Hibernia County Park)**

The Chester County Library is hosting this solar eclipse viewing event along with Chester County Parks and Preservation, NASA, The Chester County Astronomical Society, and Timmy Telescope in the Fiddler's Field at Hibernia County Park, 1 Park Rd. Coatesville, PA. Bring friends and family and enjoy observing the eclipse (Chester County will experience 90% totality) with the help and expertise of local astronomy enthusiasts. Learn about eclipses and try out activities that will help to better understand them. Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather. Plan to bring chairs and/or blankets for comfort, sunscreen, and water. A limited number of solar observation glasses will be available. Registration is suggested and you will receive an email reminder. Walk-ins welcome. Register [here](#).

### **Friday - Sunday, April 12-14 FRIENDS of Chester County Library Spring Book Sale (In-person at Chester County Library)**

The Friends of Chester County Library are busy preparing for their Spring Book Sale in April! Recent bestsellers and books in a variety of subjects as well as CDs, DVDs, and video games will be available for purchase at bargain prices.

- The sale starts Friday, April 12th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm for members of the Friends of the Chester County Library only.
- The sale is open to the public starting on Saturday, April 13th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 14th is Bag Sale Day, which takes place from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

All proceeds from the Book Sale benefit the Chester County Library!

### **Friday, April 19, 2-4 pm: Altered Book Workshop (In-person at Henrietta Hankin Library)**

Altering books is another form of recycling, turning an unwanted, used book into a piece of art. Each altered book is unique, and this growing art form has been exhibited in National galleries and online. Book pages can be painted, torn, or folded into pockets or even pop-ups. Windows, doors, and niches can be added, with fabric, beads, and found objects glued or even sewn into pages. Junk mail, tags from items purchased, old postage stamps, ticket stubs, or even tea-bag tags can find new life in an altered book. Materials provided will include books perfect to alter, magazine pages and old maps to cut up, ribbons, used postage, stickers, and other assorted ephemera. Students are encouraged to bring a pencil, eraser, their favorite pair of scissors, and a ruler. Registration required. For adults ages 18 years and up. Register [here](#).

### **Sunday, April 21, 2-3 pm: Local Author Talk: "Charley: The True Story of the Youngest Soldier to Die in the American Civil War" by Brendan Lyons (In-person at Chester County Library)**

Meet local author Brendan Lyons and hear the story of Charley King, the Chester County native who is believed to be the youngest soldier to die in the American Civil War. Charley was from West Chester and joined the Union Army at age 12. He fought in the Peninsula Campaign and was killed by artillery fire near the Cornfield at Antietam. His burial place remains unknown. Since 2005, it has been the mission of Lyons to spread the word about Charley and make sure his service is known. Join Lyons as he discusses Charley's service, the monument he helped to create, and the book he wrote about him. Brendan Lyons' book will be available for purchase. Register [here](#).



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