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12:16 P.M.

Minutes of the Morris Public Library Board of Directors' Meeting
Reading Room
July 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Maureen FitzPatrick, Chairman at 7:02pm

In attendance: Maureen Doyle, Maureen FitzPatrick, Elena Granoth, Bev Huntley, Beth Lovallo, and Caroline Maselli. Absent: Diane Boisvert

A motion was made by Maureen Doyel at 7:03 pm to adjourn the meeting until after the vote for the Region 20 School Board Representatives, seconded by Bev Huntley, passed.

The meeting was brought back to order at 8:04 pm by Maureen FitzPatrick, Chairman.

A motion was made by Caroline Maselli to accept minutes from the June 2022 meeting. Seconded by Bev Huntley, passed.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Caroline Maselli, seconded by Beth Lovallo, passed.

Director's report was read by Elena Granoth, Director. A motion was made to accept by Bev Huntley, seconded by Beth Lovallo, passed.

Old Business: We discussed the upcoming programming on Sunday 8/7 with the Morris Historical Society, and the end of Summer Reading Celebration at 2 pm on 8/16.

New business: Bev Huntley nominated Beth Lovallo to replace Bev as the Secretary for Morris Public Library Board of Directors, seconded by Caroline Maselli, passed.

A motion was made to adjourn by Bev Huntley at 8:39, seconded by Caroline Maselli, passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Lovallo, Acting Secretary

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

July 19, 2022

Adults

Glass Cabinet Display

Our Glass Cabinet Display this month is featuring historical items from Mill School House which celebrates its 250th Anniversary this year!

Town-wide Open House organized by the Morris Historical Society will take place on August 7!!

Join #morrisct in celebration!

Morris Public Library will be there!

Center Shelf Book Display and Other Displays

"Summer Reads" is our new Center Shelf Book Display offering a variety of beach novels, poolside stories and other summer reading inspirations.

Another new display this month - "The Great Outdoors." Travel, explore, and enjoy the wonders of nature!

Mystery Book Club

The Mystery Book Club met on July 13 and discussed "A Red Herring Without Mustard: A Flavia de Luce Novel" by Alan Bradley. The event was attended by 4 people.

The next Club will take place on August 10.

Popular Book Club

The Popular Book Club met at the Morris Public Library on Tuesday, June 28, at 7 PM and discussed "The Guest List" by Lucy Foley. The event was attended by 9 participants.

The next Club will take place on Tuesday, July 28, and will discuss "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir.

Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission—and if he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish.

Except that right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it.

All he knows is that he's been asleep for a very, very long time. And he's just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company.

His crewmates dead, his memories fuzzily returning, Ryland realizes that an impossible task now confronts him. Hurtling through space on this tiny ship, it's up to him to puzzle out an impossible scientific mystery—and conquer an extinction-level threat to our species.

And with the clock ticking down and the nearest human being light-years away, he's got to do it all alone.

Or does he?

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

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

The Summer Reading is in full swing!

Patrons, all ages, complete their reading cards with the titles of books read, and submit them to qualify to win big finale prizes.

Our Deep Ocean Project for children (add a creature sticker to the ocean) is extremely well received by young patrons. The project is available for them every time they visit the library during the summer reading!

Summer Reading Finale Magic Show with Ed Popielarczyk, Morris Public Library on the Town Green, Tuesday, August 16, 2 PM. Ages 3 and up.

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/>

The Library Participates in the Morris Historical Society Mill School House Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, August 7

The Morris Public Library will be part of the town-wide open house organized by the Morris Historical Society in their celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Mill School House.

We will feature a station at the Reception (Town Hall Community Room) with our announcements, flyers and a slide show. After that, we will be open to offer the resources and materials to the patrons until 4 PM.

Author Talk “Learn How To Lead Like a Pro: Effective Leadership Styles for Athletic Coaches” with Dr. Matthew Rainbard, Morris Public Library, Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 PM, via Zoom.

The program will provide coaches, at all levels of sports, with the tools to be more intentional and effective leaders for their athletes and teams.

With each passing year, athletic coaches are asked to take on increased leadership responsibilities for their athletes and team. However, they don't always have the opportunity to receive the necessary coach-related leadership education and training that would provide them with the knowledge and tools required to effectively coach the team, manage the athletes and parents, and deal with any unexpected conflicts or tensions that arise during the season. This talk is designed specifically for athletic coaches to provide them with foundational leadership knowledge and teach them techniques they can use to practice the best leadership style and behaviors that align with their personal values and beliefs. During this program, Dr. Rainbard will give an introduction to leadership practice, and discuss the importance of coaches viewing themselves as leaders and making intentional leadership choices.

Additionally, the author will talk about how coaches can determine what the best leadership style and behaviors are for them to practice based on their personal values and beliefs. This program is also designed to help coaches understand the impact their leadership choices can have both positively and negatively on the athletes they coach.

Matthew Rainbard has been a men's college basketball coach and senior level college athletics administrator for the past 15 years. He holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

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

Reincarnation: Don't make the same mistakes twice!

With metaphysical author and medium Sydney Sherman, Morris Public Library via Zoom, Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 PM

Weird dreams? Strange memories? Feeling like you have been somewhere before? Fascinated with a period of time in history? Maybe it is Déjà Vu? Or MAYBE you have lived before...many many times...in a different time...and in a different place.

Since the beginning of time, people have questioned the validity of reincarnation. Scientists, philosophers and religious scholars have all studied the possibilities of an alternate life that transcends the "One Body" - "One Life" Philosophy. Up until 20 years ago, the thought that we could "live again" in another body, time or place, was considered nonsense, but now science has found a plausible explanation and possibly the evidence needed to support this theory.

Sydney Sherman is a metaphysical author, Reiki Master and aura consultant residing in Madison, CT. Sydney specializes in Thanatology, the study of life after death and the death and dying experience. Her books are You Are Not Alone: Our Loved Ones Are Here...You're Just Not Listening; Gifted Innocence: A Parents' Guide for Spiritually Gifted Children.

This is a ZOOM program.

To register with the Library and request information to join: <https://morrispubliclibrary.net/library-calendar-event-registration/> or 860-567-7440.

Children

Story and Music Time

Miss Stephanie reports:

Story time is going really well. Attendance is around 13 people (adults and children), which is a good number for the space. The kids are LOVING using the plastic "ring toss" toys as steering wheels for the Riding in My Car song, and using the shakers to Shake Your Sillies Out. Throughout July we're focusing on Summer and Oceans of Possibilities (to tie in with summer reading). We read The Rattletrap Car, and The Rainbow Fish. Next week will be Eric Carle's A House for Hermit Crab, and for the last week of July we'll do Commotion in the Ocean. The craft is primarily coloring pictures with fun stick-on objects e.g. shiny scales for The Rainbow Fish. This seems to be working well, and the leftovers create an easy grab-and-go craft in the children's section in the library. I'm keeping the craft simple while I get my feet, and I'll get more adventurous with the craft moving forward.

Bulletin Board and Book Displays

The Children's Area continues to feature "Oceans of Possibilities" bulletin board display, cool "oceanastic" reads and sea creature project.

Other book displays in the area include summer-inspired picture/chapter books, 2023 Nutmeg Award Nominees, and new fiction/nonfiction materials.

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

Children's Summer Reading Kickoff and Ice Cream Treats took place on June 22.

Children of all ages received their summer reading incentives, borrowed new "oceanastic" books and enjoyed the fancy ice cream treat!

The event was attended by 25 patrons.

Family Story Afternoons at the Morris Public Library, Wednesdays, August 10 and 24, 3 PM

The Morris Public Library is excited to welcome children (ages 5 to 8) and their caregivers to enjoy story time at our Family Story Afternoons on Wednesdays, August 10 and 24, at 3pm.

Look forward to adventures featuring cunning animal heroes!

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

Overdrive Purchasing Models, Cost Per Circ

The Morris Public Library has been featuring additional instant-access titles via our Libby by Overdrive platform. Select new and popular ebooks and eaudiobooks are available to Morris cardholders without wait.

We consider continuing to diversify our Overdrive collection depending on demand and request preferences.

Circuit Audio and DVD Meeting, Morris Public Library, July 14, 10 am

Library Director will be meeting with Circuit Audio and DVD participating libraries for the final gathering which will end our CLC's Rotating Media collection participation.

The Connecticut Library Consortium will no longer offer these collections to libraries due to the decrease in demand. It will allow us to retarget our spending in this category. We will focus on purchasing most popular media titles in their hard copies, and will expand our online media offerings.

Library Assistant with Children's Services

Stephanie is our new Library Assistant with the focus on Children's Services. She joined the team on June 29, 2022.

Welcome, Stephanie!

Computer Replacement Project

The Morris Public Library has an approved purchase order to buy 5 computers via Bibliomation. The company will acquire and install the machines at the Library.

The project is being for by capital funds in the Town Budget.

Hickory Book Shop Donations, July 12, 2022

The Hickory Bookshop donated 68 new books to the Morris Public Library in July.

The books will be a great addition to our collection.

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

Thomaston Savings Bank Grant Application

Library Director has submitted the Thomaston Savings Bank grant application with the requests for the project Library Mobile and WiFi Equipment Upgrade.

We are requesting the funds to acquire an updated 11-inch tablet, a digital photo frame and a Wi-Fi color printer.

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), Alice Pulliam (program support), Rosemary Liebowitz (program support), 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:

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

Sunday, August 7 – Mill School Open House participation, with the Morris Historical Society

August 10 and August 24, 3 PM – Family Story Afternoons, ages 5-8, 3 PM

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.

Wednesdays, October 5 and November 2, 6:30 PM – Pajama Story Time

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

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

	Jul-21	21-Aug	Sept. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 21	21-Dec	22-Jan	22-Feb	22-Mar	22-Apr	22-May	22-Jun	Total
Adult Audio on CD	6	8	9	7	10	9	11	13	9	7	3	2	94
Juvenile Audio on CD	7	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	2	4	1	22
Adult Book	764	897	678	673	684	673	739	606	769	672	648	657	8460
Juvenile Book	646	506	227	376	527	659	517	613	622	602	466	391	6152
YA Book	62	65	16	47	37	51	49	32	31	75	57	42	564
Adult DVD	129	119	108	45	91	72	76	61	8	87	74	59	929
Juvenile DVD	14	17	14	8	14	23	4	1	8	7	15	10	135
Streaming movie	38	74	67	45	92	32	34	21	20	39	29	17	508
Ebooks	161	80	120	45	88	86	50	81	108	56	65	58	998
Eaudio		107	73	77	62	68	53	58	83	66	84	89	820
Overdrive Emagazine		5	17	10	15	6	6	2	5	10	7	3	86
Magazine, newspaper	293	258	206	210	169	201	222	177	100	225	72	231	2364
Museum Passes	4	1	2	1	3	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	17
Music	0	0	1	2	2	2	4	0	1	6	0	7	25
Chromebook			1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	8
Hotspot	4	6	4	5	4	4	3	2	4	3	6	3	48
TOTAL	2128	2143	1543	1553	1802	1890	1770	1669	1770	1858	1531	1573	21230

	20-Jul	Aug-20	20-Sep	20-Oct	21-Nov	20-Dec	21-Jan	21-Feb	21-Mar	21-Apr	22-May	21-Jun	
	1392	1640	1414	1392	1142	1185	1009	1068	1614	1505	1223	1445	

Patron Participation	830	899	822	1013	903	865	798	822	1002	899	822	732	10407
Web Site Visits	1672	1189	1383	1135	1251	1009	1270	820	2174	1281	2315	958	16457
Active Patrons	665	649	638	646	644	649	655	657	651	658	659	653	7824

Children's programs in-person	5	5	4	6	6	6	5	7	6	7	8	5	70
Children's programs, virtual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Children's attendance in-person	43	52	22	229	184	219	125	163	192	176	147	71	1623
Children's attendance virtual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	71
Adults' programs in-person	2	2	2	4	5	2	1	1	3	4	4	2	32
Adults' programs, virtual	1	1	1	1	1	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	12
Adult attendance in-person	19	13	15	47	45	18	10	9	36	81	63	15	371
Adult attendance virt.	2	2	97	2	14	0	76	40	6	0	0	0	239