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## History storytellers bridge regions on both sides of the Conewago Creek

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### Wednesday evening, Aug. 14

Karen Hostetter and Charles Stambaugh orchestrated the first evening at Red Land Community Library where Karen then served as library director, exhibiting a penchant for attracting large public audiences to history talks at her branch library.

The evening completed a circle of sorts for Karen.

Twenty-five years ago, she served as the lead staffer on the 250th anniversary of York County, and the other day she invited me to talk about an updated and expanded book originally written in connection with the 1999 celebration: “Never to be Forgotten.” That book tells stories about all the regions in York County, including its northern parts.

She retired about a week later, a long career of public service on both sides of the Conewago.

Charles recently moved the headquarters of the historical organization he leads, Mount Wolf-based North Eastern York County History in Preservation, to a museum in the town hall-like borough building in York Haven. The Conewago drains into the Susquehanna River in that town.

On this evening at the library, two Northeastern School District seniors — Maaria Khan and Rachel Theodore — were applauded. They were among students from Northeastern High School who helped with the opening of the NeyChip History Center in York Haven.



Maaria Khan, left and Rachel Theodore, right, were recognized at a recent gathering at a York County 275th anniversary event at Red Land Community Library, co-sponsor of the evening. Charles Stambaugh of North Eastern York County History in Preservation, the other sponsor, recognizes the students who were among those from the Rho Kappa Society at Northeastern High School who helped in the startup and opening of the NeyChip History Center in York Haven earlier this summer. *Provided By Jim McClure*



Charles Stambaugh, North Eastern York County History in Preservation director, and Karen Hostetter, Red Land Community Library manager, talk to a large audience at the recent York County 275th anniversary event at the library in August. *Provided By Jim McClure*



NeyChip corroborated with Red Land Community Library to being “Zoom Into History”.  
It was a series of ten historical presentations using on-line Zoom during Covid-19.  
Starting in June 2022, the series changed to inperson presentations at the library.  
The last NeyChip presentation with that library was the above August 2024 with Jim McClure.