



Friends of Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library (F-CHML)

Annual Newsletter - May 2023

Dear Friends,

For the third year in a row our Friends group has been able to substantially add to the library's bottom line. Thank you for joining us, and if you were already a member, thank you for renewing!

We can be so proud of our vibrant library and active community center in the middle of our town. For over 100 years our doors never closed (except for those few sad months in 2020). Our collections, our programs, and our services: every year we see innovation, diversity and growth in all these areas. Your support makes this possible!

Although privately governed, we could also not do without the unwavering support of the towns we serve. Thank you for voting for our town requests at your respective town meetings.

We look forward to supporting our very special library however we can in 2023.

With deep gratitude,

Anna Römer - Steering Committee Chair

Please invite others to join!

We have members from our local communities, all over the United States and even in England. Our library community continues to grow.

Share our website link or share this newsletter! You can help our support grow!

<https://friendsofhobbslibrary.org/>

BE INVOLVED!!!!

You can help the Friends of CHML by joining the sub-committee. Roles include fundraising, membership and social media. We are happy to match your interests and talents to support the Friends. Contact Julie Frum at 207-595-0130 or friends@hobbslibrary.org for more information.



Treasurer Report

Thank you, Friends, for your support of our wonderful library. Hard to believe that three years ago we had to close our doors for the pandemic. Now we are open and thriving - with a new director, more programs and lots of books!

You, as a friend, are a big part of that. In 2020-21, we contributed **\$20,000** to support the operations of the library. In 2021-22, we transferred **\$24,880**. This was made possible because of all your contributions and the two Winter Evening events we hosted (Stephen King and Lois Lowry). For 2022-23, we were not able to host our winter evening. Even so, we raised **\$8,500** which was donated to the library this March.

We count on you, our members, to keep the Hobbs library open and able to offer the multitude of programs that so enhance what "library" means. Members of F-CHML put the smooth running of our library as the number one priority and that is where your kind donations go. Whether or not we meet that goal depends a great deal on your membership. This letter is one way of saying thank you. YOU made these wonderful things happen! Please contact F-CHML if you have fundraising ideas or would like to volunteer in some way.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP (April 30, 2023): 55



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