

Yippee! A Chippy Chipmunk Tree

I felt extremely honored when the “Friends of the Selinsgrove Library” used my book, *Chippy Chipmunk: Babies in the Garden* as the theme of their tree for the “Eighth Annual Tree Fest of Children’s Books” in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. It was their first time decorating their own tree for this event that they host each year to raise money for the library and to promote childhood literacy.



Youth volunteers took turns being the Chippy Chipmunk mascot on the day I visited the festival.

Peter was excited to meet Chippy Chipmunk. He had fun identifying all the characters on the tree by name.



I was amazed to see how much thought, time and effort went into creating this lovely tree. Most ornaments were handmade.

All of the characters were represented by stuffed animals or puppets. This included a bunny, squirrel, birds, Chippy, Lily and their four baby chipmunks. Cameras hung from the tree branches. A bald eagle sat perched on the top. The tree was adorned with a peanut garland – have you ever tried threading a needle through a peanut? Besides the mess, I’m sure a finger was pricked more than once! Beautiful, intricate Origami flowers were created and hung next to colorful paper butterflies. There were even miniature seed sacks personalized for each chipmunk.



This fabulous tree was auctioned to a lucky winner at the end of the event.



Chester snoozed under the tree while the owl took photographs. The voting box was covered with acorns.

