

Town Clerk

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Sent: Saturday, April 23, 2022 9:05 AM
To: Elena Granoth; townclerk@townofmorrisct.com; mplstaff@biblio.org; maureenfitzpatrick@hotmail.com; Maureen Doyle; Michael & Caroline Maselli; Diane Boisvert; Beth Lovallo; Bev Huntley
Subject: Morris Public Library Board of Directors Minutes, April 19, 2022
Attachments: Report 2021-2022.xlsx; Untitled attachment 00011.htm; Director's Report, April 2022.docx; Untitled attachment 00014.htm; Director's Report, April 2022.pdf; Untitled attachment 00017.htm

Morris Public Library Board of Directors Minutes
April 19, 2022

Maureen Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 7pm.

PRESENT; Maureen Fitzpatrick, Beth Lovallo, Maureen (Moe) Doyle, Caroline Maselli, Beverly Huntley and Library Director Elena Granoth

ABSENT: Diane Boisvert

NEW BUSINESS: The Morris Historical Society Summer Event. Due to time constraints, Dave Hoffman made his presentation first.

Mr. Hoffman is the co-chairman of the newly reactivated Morris Historical Society. The Morris School House will celebrate it's 250th year this summer. Along with the Museum, massive amounts of Morris History is available and needs to be organized, curated and displayed for the enjoyment and knowledge of the general public. The Historical Society is planning a summer event and is inviting town departments to participate, including the library and the Senior Center. Various activities and programs are being planned and will be advertised on social media sites, etc. Anyone interested in volunteering or for further information may contact Mr. Hoffman.

MINUTES: Moe moved to accept the minutes, as emailed, of last months meeting. Caroline seconded and the motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Bev moved to accept the report as emailed, Beth seconded and the. Motion passed.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Elena presented her report. The Sumer Reading Kickoff will be held on June 22, 2022, starting at 6pm. Ice cream treats will be served. The library will also be participating in the Town Wide Tag Sale on June 4, 2022. Many more programs and events are scheduled and can be accessed on the library's website. Bev moved to accept this report, Beth seconded and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Town Wide Tag Sale: Volunteers and donations are welcomed.

B. ARPA Report: The final meeting will be held Wednesday, April 20 at 6pm. The public is welcomed.

C. Budget Report: Elena did an excellent presentation of the library's budget to the Board of Finance, and thoroughly answered all of the many questions the members asked. Any further questions can be discussed with Elena and Maureen Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the Board of Directors, by requesting an appointment at a time and place appropriate for all parties.

Bev moved to adjourn the meeting, Beth seconded and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Huntley
Secretary

	Jul-21	21-Aug	Sept. 2021	Oct.2021	Nov.21	21-Dec	22-Jan	22-Feb	22-Mar			
Adult Audio on CD	6	8	9	7	10	9	11	13	9			
Juvenile Audio on CD	7	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	1			
Adult Book	764	897	678	673	684	673	739	606	769			
Juvenile Book	646	506	227	376	527	659	517	613	622			
YA Book	62	65	16	47	37	51	49	32	31			
Adult DVD	129	119	108	45	91	72	76	61	8			
Juvenile DVD	14	17	14	8	14	23	4	1	8			
Streaming movie	38	74	67	45	92	32	34	21	20			
Ebooks	161	80	120	45	88	86	50	81	108			
Eaudio		107	73	77	62	68	53	58	83			
Overdrive Emagazine		5	17	10	15	6	6	2	5			
Magazine, newspaper	293	258	206	210	169	201	222	177	100			
Museum Passes	4	1	2	1	3	1	0	2	1			
Music	0	0	1	2	2	2	4	0	1			
Chromebook			1	1	1	1	1	0	0			
Hotspot	4	6	4	5	4	4	3	2	4			
TOTAL	2128	2143	1543	1553	1802	1890	1770	1669	1770	0	0	16268
	20-Jul	Aug-20	20-Sep	20-Oct	21-Nov	20-Dec	21-Jan	21-Feb	21-Mar			
	1392	1640	1414	1392	1142	1185	1009	1068	1614			
Patron Participation	830	899	822	1013	903	865	798	822	1002			
Web Site Visits	1672	1189	1383	1135	1251	1009	1270	820	2174			
Active Patrons	665	649	638	646	644	649	655	657	651			
Children's programs in-person	5	5	4	6	6	6	5	7	6			
Children's programs, virtual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Children's attendance in-person	43	52	22	229	184	219	125	163	192			
Children's attendance virtual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Adults' programs in-person	2	2	2	4	5	2	1	1	3			
Adults' programs, virtual	1	1	1	1	1	0	3	3	1			
Adult attendace in-person	19	13	15	47	45	18	10	9	36			
Adult attendace virt.	2	2	97	2	14	0	76	40	6			

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

April 19, 2022

Adults

Glass Cabinet Display

"Welcome, Spring!" is our April Glass Cabinet display, filled with birds, spring animals and flowers!

Center Shelf Book Display and Other Displays

April - is a fabulous month to celebrate various happenings and talents!

Our displays in the Adult Area are #NationalLibraryWeek, #AprilNationalPoetryMonth and April Showers Bring May Flowers.

Eldridge Visit, April 11, 2022

Library Director visited the Eldridge Housing on April 11 and exchanged the circulating materials at the Center. Requests were accepted and flyers were distributed.

Mystery Book Club

The Mystery Book Club met at the Morris Public Library on Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 PM and discussed "As Chimney Sweepers Come to Dust" by Alan Bradley. The event was attended by 10 patrons.

The next Club will meet on May 11, 6:30 PM, and discuss "The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie" by Alan Bradley.

It is the summer of 1950—and at the once-grand mansion of Buckshaw, young Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, is intrigued by a series of inexplicable events: A dead bird is found on the doorstep, a postage stamp bizarrely pinned to its beak. Then, hours later, Flavia finds a man lying in the cucumber patch and watches him as he takes his dying breath.

For Flavia, who is both appalled and delighted, life begins in earnest when murder comes to Buckshaw. "I wish I could say I was afraid, but I wasn't. Quite the contrary. This was by far the most interesting thing that had ever happened to me in my entire life."

New registrations and book reservations: 860-567-7440 or morrispubliclibrary.net

Popular Book Club

The Popular Book Club took place at the Library on Tuesday, March 22. The group discussed "Carnegie's Maid" by Marie Benedict for this talk. The event was attended by 6 participants.

The next Popular Book Club will meet at the Morris Public Library on Tuesday, April 26, 7 PM and discuss "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett.

Marina Singh is a research scientist at Vogel, a pharmaceutical institute in Minnesota, and inconveniently in love with her boss, Mr. Fox. When one of her colleagues is reported to have died while following up on the progress of a field team based in Brazil, Marina is dispatched by Mr. Fox to the Amazon to uncover the truth of his death. And his widow wants his effects.

She travels to Manaus, then down into the Amazonian delta, deep into the dense, dark, insect-infested jungle. The research team is looking into the development of a new miracle drug that could revolutionize Western society. A local tribe has the bark of a certain tree, it yields a substance which allows them to conceive late into middle age: many of the women are getting pregnant into their 60s and 70s.

The problem is that the team is taking too long: they have been silent for two years, and Marina has been tasked to find out what is holding back their progress. The second problem is more serious: the team is being headed up by the daunting figure of Annick Swenson, an eminent and fiercely uncompromising scientist who was once Marina's colleague, and towards whom Marina has very complicated feelings. What Marina learns will change her life. In a novel that is packed with amazing twists and surprises, Ann Patchett returns with immense confidence to a broad canvas, teeming with atmosphere and characters and rich with narrative.

E-book: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13326445>

E-audio: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11587573>

Hardcover copies are available upon request.

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

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

The magical presentation and sound healing "The Healing Power of Sound" with Elizabeth Aleksinas took place on March 16 and was attended by 30 patrons.

We learned about the healing power of sound and how sound can help with emotions, physical awareness and spiritually awaken you. We experienced profound healing sound immersion during the session.

The Morris Public Library participates in the Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program, April 2022

Visit the Morris Public Library during the month of April as we participate in the Connecticut Library Association Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program. Patrons can obtain their Library Passport here at the Morris Library and begin their journey to multiple participating CT Libraries. Each Library will stamp their visitors' passports and give each visitor a small gift!

If you visit at least five participating libraries and return your passport to a participating library by May 6, 2022, then you will be entered into one state-wide drawing for a chance to win a \$150 Visa gift card for adults (18 and up) and a \$100 Visa gift card for children (under 18). This is a state-wide contest where four winners will be selected: one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited at least five libraries, and one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited the most libraries.

Details: 860-567-7440 or morrispubliclibrary.net

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.

Poet Susan Katz, of Washington Conn., presented her poetry book "The Limits of Light" at the Morris Public Library on April 12.

Emotionally charged and history driven - the flowing narration in a creative poetic form was masterfully presented to the audience at the event.

We are grateful the poet shared her Greek Mythology creation with us.

#AprilPoetryMonth #localauthor

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/>

Digital Resources Assistance is now available, by appointment.

The Morris Public Library offers Digital Resources Assistance in half hour tech class sessions on Tuesdays (3 pm- 4 pm) and Fridays (4 pm-6 pm) by appointment. We would like to help you better understand library equipment; assist with downloading library ebooks and audiobooks. Learn how to use our online catalog, request materials independently and explore our online resources.

To register: call 860-567-7440 or visit the circulation desk

Children

Story and Music Time

Miss Sue reports:

Our 10 am Story Time is at capacity and another session at 11 am is being considered to start in May (if demand remains). The children are enjoying the BRAND NEW bright and colorful area rug with lots more room! April Showers Bring May Flowers and, of course, we will read about animals in the rain and move on with stories and craft about Spring Animals as well as Easter and Bunny themes!

Bulletin Board and Book Displays

"April Showers at the Library" are here with some new stories as flowers, welcoming us to Spring!

Also, young patrons can enjoy other book displays this month such as Spring Animals, April Poetry Month, "Bobble Heads" series, Sports and others.

James Morris School Grade Visits, April 13, 2022

JMS Grades (K-5 and teachers, 81 total), visited the Morris Public Library on April 13 and exchanged the materials. The students also enjoyed the stories in the Reading Room with Mrs. M and Mrs. Woodington, and learned about Spring Break events at the Library.

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

Pajama Story Time "Spring Animals" took place on April 6 and was attended by 8 patrons. We enjoyed stories about bunnies, bears and ducks in our pajamas and a favorite stuffed animal.

The next session will take place on May 4.

“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 Environmental Educator Erin Josefson (update), 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/>

Children's Summer Reading Kickoff and Ice Cream Treats "Ocean of Possibilities", Wednesday, June 22, 6 PM

Morris Public Library's Children's Summer Reading Kickoff and Ice Cream Treats, "Ocean of Possibilities," all grades, will take place on Wednesday, June 22, at 6 pm – receive your Summer Reading incentives and the "oceanastic" ice cream treat!

Information: morrispubliclibrary.net or 860-567-7440.

Hickory Book Shop Donations, March 14, 2022

The Hickory Book Shop donated 53 new books to the Morris Public Library in March, 2022. Thank you, Jennifer Whittlesey, for delivering them to the Library.

Spelling Bee Judging, Collaboration with James Morris School

Library Director participated as a judge at the JMS Spelling Bee in continuation of the ongoing collaboration between JMS and the Morris Public Library.

Overdrive Purchasing Models Meeting, April 5, 2022

Library Director attended the Overdrive Purchasing Models Meeting that outlined various advantage titles purchasing models that are available to our library. Simultaneous use, pay-per-circ, limited circ (one user) models were discussed. Library Director will explore the offerings and discuss the findings with the Board.

Sustainable Shelves – Continued Participation

We continue our participation in the Sustainable Shelves program – recycle/resell weeded materials through our vendor Baker and Taylor.

The program allows us hassle-free repurposing of the weeded materials and pays us for the books submitted.

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), Maureen Doyle (program support), Beth Lovallo (program support), Joanne Woodington (program support) and all the board members, the Friends of the Library, and volunteers.

Thank you!

Programs Planned:

May 4, 6:30 PM – Pajama Story Time

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

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

Wednesday, June 22, 6 pm - Summer Reading Kickoff and Ice Cream Treats

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

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

Thursday, October 13, 6:00 pm Book Talk with Cheryl Matinelli

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Granoth, Director