

Minutes of the Morris Public Library Board of Directors' Meeting
Reading Room
June 21, 2022

Received
Ass't. Town Clerk
Susan J. Hanfave
JUN 23 2022
10:15 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Caroline Maselli, Acting Chairman at 7:00pm

In attendance: Elena Granoth, Maureen Doyle, Caroline Maselli, Diane Boisvert, and Beth Lovallo

Absent: Maureen FitzPatrick, Bev Huntley

A motion was made by Maureen Doyle to accept minutes from the May 2022 meeting.
Seconded by Diane Boisvert, passed.

Treasurer's report was read by Diane Boisvert, Treasurer.

A motion was made to accept by Beth Lovallo, seconded by Maureen Doyle, passed.

Director's report was read by Elena Granoth, director.

A motion was made to accept by Beth Lovallo, seconded by Diane Boisvert, passed.

Old Business: Tag Sale recap - discussion of sale and future involvement
Summer Reading Kickoff - 5:30 to help with set up and sign-ups

New business: Director was asked about library fund raisers

A motion was made to adjourn by Maureen Doyle at 8:05, seconded by Diane Boisvert, passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Lovallo,
Acting Secretary

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

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Adults

Glass Cabinet Display

The Glass Cabinet Display "The Denim Kids" continues to be featured for the month of June. Little children figurines dressed in denim are "at play" with the friends and family.

Center Shelf Book Display and Other Displays

Here's to Fathers Everywhere is our new Center Shelf Book Display in honor of Father's Day.

Our other June book displays are June is a Pride Month and Juneteenth.

Eldridge Visit, June 13, 2022

Library Director visited the Eldridge Housing and picked up the currently circulating materials. Summer Reading participation cards were also distributed among the residents.

The Eldridge Coordinator position is currently vacant, and they will be following up with us regarding the ongoing collaborative efforts with the library.

Mystery Book Club

The Mystery Book Club took place on June 8, 6:30 pm and discussed "The Weed that Strings the Hangman's Bag" by Alan Bradley, the second book in the Flavia de Luce series. The event was attended by 6 patrons.

The next Clun will take place on July 13 and discuss "A Red Herring Without Mustard: A Flavia de Luce Novel" by Alan Bradley.

In this third novel in the series, the insidiously clever and unflappable eleven-year-old sleuth Flavia de Luce had asked a Gypsy woman to tell her fortune—never expecting to later stumble across the poor soul, bludgeoned almost to death in the wee hours in her own caravan. Was this an act of retribution by those convinced that the soothsayer abducted a local child years ago? Certainly Flavia understands the bliss of settling scores; revenge is a delightful pastime when one has two odious older sisters. But how could this crime be connected to the missing baby? As the red herrings pile up, Flavia must sort through clues fishy and foul to untangle dark deeds and dangerous secrets.

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

Popular Book Club

The Popular Book Club took place on Tuesday, May 24, 7 PM and discussed "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger. The event was attended by 5 patrons.

The next Popular Club will meet at the Morris Public Library on Tuesday, June 28, at 7 PM and discuss "The Guest List" by Lucy Foley.

On an island off the coast of Ireland, guests gather to celebrate two people joining their lives together as one. The groom: handsome and charming, a rising television star. The bride: smart and ambitious, a magazine publisher. It's a wedding for a magazine, or for a celebrity: the designer dress, the remote location, the luxe party favors, the boutique whiskey. The cell phone service may be spotty and the waves may be rough, but every detail has been expertly planned and will be expertly executed.

But perfection is for plans, and people are all too human. As the champagne is popped and the festivities begin, resentments and petty jealousies begin to mingle with the reminiscences and well wishes. The groomsmen begin the drinking game from their school days. The bridesmaid not-so-accidentally ruins her dress. The bride's oldest (male) friend gives an uncomfortably caring toast.

And then someone turns up dead. Who didn't wish the happy couple well? And perhaps more important, why?

E- book: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12558477>

E-audio: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12577582>

Hardcover copies are available at the Library by request.

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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.

Janet Dow, author, playwright and researcher, presented "The Basic Oneness of the Universe," on May 12. The event was attended by 33 patrons.

Ms. Dow shared with the large audience that the concept of oneness originated in the ancient eastern believes. The speaker brought out and discussed the focus-on-"now" idea and encouraged the participants to share their own experiences and thoughts on the subject after the presentation.

"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.

Update:

We have created thematic prize baskets, have spoken to JMS students about the upcoming Summer Reading activities, and have arranged the Children's Area to start the Add-the-Creature-to-the-Ocean Project.

Governor's Summer Reading Recommended Materials for students are featured in the book display area.

Library Director visited James Morris School on June 6 and presented the Summer Reading Program to the students and teachers, handed out flyers, and read summer stories to the audience.

Summer Reading Finale Magic Show with Ed Popielarczyk, Morris Public Library on the Town Green, Tuesday, August 16, 2 PM.

In Ed's Magic Show, the children are the stars because they make the magic happen. The Magician doesn't just do the trick – he tells a story that revolves around each trick. It may be a short story or a longer one, but each story helps to bring the trick together. Every child who comes on "stage" to be a helper receives a souvenir!

The show is appropriate for ages three and up.

Bring a chair or a sit-upon.

Register with the library today: 860-567-7440 or
<https://morrispubliclibrary.net/library-calendar-event-registration/Children>

Story and Music Time

Story and Music Time presented the following themes and activities in June –

Pout-Pout Fish and Friends – story and rhymes, fish craft

Father's Day

Ocean-themed reads and crafts in support of the upcoming "Oceans of Possibilities" Summer Reading Program.

Bulletin Board and Book Displays

"Oceans of Possibilities" Summer Reading theme is featured in our Children's Corner!

We are getting ready to kick off Summer Reading on June 22 with ice cream and "oceantastic" reads!!

Sea creatures and ocean wonders are in the books displayed in the area.

Other displays in the area: Governor Summer Reading Challenge recommended materials, Who is/was series books, and 2023 Nutmeg Award Nominees.

James Morris School Grade Visits, May 18, 2022

James Morris School Grades K, 1, 2, 3 (72 students and teachers) visited the Morris Public Library on May 18, borrowed new reads and enjoyed read-alouds in the Reading Room.

Thank you, Joanne Woodington and Maureen Doyle, for your help during the visits!

Connecticut children's author Deborah Washington at the Morris Public Library, Saturday, May 21, 11 am, with her book "A Fish in a Tree."

A fish in a tree? How could that be?

Author Deborah Washington read and discussed her newest picture book "A Fish in a Tree," which is a rhymed story about a fish-shaped balloon stuck in a tree. An environmentally friendly story, the book teaches youngsters about playing carefully with balloons outdoors, as they can get "lost" outdoors (like in this true story) and be not so good for the nature.

The event was attended by 8 patrons.

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 "oceanastic" ice cream treat!

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

Overdrive Purchasing Models, Cost Per Circ

We have started featuring a limited amount of titles within the Cost-Per-Circ Model with Overdrive, in the Advantage Plan.

The titles added this month included popular ebooks and eaudiobooks.

Hickory Stick Bookshop Donations, May 2022

The Hickory Stick Bookshop donated 58 new books and five \$15.00 gift certificates (for the Summer Reading) to the Morris Public Library.

Thank you, Jennifer Whittlesey, for delivering them to the Library!

Hotspots - FREE upgrade

We have submitted our request for the free upgrade of our current Franklin T9 hotspots.

The necessary action is being taken to avoid the hotspot coverage disruption due to T-Mobile's complete reconfiguration/upgrade of the network (former Sprint).

Update: devices received and are being swapped.

Morris Town-Wide Tag Sale Participation

The Morris Public Library participated in the town-wide tag sale with Morris Friends & Neighbors on Saturday, June 4.

The Library made over \$240.00 at the Tag Sale!

Thank you to all who helped out at the Tag Sale!

The Palace Project – The Library's NEW EBook and Audiobook App

The Morris Public Library Introduces The Palace Project: A New eReading App Simplifying eBook and Audiobook Lending for Patrons in partnership with Connecticut State Library, LYRASIS and Digital Public Library of America.

The Palace Project app ("Palace") makes accessing the library's ebook and audiobook collections easier than ever and brings them all into one simple app, where users can search

and browse, check out items, and read, in just a few taps. The Palace app is available now to all Morris Public Library patrons at morrispubliclibrary.net or at your mobile device app store for FREE.

Collections included in the Palace app: the Connecticut State Library Palace Marketplace collection, the Palace Bookshelf of open materials, the Connecticut State Library BiblioBoard collection, and the Connecticut State Library Baker & Taylor Axis360 collection.

Bibliomation Member Council Meeting

Library Director will attend Bibliomation Member Council Meeting on June 16 via Zoom.

This is the annual meeting including updates of the member libraries, financial committee, executive director's report, system/Evergreen report.

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), Patty Caretta (tag sale help) and all the board members, the Friends of the Library, and volunteers.

Thank you!

Programs Planned:

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

