2021 September Newsletter

Hello, Chase Library patrons and friends!  I have to admit that, for me, September is a little bit like January, only with stellar weather!! It is a month when I reflect on the summer’s time spent off-the-grid with my family making memories – a little like the holidays. But now I realize it is time to get back to work, get organized, plan for the future, re-engage with day-to-day responsibilities. So, with my planner at the ready, here we go!!

Here’s an update on the capital campaign to “Help Keep a Roof Over Our Head!!”

* Two grant applications for funds to deal with our roof emergency have been submitted.
* Contributions are slowly arriving in our PO Box.
* Several events are planned to raise funds for the re-roofing project.
* **One local Harwich family with a charitable foundation has provided Chase with a very generous Challenge Grant!** The family wishes to remain anonymous. But, your donation will have *double* the impact if the challenge is met!! *And*, if your donation is $150 or more you are entered into a raffle of a free book of your choosing each month for 2022.

Please help spread the word of the capital campaign. Call your friends and neighbors, call your relatives! Help us meet the challenge!!

Thanks for coming to our book sales at Doane Park during August! It was fun to see so many of you outside the library building. Who doesn’t love a book and craft sale??? And we had so many happy conversations with summer folks, who not only bought books but also donated toward the roof!! Approximately $500 in book sales and donations has been added to the campaign’s balance. Not bad when the most expensive book was just $2!!!

OK! Now go grab your calendar because it’s time to get organized!!I

* Come to Chase Library on Tuesday, **September 14 at 2 pm**. We will be gathering on the lawn to hear Barbara Struna talk about her new book: *The Old Cape Blood Ruby*. This is a tale that alternates between centuries and moves from Provincetown to Alaska to California and back. Barbara’s books combine the history, myth, and legends of Cape Cod with good old-fashioned storytelling, making her a beloved Cape author. If you are un-vaccinated, we thank you for bringing your mask.
* Mark your calendar for Wednesday, **October 13 at 12 pm, at the SeaView on Chase Avenue in Dennisport**. Chase Library is holding it’s first in-person author event since 2019!! This is a buffet luncheon with an author reading and talk, Q&A, plus book sale and signing. The speaker is our good friend, Patry Francis. You will remember her from her wildly popular book, *The Orphans of Race Point*. Her new book is another beautifully written, marvelous novel, *All the Children Are Home.*
* Save the date, **Wednesday, November 10**, for another in-person author event with Juliette Faye. We have enjoyed all of Juliette’s books and *Catch Us When We Fall*, her newest book to be released, is sure to be another poignant novel we will love.

Here’s how to register for these events:

* **September 14**, Barbara Struna: This is a free event. Please email us, chaselibrarywh@gmail.com, if you plan to attend. We just want to be sure we have enough chairs.
* **October 13,** Patry Francis: The cost is $40. Please pay by cash or check, payable to Chase Library. Drop your check in person at the library or mail to: PO Box 457, West Harwich, 02671. You place is secured when your check is received. All proceeds go to the roof campaign.
* **November 10**, Juliette Fay: The details will follow on the library’s Facebook page and website as we finalize them.

Hope to see you all at the Chamber-sponsored Harwich Hometown Parade on September 12! The parade this year is honoring the Seven Villages of Harwich. Chase Library will be there representing West Harwich along with the Cape Cod Theater at HJT and Captain’s Row! The parade kicks off at 11:30 from Saquatucket Harbor. If we don’t see you there, perhaps we’ll meet at Harwich’s 4th Annual Fireworks scheduled for Saturday, September 18!

Visit our website, chase-library.com, for descriptions of new books. Then stroll on in and check one out!! Or reserve it for curbside pickup. Hours remain Tuesday 10-4 and Saturday 10-2.

Have a great month of reading! See you in the stacks!!