

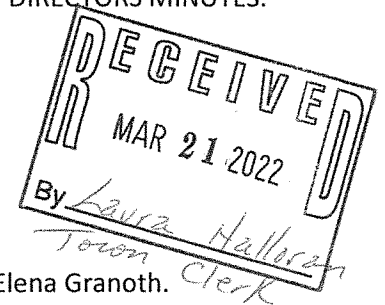
Town Clerk

From: Bev Huntley <bevhuntley11@gmail.com> on behalf of Bev Huntley
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2022 2:16 PM
To: townclerk@townofmorriscet.com; mplstaff@biblio.org; Elena Granoth;
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Boisvert; Beth Lovallo; Bev Huntley
Subject: MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES. March 16, 2022
Attachments: Director's Report, March 2022.pdf

MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD of DIRECTORS MINUTES.

March 16, 2022.

Caroline Maselli called the meeting to order at 7PM.



PRESENT: Caroline Maselli, Maureen Doyle, Beth Lovallo, Bev Huntley and Library Director Elena Granoth.

ABSENT: Maureen Fitzpatrick and Diane Boisvert

MINUTES: Beth moved to accept the previous minutes, Bev seconded and the motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Diane sent in her report. Moe moved to accept the report, Beth seconded and the motion passed.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Elena presented her detailed report. (See attached report). James Morris students and teachers visit the library once a month. February 16, 2022, 98 patrons came. They are all learning how to conduct themselves in a library, thanks to the guidance of the library staff and their teachers. Bev moved to accept the report, Beth seconded and the motion passed.

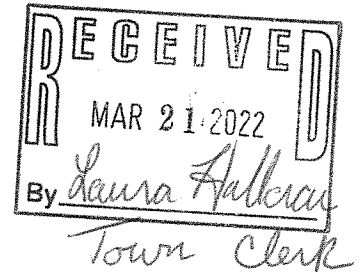
OLD BUSINESS: Elena will present the library's budget to the Board of Finance in April. Date to be determined. The library will be participating in the Friends and Neighbors Town Wide Tag Sale on June 4th from 9am to 3pm. The Summer Reading Kick-off will be on June 22, 2022 starting at 6pm. Ice cream cup treats will be served.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

Moe moved to adjourn the meeting, Beth seconded and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Beverly Huntley
Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY
March 2022
Director's report



March 15, 2022

Adults

Glass Cabinet Display

"What Does a Farrier Do?" is our new Glass Cabinet Display.
The items are on loan from the collection of Bob Ellis.
Thank you!

Center Shelf Book Display and Other Displays

"March into a Great Series" is this month's Center Shelf Book Display featuring first books of many fantastic book series that you can begin exploring!
#March #greatbooks #librariesct

March is Women's History Month! Celebrate with the Morris Public Library by reading one of the books from our displays!

Eldridge Visit, February 14, 2022

Library Director visited the Eldridge Housing on February 14, and exchanged the reading materials with the Center. Upcoming event flyers were provided for the Eldridge bulletin board.

The next visit is scheduled for March 14.

Mystery Book Club

The Mystery Book Club took place via Zoom on March 9, and the group discussed "Die Like an Eagle" by Donna Andrews. The event was attended by 6 patrons.

The next session is scheduled for April 13.

Popular Book Club

The Club met via Zoom on February 22, 7 PM. The group discussed "The Second Worst Restaurant in France" by Alexander McCall Smith. The event was attended by 8 patrons.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 22. The group has chosen "Carnegie's Maid" by Marie Benedict for this talk.

Clara Kelley is not who they think she is. She's not the experienced Irish maid who was hired to work in one of Pittsburgh's grandest households. She's a poor farmer's daughter with nowhere to go and nothing in her pockets. But the other woman with the same name has vanished, and pretending to be her just might get Clara some money to send back home.

If she can keep up the ruse, that is. Serving as a lady's maid in the household of Andrew Carnegie requires skills she doesn't have, answering to an icy mistress who rules her sons and her domain with an iron fist. What Clara does have is a resolve as strong as the steel Pittsburgh is becoming famous for, coupled with an uncanny understanding of business, and Andrew begins to rely on her. But Clara can't let her guard down, not even when Andrew becomes something more than an employer. Revealing her past might ruin her future - and her family's.

With captivating insight and heart, Carnegie's Maid tells the story of one brilliant woman who may have spurred Andrew Carnegie's transformation from ruthless industrialist into the world's first true philanthropist.

Request your copy of the book at the Library.
The ebook format is available here: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12003420>

Information and new registrations: <https://morrispubliclibrary.net/library-calendar-event.../> or 860-567-7440.

“Snowmen’s Stories” Winter Reading Program at the Morris Public Library, January 4 – February 24, 2022.

Snowmen's Stories Winter Reading drawing winners have been announced!

Children's Prizes - Madison and William
Teens' Prize - Camilla
Adults' Prizes - Carol, Cheryl and Phil.

Congratulations!

Author Kate Martin with the fantasy novel “The Soulless” via Zoom, with the Morris Public Library, Friday, February 18, 6:30 PM.

Fantasy author Kat Martin presented and discussed her newest book “The Soulless” with the Morris Public Library via Zoom and Facebook Live.

The author shared her inspiration in writing, creative habits, described her favorite characters, and inspired the audience to continue the discovery of her many genres and books.

The event was attended by 4 patrons (via Zoom) and viewed 22 times on Facebook.

The Healing Power of Sound, with Elizabeth Aleksinas, Morris Mountain Fitness, Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 PM

Elizabeth Aleksinas, a Morris native and a fitness/wellness professional, of Morris Mountain Fitness, will offer her new workshop “The Healing Power of Sound” at the Morris Public Library, on Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.

Elizabeth will speak about the healing power of sound and will immerse participants into a healing sound session.

Imagine being completely immersed within soothing, deeply nourishing, healing and empowering sound vibrations resonating from the singing bowls... The Sound Healing may bring you physical, mental and emotional cleansing, healing and nourishment through intention and the powerful vibrations of the singing bowls. If you have an injury or emotional wound, you can make this your focus during the session. Explore your personal energies and aura as you allow the beautiful sounds and vibrations to wash through you, bringing deep peace and inner balance.

Registration is required with the library, space is limited: <https://morrispubliclibrary.net/library-calendar-event-registration/> or 860-567-7440.

Author Talk & Greek Mythology Poetry Reading, Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 PM with poet Susan A. Katz, author of “The Limits of Light”, at the Morris Public Library, 4 North Street, Morris, Conn.

Ms. Katz, a resident of Washington, Conn., will read from her recently published book “The Limits of Light,” a collection of narrative poems which explore how the tales of Greek Mythology compare to the challenges, and failures, of contemporary life. Preregistration is requested by calling the Library at 860-567-7440 or visiting www.morrispubliclibrary.net. For information on Susan A. Katz and “The Limits of Light”, visit <https://poetladykatz.com>.

The Morris Public Library welcomes Morris author, playwright and researcher Jan Henson Dow for her new presentation “Quantum Theory and Eastern Wisdom. Reveal the Basic Oneness of the Universe,” Thursday, May 12, 6:30 PM.

At the heart of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Taoism is the idea of Oneness – that the self is intertwined with other people, creatures, and things.

Now, a consistent world view is beginning to emerge from modern physics that is harmonious with this ancient wisdom. This talk will discuss the discoveries in Quantum physics and how they support the ancient belief that everything is connected to everything else and the paradox that there are no “things.”

Jan is an author, researcher and an award-winning playwright, including an NBC New Voices Award. Her plays have received numerous productions, workshops, and staged readings around the country. Jan is Professor Emeritus at Western Connecticut State University. She now lives in Morris, CT.

Registration is required with the library: 860-567-7440 or <https://morrispubliclibrary.net/library-calendar-event-registration/>

Children

Story and Music Time

Ms. Sue reports:

We began the month with a wonderful tribute to Dr. Seuss and his birthday. We sang Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss, read several books and created a Cat in the Hat craft. Next, we talked about how March comes in like a Lion and goes out like a Lamb. After that, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day. Spring is arriving this month, so a lovely spring craft and springtime books will have us feeling warm!

Bulletin Board and Book Displays

"Reading is Fun" in the Children's Corner!

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday and Women's History Month by reading a great book in March!

James Morris School Grade Visits, February 16, 2022

James Morris School students and teachers (98 patrons) visited the library on February 16 and borrowed new and favorite materials. The young patrons also enjoyed their read-alouds with Mrs. M. and Mrs. Granoth.

The next visit is scheduled for March 17.

Pajama Story Time, Morris Public Library, Wednesdays, April 6 and May 4, at 6:30 pm

Join us for Spring Pajama Story Time on Wednesdays, April 6 and May 4, 6:30 pm.

The children will enjoy cozy evening stories in their pajamas with the families and librarians. Bring your favorite stuffed animal!

Registration is limited, Morris residents only please: 860-567-7440 or morrispubliclibrary.net

"Everest Goes to Africa" with children's author and illustrator Tiffy McKay, Facebook Live with Morris Public Library Online, April 20, 1 pm

When Everest flies to Africa for the summer, his love of archeology is put to the test. Will the childhood passion he shared with his mother be enough to sate his curiosity? Is this what he wants to be when he grows up?

Catch us on the Morris Public Library Conn. Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/morris.library.ct> on Wednesday, April 20, 1 PM to hear a LIVE Stream Children's Book Reading with author Tiffy McKay, as she reads the second book in her picture book series *The Adventures of Everest the Elephant: Everest Goes to Africa*.

The bilingual series is geared towards introducing children to new career fields. McKay takes us on Everest's journey as he answers this question for himself: What do I want to be when I grow up?

In her quest for producing more books, Tiffy has turned toward illustrating and adding another series to Everest's story, "Everest Plays". Learn more about illustrating and writing children's books with Tiffy McKay at the live event!

*No registration is required – just tune in via Facebook Live on April 20:
<https://www.facebook.com/morris.library.ct>*

Spring Break Fun at the Morris Public Library!

“The Wildlife Outside Your Window!” Morris Public Library, Thursday, April 21, 1 PM with White Memorial Conservation Center

Join Education Director Carrie Szwed, White Memorial Conservation Center, at the Morris Public Library, Thursday, April 21, at 1 PM for the program “Wildlife Outside Your Window.”

Using live animals and natural props, this popular event provides insight into the diversity of fascinating creatures we have in Connecticut. In an interactive format, we will discuss noteworthy examples of each major animal group, as well as general biodiversity information for CT's wildlife.

Live animals may be present!

Program audience is families with children.

To register for the FREE event with the Library: 860-567-7440 or <https://morrispubliclibrary.net/library-calendar-event-registration/>

Meet Connecticut children's author Deborah Washington at the Morris Public Library, Saturday, May 21, 11 am, as she presents and signs her newest book “A Fish in a Tree.”

A fish in a tree? How could that be?

A whimsical story full of rhyme and beautiful illustrations follows a pesky fish-shaped balloon as it adventures around where it should not be. But when a helping hand comes along, he finds a way to save everyone.

“A Fish in a Tree” teaches the youngsters with rhymes and illustrations to keep our environment safe and clean, which is quite important, and it can start at any age and even be fun!

Registration is required: 860-567-7440 or <https://morrispubliclibrary.net/library-calendar-event-registration/>

Northwest Corner Library Directors Roundtable Meeting, February 24

Library Director attended the Northwest Corner Library Directors Roundtable on February 24, via Zoom.

Agenda items:

- CT library Consortium new services and bids, including digital resources
- NW Regional Early Childhood Alliance presentation discussing the importance of children's emotional health and its support; the importance of collaboration with public libraries in the childhood development fields by providing appropriate programming and offering multi-faceted educational resources.
- Racial and cultural diversity in the community and libraries' engagements in initiatives and workshops on the subject.

Circuit DVD Meeting, Morris Public Library, March 3, 9:30 am

Library Director attended the Circuit DVD Meeting on March 3. The received DVD packets will circulate at the Library for 2 months.

Participation in the Circuit is part of the CLC-sponsored (Connecticut Library Consortium) media discount programs.

Innovation Meeting with JMS, March 3

Library Director attended the Innovation Meeting with James Morris School and area public librarians. May 20, 12:30 to 3:30 pm is the Collaborative Innovation Day at JMS, and the Library is considering to have our representation at the event (participation table).

Website Updates

This month, we updated the following features on our website morrspubliclibrary.net:

- Extended audience reach in our area in Google
- Separated and created pages and sub-pages
- Contact Us and Registration forms security enhancements, addition of Google reCAPTCHA

Volunteers

Our volunteers at the Library

Linda McMaster and Beverly Huntley (glass cabinet displays, program support), Tom Huntley (furniture assembly help), Denis Williamson (computer help, Mystery Book Club help), Jennifer Whittlesey (Hickory Bookshop donations, program support), Diane Boisvert (program support, furniture assembly help), Alice Pulliam (program support), Rosemary Liebowitz (program

support, grade visits read-alouds), Maureen Fitzpatrick (program support) and all the board members, the Friends of the Library, and volunteers.

Thank you!

Programs Planned:

Wednesday, March 16 - The Healing Power of Sound, with Elizabeth Aleksinas, Morris Mountain Fitness

April 6, May 4, 6:30 PM – Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 PM – Author talk with Connecticut poet Susan Katz

Wednesday, April 20, 1 PM – “Everest Goes to Africa” with children’s author Tiffy McKay, via Facebook Live

Thursday, April 21, 2 PM – Wildlife Outside Your Window, with White Memorial

May 20 - Innovation Day at JMS, participation

Thursday, May 12, Morris author Jan Henson Dow with “The Basic Oneness of the Universe.”

Saturday, May 21, 11 am – Children’s Author Talk “A Fish in a Tree” with Deborah Washington

Tuesday, August 16, Summer Reading Finale Magic Show with Ed Popielarczyk

Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 pm “Reincarnation” with author Sydney Sherman, via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Granoth, Director