

Town Clerk

From: Bev Huntley <bevhuntley11@gmail.com> on behalf of Bev Huntley
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 11:36 AM
To: townclerk@townofmorrisct.com; mplstaff@biblio.org; Elena Granoth; Maureen FitzPatrick; Maureen Doyle; Diane Boisvert; Michael & Caroline Maselli; Beth Lovallo; Bev Huntley; tracy@desertdogstudios.com
Subject: Morris Pubic Library Board of Directors Minutes. May 17, 2022
Attachments: Report 2021-2022.xlsx; Untitled attachment 00005.htm; Director's Report, May 2022.docx; Untitled attachment 00008.htm

ASST. Town Clerk
Susan J. Jefferson
MAY 19 2022
11:55 A.M.

Maureen Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

PRESENT: Maureen Fitzpatrick, Diane Boisvert, Beth Lovallo, Maureen (Moe) Doyle, Caroline Maselli. Beverly Huntley and Library Director Elena Granoth.

VISITORS: Tracy Martin

MINUTES: Moe made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, Diane seconded and the motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Diane presented her report. Bev moved to accept the report, Caroline seconded and the motion passed.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Elena told us she had received a resignation letter from Susan. Her last day will be June 3, 2022. We will miss her. The First Selectman was notified and the procedure for posting the position is being followed. See the attached report for further Library programs and activities. Beth moved to accept the report, Diane seconded and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: We discussed the library budget, the Summer Reading Kickoff and the Town Wide Tag Sale.

Tracy explained how our one time funding for digital resources through the Capitol Non-recurring Account works.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

Diane moved to adjourn the meeting, Moe seconded and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Huntley
Secretary

Adult Audio on CD	6	8	9	7	10	9	11	13	9	7
Juvenile Audio on CD	7	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	2
Adult Book	764	897	678	673	684	673	739	606	769	672
Juvenile Book	646	506	227	376	527	659	517	613	622	602
YA Book	62	65	16	47	37	51	49	32	31	75
Adult DVD	129	119	108	45	91	72	76	61	8	87
Juvenile DVD	14	17	14	8	14	23	4	1	8	7
Streaming movie	38	74	67	45	92	32	34	21	20	39
Ebooks	161	80	120	45	88	86	50	81	108	56
Eaudio		107	73	77	62	68	53	58	83	66
Overdrive Emagazine		5	17	10	15	6	6	2	5	10
Magazine, newspaper	293	258	206	210	169	201	222	177	100	225
Museum Passes	4	1	2	1	3	1	0	2	1	0
Music	0	0	1	2	2	2	4	0	1	6
Chromebook			1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Hotspot	4	6	4	5	4	4	3	2	4	3
TOTAL	2128	2143	1543	1553	1802	1890	1770	1669	1770	1858

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20-Jul	20-Aug	20-Sep	20-Oct	21-Nov	20-Dec	21-Jan	21-Feb	21-Mar	21-Apr
1392	1640	1414	1392	1142	1185	1009	1068	1614	1505
830	899	822	1013	903	865	798	822	1002	899
1672	1189	1383	1135	1251	1009	1270	820	2174	1281
665	649	638	646	644	649	655	657	651	658
5	5	4	6	6	6	5	7	6	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
43	52	22	229	184	219	125	163	192	176
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
2	2	2	4	5	2	1	1	3	4
1	1	1	1	1	0	3	3	1	0
19	13	15	47	45	18	10	9	36	81
2	2	97	2	14	0	76	40	6	0

Patron Participation	
Web Site Visits	
Active Patrons	

Children's programs in-person	
Children's programs, virtual	
Children's attendance in-person	
Children's attendance virtual	
Adults' programs in-person	
Adults' programs, virtual	
Adult attendance in-person	
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY
May 2022
Director's report

May 17, 2022

Adults

Glass Cabinet Display

Our Glass Cabinet Display in May is titled "Denim Kids." The items are on loan from the collection of Pat Barre, of Woodbury.
Thank you!!

Center Shelf Book Display and Other Displays

Celebrate the Joys of Gardening with All Mothers Everywhere - various reads and illustrations are presented to our patrons this month.
Check out your perfect book with @morrislibraryct!

Eldridge Visit, May 16, 2022

The Eldridge Housing visit is schedule to take place on May 16, 2022.

Mystery Book Club

The Mystery Book Club met on May 11, 6:30 PM, and discussed "The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie" by Alan Bradley. The event was attended by 10 patrons.

The next Club will take place on June 8, 6:30 pm. The group will discuss "The Weed that Strings the Hangman's Bag" by Alan Bradley, the second book in the Flavia de Luce series.

Flavia de Luce, a dangerously smart eleven-year-old with a passion for chemistry and a genius for solving murders, thinks that her days of crime-solving in the bucolic English hamlet of Bishop's Lacey are over—until beloved puppeteer Rupert Porson has his own strings sizzled in an unfortunate rendezvous with electricity. But who'd do such a thing, and why? Does the madwoman who lives in Gibbet Wood know more than she's letting on? What about Porson's charming but erratic assistant? All clues point toward a suspicious death years earlier and a case the local constables can't solve—without Flavia's help. But in getting so close to who's secretly pulling the strings of this dance of death, has our precocious heroine finally gotten in way over her head?

New registrations and book copy requests: 860-567-7440 or
<https://morrispubliclibrary.net/library-calendar-event-registration/>

Popular Book Club

The Popular Book Club met at the Morris Public Library on Tuesday, April 26, 7 PM and discussed "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett. The event was attended by 8 patrons.

The next Club will take place on Tuesday, May 24, 7 PM and discuss "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger.

"Peace Like A River", a debut novel by Leif Enger, was launched to critical acclaim in 2001. Now a perennial, best-selling American classic, it is at once a heroic quest, a tragedy, and a love story, in which "there is magic... none more potent than Leif Enger's prose" (Newsday). Enger brings us eleven-year-old Reuben Land, an asthmatic boy in the Midwest who has reason to believe in miracles. Along with his sister and father, Reuben finds himself on a cross-country search for his outlaw older brother who has been charged with murder. Their journey unfolds like a revelation, and its conclusion shows how family, love, and faith can stand up to the most terrifying of enemies, and the most tragic of fates.

E-book format: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11777988>

E-audiobook:

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11587726>

Hard copies are available upon request.

New registrations for the Club: 860-567-7440 or <https://morrispubliclibrary.net/library-calendar-event.../>

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

The Morris Public Library participation in Passport to CT Libraries brought 59 patrons to our library with a visiting passport or a home passport. Each library document got stamped with the library stamp and patrons received a welcome gift from us – a red tote with the MPL contact information.

Several passports were sent to the Connecticut Library Association representative for prize drawing.

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.

Fully Booked!! The report will follow!

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.

“Oceans of Possibilities” Summer Reading Program for all ages, Morris Public Library, June 22 – August 16, 2022.

Explore new depths and discover unique treasures during the Morris Public Library’s “Oceans of Possibilities” Summer Reading Program for all ages, June 22 – August 16, 2022.

We will begin our reading adventures with the Annual Summer Reading Kickoff and Ice Cream Treats for children on Wednesday, June 22, 6 PM, where patrons will receive reading incentives and the “oceanastic” ice cream treat!

Each reading level will have their own “Oceans of Possibilities” Activity Card to participate in the program. Students (Grades PreK-Grade 5) will count the number of their deep-sea reading adventures by writing them down in their cards, teens (Grades 6-12) and adults will explore literary ocean treasures by collecting them all and bringing them to the library.

For children, we will also have a deep ocean creature project - you can add a fun creature sticker to the ocean every time you visit the library!

All participants will be able to enter for a chance to win a Deep-Ocean Treasure Prize upon submitting their completed card.

No registration is required – obtain your card at the kickoff, at the library or download it from the website <https://morrispubliclibrary.net> (all levels!), starting June 22.

Celebrate the Summer Reading Finale with the Ed Pop Magic on the Town Green, August 16, at 2 pm.

Children

Story and Music Time

Miss Sue reports:

Hooray that Spring has Sprung. We began this month with stories about Baby Chicks and a chick craft. Next, we celebrated all the hard-working moms and made a Mother’s Day Card! The weather is still very windy so kites will fly and, of course! We will end the month celebrating Memorial Day!

Bulletin Board and Book Displays

"May The Books Be With You" is our Children's Area Display this month.

We celebrate the Star Wars Day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and many other May happenings with a good book!

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Our other book displays in the Children's section are Nutmeg Award 2023 Nominees, "Bobble Head" biographies and "Duck Duck Goose" spring animals.

James Morris School Grade Visits, May 18, 2022

JMS grade visits are scheduled to take place on May 18. This will be their wrap-up visit this school year.

Pajama Story Time, Morris Public Library, Wednesday, May 4.

Pajama Story Time took place on May 4 and was attended by 8 patrons.

Families in pajamas and with their favorite stuffed animals enjoyed stories about Spring and Farm Animals, in the evening setting.

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

We participated in the LIVE Stream Children's Book Reading with author and illustrator Tiffy McKay, "Everest Goes to Africa," second book in the Everest the Elephant Book Series.

Tiffy shared elements of creation and illustration of her series, answered questions of the virtual audience and described her plans to write a toddler book collection.

The event was viewed 66 times on Facebook and is posted on our website in Recorded Programs.

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

"The Wildlife Outside Your Window" took place on April 21, and was attended by 25 patrons. Live animals and touchable props were highlights of the event, accompanied by the presentation and illustrations of the abundant wildlife in Connecticut.

Thank you, Bev Huntley, Maureen Doyle, Michael Doyle, Kathy Bugnacki, for helping out at the talk!

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 "Oceans of Possibilities", Wednesday, June 22, 6 PM

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

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

Overdrive Purchasing Models, Cost Per Circ

Library Director is currently exploring the Cost-Per-Circ Model in Overdrive Advantage Collection, which will allow us to offer new e-book/eaudio titles to Morris cardholders for a limited time. The Library will pay Overdrive per circulation, similar to our Hoopla and Kanopy platforms.

Website Updates – ADA Compliance

The library website morriwpubliclibrary.net is now ADA compliant. The special plug-in Accessibility Lite was installed to allow various modifications of the screen, upon necessity.

Bibliomation Spring Circulation Meeting

Library Director and staff attended the Bibliomation Spring Circulation Meeting via Zoom on April 20.

The items on the agenda discussed: Evergreen updates, the patron-view Bootstrap catalog, system performance report, FindIT state catalog updates.

Bibliomation Members Council Meeting, April 26

Library Director attended the Bibliomation Members Council Meeting on April 26.

The agenda items discussed:

- TechSoup/MS licensing changes, Windows 11: Microsoft and TechSoup transition libraries to a different category, thus causing possible higher pricing for licensing; Windows 11 is still not recommended for use by Bibliomation
- Evergreen update: performance has improved and existing system bugs got fixed; fulfillment (state ILL) has expanded its connectors
- The Bibliomation strategic plan is being developed, and will be presented to members in June. Member survey results were presented and discussed.

DVD and Audio Circuit Combined Meeting, Morris Public Library, May 5, 2022

Library Director attended the DVD and Audio Circuit combined meeting, and obtained media materials that would circulate at the library until July.

Unfortunately, the Connecticut Library Consortium is ending this program because of its decreasing popularity among libraries.

The Morris Library will continue acquiring some of the hard copy media items (DVDs and books on CD) due to existing demand here in Morris.

Volunteers

Our volunteers at the Library

Linda McMaster and Beverly Huntley (glass cabinet displays, program support), 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), Kathy Bugnacki (program support) and all the board members, the Friends of the Library, and volunteers.

Thank you!

Programs Planned:

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

June 22 – August 16 - Summer Reading Program, “Oceans of Possibilities” All ages.

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

Wednesday, September 7 – ‘How to Lead Like a Pro’ with Dr. Matthew Raidbard, author and athletic coach, via Zoom

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

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

Thursday, November 10, 6:30 PM – Stoned! The Ultimate Guide to Crystal Healing, with Grounded Goodwife, via Zoom

Thursday, December 1, 6:30 PM - “Oriental Rugs and the Stories They Tell”, with Karen Reddington-Hughes, collaboration with James Morris Reading Room and Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Granoth, Director