

CHERRY HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Romance Convention



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Celebrate the Romance Genre!

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LINEUP OF EVENTS



12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Author Signatures

Lower Level



12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Shop from Inkwood Books

Lobby, Main Level



12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

CHPL merch table with raffle tickets & tote bags

Lobby, Main Level



12 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Craft Stations

Multicultural Room, Lower Level



12:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Author Panels

Conference Center, Lower Level



FACT SHEET

The Cherry Hill Public Library (CHPL) is the “Heart of Town,” and we keep this philosophy in mind daily. From offering engaging programming and access to technology to providing a safe space to learn and relax, the Library is an innovative and adaptable community center serving the diverse population of Cherry Hill in valuable ways.

- CHPL is one of the largest municipal libraries in the state at 72,000 square feet.
- CHPL is a book sanctuary, assuring the library as a space for access to books, intellectual freedom and the right to read.
- CHPL offers an average of 60 programs a month for adults and 30+ programs a month for kids. There is an average of 800 attendees across all programs geared for adults per month. And an average of 850 attendees across all programs per month for kids and teens.
- Summer Reading 2026 was a record-breaking year. CHPL registered 1,769 summer reading participants across all age groups. That’s 32% more than 2025. Kids and teens logged a record-breaking 1,164,795 minutes of reading.
- Every September is National Library Card Sign Up Month. In 2026, CHPL welcomed 264 new adult members and 64 new juvenile members. We renewed 418 adult members and 50 juvenile members.
- CHPL is dedicated to maintaining sustainability initiatives to benefit the community. Each year we maintain a seed library, host a craft supply drive, a Halloween costume drive, a winter coat drive, and a formal wear drive for prom season. The sustainability committee meets quarterly to brainstorm ways to recycle as a community.
- In 2025, CHPL welcomed new staff across departments. We saw a change in leadership with Tierney Miller as the new Director. Kelly Shesko and Jasmine Riel moved into Supervisor positions. We welcomed Bill Tabares as the Library Systems Manager.

2025 STATISTICS

24,625

library card holders

214,631

library visitors

271,025

library materials
circulated

71,044

electronic materials
circulated

20,019

followers across
6 social media
platforms

2025 PROGRAMMING

247

children’s
programs

110

teen programs

741

adult
programs

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 19, 2026

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Let's Meet-Cute at the Library

Join the Cherry Hill Public Library at the first ever Romance Convention

CHERRY HILL, NJ – You're invited to the Cherry Hill Public Library for a [Romance Convention](#) on Saturday, October 24, 2026. CHPL welcomes a multitude of romance authors for panel discussions and signings throughout the day. Fall in love with your next read.

The convention includes:

- Panel discussions including a [reader soiree](#) where authors can discuss their favorite things about the genre, [audiobooks](#) vs. physical reading, the love-hate relationship with [social media](#), and a [battle of book tropes](#);
- Free craft projects including bag charms, tote bag decorating, book folding and Toploader Deco photocards;
- Purchase books of the participating authors from [Inkwood Books](#);
- Make us of the photo-opportunity with a CHPL backdrop and cardboard cutouts of actors from recent book-to-screen adaptations;
- And more!

"We had the initial idea for the convention in 2020," said Jasmine Riel, Youth Services Supervisor. "The pandemic prevented planning the large scale program we dreamed of hosting. We revisited the idea of the convention in 2025 and started a committee to make the event happen this year. A lot of our staff love reading romance books and wanted to plan something the whole community could be a part of."

CHPL is focused on serving the community's needs in information literacy, lifelong learning and innovative activities. With more than 24,600 cardholders, over 271,000 physical library materials circulated and over 71,000 electronic materials circulated, CHPL offers a wide variety of programs for children, teens and adults throughout the year. In 2025, CHPL held 247 children's events, 110 teen programs and 741 events for adults.

The Cherry Hill Public Library is truly the "Heart of Town" with more than 214,000 yearly visitors. The library offers a wide variety of resources in addition to its book and reference collection, including 3D printing, museum passes, computer and technology classes, book clubs, and the latest bestselling books and eBooks. The large facility houses an art gallery, computer lab, meeting rooms and an entire floor for children.

Contact

ROMCON COMMITTEE

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- Jasmine Riel | Youth Services Supervisor

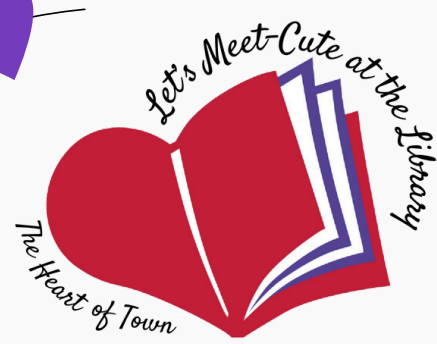
Additional Staff Members

- Amanda Zuccarelli | Reference & Adult Services Librarian
- Jacquie Daddato | Youth Services Librarian
- Jessica Pikovsky | Library Assistant – Youth Services
- Katie Helf | Youth Services Librarian
- Katie O’Rorke | Library Assistant – Circulation
- Meredith Meyer | Fundraiser & Volunteer Coordinator
- Nike Dobrova | Library Assistant – Circulation
- Talie Meza | Teen Librarian



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ROMCON



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
12 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

FREE TO ATTEND. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.*

Do you love reading romance novels? We do, too!

Come celebrate everything you love about the romance genre at the first-ever CHPL Romance Convention. Attend panel discussions, meet some of your favorite authors, get your books signed, complete craft projects, enter to win raffle prizes, and more!

**registration required for author panels*

FEATURED AUTHORS INCLUDE:



BETTY CORRELLO



ROSIE DANAN



NICOLETTE ELZIE



KRISTINA FOREST



TINA GABRIELLE



TIMOTHY JANOVSKY



BRITTANY KELLEY



LINNY MACK



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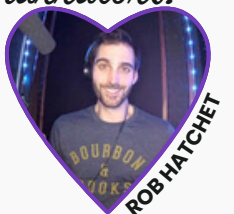
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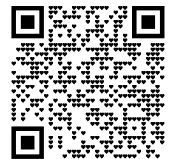
*Including
audiobook narrators:*

Featuring Influencers:



CHELSEA REED

For the full list of events and panels, visit chplnj.org/romcon or scan the QR code below:



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CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034
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Books will be available to purchase courtesy of:



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BOOKS**



Author Bios



BETTY CORRELLO

Betty Corrello is an author of contemporary and paranormal romances and a comedian. Despite her hardened exterior, she is biologically 95% marshmallow. Her greatest passion is writing stories where opposites attract, but love is chosen. In addition to many other troubling things, Betty is a proud Philadelphian. When she's not writing, she can be found fretting about niche historical events most have forgotten—or petting her very tiny dog.



ROSIE DANAN

Rosie Danan is an award-winning, bestselling author of contemporary and paranormal rom-coms. Her work has been optioned for film as well as translated into ten different languages and counting. *The New York Times* describes her writing as "warmly funny and gorgeously sexy."

When not working on her next book, Rosie enjoys jogging slowly to fast music, petting other people's dogs, and competing against herself in rounds of Chopped using the miscellaneous ingredients occupying her fridge.



NICOLETTE ELZIE

Nicolette Elzie writes mythology-inspired fantasy romance with delicious, morally gray heroes and fierce heroines more likely to jump into battle mode with their swords blazing. She lives with her swoony husband, two children, and three fur babies. She can usually be found reading, re-watching her favorite shows for the millionth time, playing board games, and reminiscing on her past life as a dragon.

Feel free to contact Nicolette on social media, tag her in a post or email her with your thoughts and concerns or to rave about all the bookish things.



KRISTINA FOREST

Kristina Forest is the *USA Today* bestselling author of romance books for adults and teens. She earned her MFA in Creative Writing at The New School and she lives in New Jersey, where she can often be found rearranging her bookshelf.



TINA GABRIELLE

Tina Gabrielle/Tina Kashian is an attorney and mechanical engineer whose love of reading for pleasure helped her get through years of academia. She is the best-selling author of adventurous historical romances. Her novels have won the prestigious NJ Romance Writer's Golden Leaf Award for best historical romance and best book by a NJ Author. Tina also writes the best-selling *Kebab Kitchen* Mediterranean cozy mystery series as Tina Kashian, and her first book, *Hummus and Homicide*, spent six weeks on the Barnes and Noble bestseller list. Tina grew up in the restaurant business, as her Armenian parents owned a restaurant for thirty years. English is her second language. Tina lives in South Jersey and is married to her own hero and is blessed with two daughters. Please visit her website at www.tinagabrielle.com to learn more.



TIMOTHY JANOVSKY

Timothy Janovsky is a queer, multidisciplinary storyteller based in New Jersey. He is the author of over ten male-male romance novels including *The Merriest Misters* (*USA Today* bestseller), *A Mannequin for Christmas* (2026 LAMBDA Literary Award Finalist for Gay Romance), and *One Week to Win the Chocolate Maker* (Kirkus Earphones Award). His books have been featured in *The New York Times*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Vulture*, *Cosmopolitan*, and many others.



BRITTANY KELLEY

Brittany Kelley writes romantic comedy with a shot of spice. If there's a chance she can tip it into the absurd, still spike up the heat, and get the characters to a happy ever after? Well, she's going to write it. From monster rom-coms to haunted halloween romances and spicy sports romps, Brittany's going to add her brand of humor and heat. Brittany lives in the northeast US with her family, overgrown garden, and too many pets to name here.



LINNY MACK

Linny Mack grew up a voracious reader and writer. She spent her days of adolescence up in her room writing her own stories and cutting her characters out of the Delia's catalog. Now, Linny is an author of swoony and suspenseful contemporary romance. When she isn't writing your next book boyfriend, she is spending time with her real-life romantic hero and their three children in New Jersey.



LESLYE PENELOPE

Leslye Penelope has been writing since she could hold a pen and loves getting lost in the worlds in her head. She is an award-winning author of fantasy and romance. Equally left and right-brained, she studied filmmaking and computer science at Howard University and sometimes dreams in HTML. She hosts the *My Imaginary Friends* podcast, co-hosts the *Ink and Magic* podcast, and lives in Maryland with her feline dependents. Her latest novel is *The Inevitable Undoing of Zahara Douglass*.



AVA RANI

Ava Rani is a *USA Today* bestselling author writing messy rich people with HEAs.

The daughter of two immigrants, her Indian-American roots peek out in different ways in all her novels. She loves to write diverse stories featuring flawed characters who have real problems, powerful friendships, and chosen families who support each other.

When she's not writing, she's probably traveling the world in search of new wines to stock her cellar and delicious food to satiate her latest craving. Stateside, she lives the city-girl life with her husband, adorable son and loyal labradoodle.



NICOLE SANCHEZ

Nicole Sanchez has been writing stories on any scrap of paper she could get her hands on since before middle school. She lives in New Jersey with her high school sweetheart, baby boy, and their two quirky cats, Chip and Harvey. When she isn't writing or wielding the Force, she can be found traveling the world with her family or training for her next RunDisney Event.



JOANNA SHUPE

USA Today bestselling author Joanna Shupe has always loved history, ever since she saw her first Schoolhouse Rock cartoon. Her books have appeared on numerous yearly “best of” lists, including *Publishers Weekly*, *Washington Post*, *Kirkus*, *Kobo*, and *BookPage*. She lives in New Jersey with her two spirited daughters and opinionated husband.



K.L. WALTHER

K.L. Walther is the #1 *New York Times*, *Indie*, and *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Summer of Broken Rules*, *The Summer of Second Chances*, and *We're A Bad Idea, Right?* among others. Born and raised in the rolling hills of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, she is happiest when reading a romance on the beach or bantering with her better half while waiting in line for ice cream. She lives outside Princeton, New Jersey, with her husband and golden retriever.

Audiobook Narrators



ERIN MALLON

Erin Mallon is a *USA Today* Bestselling Author, playwright, host of *My Job is to Play* (*Conversations on Creativity with Erin Mallon*) and narrator of nearly 800 audiobooks. She is a six-time Earphones Award Winner and a five-time Audie Award Nominee. Her audio play *These Walls Can Talk* is a 2021 Independent Audiobook Award Winner for Humor.



ROB HATCHET

Pennsylvania born and New York City trained, Rob has been telling stories his whole life. He came to the city to study as an actor and has been performing professionally for over a decade on stages up and down the Northeast. Home is on a stage, on a set, in a quiet booth, anywhere there are stories to be told.

Moderators



TIERNEY MILLER, MLS

Tierney Miller has worked at CHPL since 2008 and served as Director since 2025. She has moderated conversations with authors Angie Kim, Ann Napolitano, Amy Meyerson, and more. Tierney loves baseball, American history, and books about older people (especially *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans). Romance is one of many genres she enjoys, and she could not be happier to celebrate CHPL's first Romance Convention.



AMANDA ZUCCARELLI, MLIS

Amanda Zuccarelli is a Reference & Adult Services Librarian at the Cherry Hill Public Library. Amanda holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Rowan University and a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Clarion University. Amanda manages and coordinates various programs at the Cherry Hill Public Library including our monthly book club. If you enjoy reading adult fiction or graphic novels and love anything spooky or Halloween-inspired, ask for Amanda.



CHELSEA REED (@CHELSEAREADS)

Chelsea Reed is a part-time author and content creator who can often be found walking in circles asking "where did I put my ____".

Her stories are inspired by strong women, tough circumstances, and love-drunk men who yearn. When she's not writing, reading, or posting, she can be found just outside of Philadelphia with her husband and various fur children, or tucked in the confines of a friend's basement playing Dungeons and Dragons.

Be Quiet and Drive is Reed's debut contemporary romance novel.



NIKKI DOBROVA

Nikki is a Library Assistant on the Circulation team at the Cherry Hill Public Library. She has been with the library since 2022, but has been a dedicated patron for even longer! She is an avid reader, and spends her time listening to audiobooks—yes, that still counts as reading—while multitasking. She loves to volunteer and is on several committees at the library. Her favorite genres are fantasy, historical fiction and obviously romcom! Stop by Circulation for a book recommendation and a good laugh!

SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to the Friends of the Cherry Hill Public Library who served as our main sponsor for the first CHPL Romance Convention. The Friends is an organization of individuals, families, and businesses that support the Library through membership, volunteerism and donations. Members promote awareness of the wide variety of services offered by the Library and provide financial support through membership dues, book sales, and other fundraisers.



DONATIONS

Thank you to the businesses who contributed toward the raffle fundraiser! These include:



We appreciate your support!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to all the authors who participated for joining us at this event! A special thank you to Julie at Inkwood Books for the flexibility and taking on such a large order for the event itself. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this event. Thank you to the RomCon committee for all the thoughtful planning leading up to the day. We hope you enjoy this convention!

LIBRARY INFORMATION

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LIBRARY WEBSITE

For more information about the convention, visit chplnj.org/romcon.

