

Minutes of the Morris Public Library Board of Directors' Meeting
Reading Room
August 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Maureen FitzPatrick, Chairman at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Diane Boisvert to accept minutes from the July 2022 meeting. Seconded by Caroline Maselli, passed.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Diane Boisvert. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Bev Huntley, seconded by Caroline Maselli, passed.

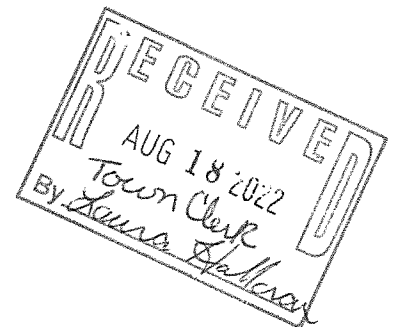
The Director's report was read by Elena Granoth, Director. There was Discussion about participation in PTO Welcome Night at JMS on 8/26. There was also more discussion about fundraisers for the library. A motion was made to accept by Bev Huntley, seconded by Beth Lovallo, passed.

Old Business: Maureen FitzPatrick updated us on the ARPA funds for Chromebooks, the status of the door on the lower level by book drop, and the new sign for the Library & Reading Room.

New business:

A motion was made to adjourn by Bev Huntley at 7:48, seconded by Diane Boisvert, passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Lovallo, Secretary



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

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Adults

Glass Cabinet Display

Our August Glass Cabinet "Please Pass the Salt and Pepper" features the collection of whimsical salt and pepper shakers from the collection of Debra Sue Klingerman.

Center Shelf Book Display and Other Displays

"Summer Thrillers" is our new Center Shelf book display.

Enjoy an engaging read that would have you turning pages and craving for more!

Morris History Display has been created in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Mill School and features books on local history and Morris Academy.

Mystery Book Club

The Mystery Book Club met on August 10 and discussed "I Am Half-Sick of Shadows: A Flavia de Luce Novel" by Alan Bradley, a Christmas-in-July Celebration Book. The event was attended by 7 patrons.

The next club will take place on Wednesday, September 14, at 6:30 PM.

Popular Book Club

The Popular Book Club met at the Morris Public Library on Tuesday, July 28, and discussed "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir.

The next Club will meet on Tuesday, August 23 at 7 PM and discuss "Sunflower Sisters" by Martha Hall Kelly.

Martha Hall Kelly's Lilac Girls introduced readers to Caroline Ferriday. Now, in Sunflower Sisters, Kelly tells the story of Ferriday's ancestor Georgeanna Woolsey, a Union nurse during the Civil War whose calling leads her to cross paths with Jemma, a young enslaved girl who is sold off and conscripted into the army, and Anne-May Wilson, a Southern plantation mistress whose husband enlists. Inspired by true accounts, Sunflower Sisters provides a vivid, detailed look at the Civil War experience, from the barbaric and inhumane plantations, to a war-torn New York City, to the horrors of the battlefield. It's a sweeping story of women caught in a country on the brink of

collapse, in a society grappling with nationalism and unthinkable racial cruelty, a story still so relevant today.

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 Ocean of Possibilities Summer Reading Program’s Reading Card final submission date is August 16. The drawing of prizes will take place on August 17.

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

The Summer Reading Finale Magic Show is coming up!

In Ed Pop’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 event will take place on the Green (or in the Community Room, in case of inclement weather).

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 participated in the town-wide OPEN HOUSE with the Morris Historical Society in their 250th Mill School Anniversary Celebration. We featured a table with the library’s happenings and resources announcements, a slideshow of historical images and present-day looks, library card sign-ups and more.

After that, we were open to the public 1:30 – 4 pm. The library was visited by 17 patrons during these hours.

Thank you, Moe Doyle, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Diane Boisvert, for your help at the event.

RSVP is COMING TO THE MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Tuesday, August 23

10:00-11:30

You’ve gained a lifetime of experience. Now is the time to share your talents and skills.

The New Opportunities Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will be recruiting senior volunteers (55+) who are interested in volunteering to help children read at the James Morris

Elementary School. RSVP is a federally funded program which is part of Senior Corps under the auspices of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Active RSVP volunteers are afforded free liability insurance and mileage reimbursement.

RSVP is the largest senior networking service providing a full range of volunteer opportunities. One such opportunity is the America Reads Program which recruits senior volunteers to help children read in our local schools. Presently, RSVP has over 70 volunteers working in our local schools.

Volunteering can lead to new discoveries. Studies show that volunteering helps you live longer and helps promote a positive outlook on life.

So, join RSVP --- see you at the Morris Library, Tuesday, August 23, 10:00-11:30. Can't make the 23th? -- Call Nancy Duetzmann or Karen Stevens at New Opportunities, Inc. - 860-482-9749, extension 617.

Author Talk "Learn How To Lead Like a Pro: Effective Leadership Styles for Athletic Coaches" with Dr. Matthew Raidbard, 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. Raidbard 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 Raidbard 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.

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The Morris Public Library Online presents the Women & Money Roundtable Series, How to Make Sense of Today's Financial Markets, on September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, at 1 PM with Julia Strayer and Liz Maccarone.

The Women & Money Roundtable Series is a way to empower and educate women of any age on financial matters that affect their lives. Morris patrons are invited to participate in the roundtables on a monthly basis.

This is a collaborative event of the following libraries/organizations: Morris Public Library, New Canaan Library, Fairfield Public Library, Darien Library, Brookfield Library, New Milford Library, Burnham Library, Scoville Memorial Library, Simsbury Library, Rowayton Library, Trumbull Library, Stonington Free Library, Woodbury Library, Westport Library, Bronxville Library, Rye Free Reading Room, Purchase Free Library, Mamaroneck Library, Pound Ridge Library, Bedford Free Library, Scarsdale Library and the YWCA- Greenwich.

Register to attend – links are on our website.

Bios:

Julia Strayer, CPWA®, CIMA®, CRPC®

Senior Vice President, Wealth Management Advisor

Prior to joining Merrill Lynch Wealth Management in 2000, Julia was a vice president and private banker for BankBoston's Private Bank for 7 years, responsible for asset management and trust services. Previously, Julia worked in marketing for 9 years with Merrill. Julia has a BA from Ohio State University and an MBA from New York University's Stern School of Business. Julia has appeared on the CNBC show "Power Lunch," CBS "This Morning," WGCH's "Women in Business," in addition to featured articles in USA Today.

Liz Maccarone, CRPC®

Senior Financial Advisor

Liz joined Merrill Lynch Wealth Management in 2012. Liz works closely with high-net-worth individuals and their families to create personalized and comprehensive strategies that support their goals, including investment management, retirement planning, liability management, and multigenerational planning. Liz values the importance of establishing and cultivating relationships with families including the next generation.

Liz graduated from Fairfield University with a dual bachelor's degree in Finance and Marketing. She began her career working at a boutique investment firm as a Business Development Associate, specializing in commodities and futures trading.

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.

The Morris Public Library will host author, teacher and photographer Cheryl Martinelli for book discussion and signing of "ABCs of Health and Healing" on Thursday, October 13, 6 PM.

Cheryl will talk about emotional, spiritual and physical health for families as presented in her book and supported by her research.

The book introduces "...a simple holistic approach to healing our bodies and minds" and features "gorgeous photography, impactful messages, and sound advice." It is "...cleverly outlined with key health and healing words."

Cheryl has been an educator for 38 years in CT, and has a Master's degree in Integrated Health and Healing. The book is available on Amazon and there will be copies for sale at the talk.

This is a general audience presentation, families with children are welcomed!

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

Children

Story and Music Time

Miss Stephanie reports:

Story and Music Time attendance is averaging 14 people (adults and children). Throughout August we're focusing on magic, to tie in with the magician coming to celebrate the end of the summer reading program. So far, we've read *The Magic Rabbit*, and *Down the Back of the Chair*. Later in the month I'll be reading *Double Puppy Trouble*, *The Cat in the Hat*, and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (I'm taking a broad interpretation of "magic").

The first craft activity was a rabbit that could lift out of a top hat as if by magic (actually using invisible velcro dots), and last week was a pop-up card. I create coloring pages that match the theme of the book and have a Story Time display in the children's section of the library showcasing the book read and any leftover coloring pages and craft.

Bulletin Board and Book Displays

"The Magic of Summer" continues in our Children's Area!

The deep ocean project, new interesting stories and, of course, Magic Show with Ed Pop at our Summer Reading Finale on August 16!

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

The first session of Family Story Afternoons took place on August 10 and was attended by 10 patrons.

Families enjoyed adventure stories about cunning animal heroes.

Our next session is scheduled to take place on August 24.

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

Children of all ages and their families are invited to the Morris Public Library for Fall Pajama Story Time on Wednesdays, October 6 and November 3, 6:30 pm.

Bring your favorite stuffed animal and enjoy cozy evening stories in your pajamas!

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

Computer Replacement Project

Patron computers have been ordered with Bibliomation, and will be installed upon receipt. There will be no additional charge for tech work done on these machines (software and network installation).

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), Andy Sommerville (program support) and all the board members, the Friends of the Library, and volunteers.

Thank you!

Programs Planned:

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

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.

September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14 – “Women and Money Roundtable” via Zoom

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

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.

Thursday, January 12, 6:30 PM – “Save at the Supermarket! With Jill Patterson, RDN, via Zoom

February 7, “Correctional,” book talk and poetry with Dr. Ravi Shakar, via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Granoth, Director

Jul-22

Adult Audio on CD	20
Juvenile Audio on CD	0
Adult Book	643
Juvenile Book	596
YA Book	56
Adult DVD	84
Juvenile DVD	12
Streaming movie	35
Ebooks	47
Eaudio	104
Overdrive Emagazine	8
Magazine, newspaper	167
Museum Passes	4
Music	11
Chromebook	2
Hotspot	3
TOTAL	1792

21-Jul
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Patron Participation	753
Web Site Visits	2700
Active Patrons	651

Children's programs in-person	4
Children's programs, virtual	
Children's attendance in-person	0
Children's attendance virtual	57
Adults' programs in-person	2
Adults' programs, virtual	0
Adult attendance in-person	16
Adult attendance virt.	0