

**Town Clerk**

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*8:40 A.M.*

**From:** Bev Huntley <bevhuntley11@gmail.com> on behalf of Bev Huntley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 5:50 PM  
**To:** townclerk@townofmorriscot.com; mplstaff@biblio.org; Elena Granoth;  
'maureenfitzpatrick@hotmail.com; Maureen Doyle; Diane Boisvert; bethlovallo; Michael  
& Caroline Maselli; Bev Huntley  
**Subject:** MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES. SEPTEMBER 20, 2022  
**Attachments:** Report 2022-23.xlsx; Untitled attachment 00014.htm; Director's Report, September  
2022.docx; Untitled attachment 00017.htm

The meeting was called to order by Caroline Maselli, Chairman Pro Tem at 7pm.

PRESENT: Caroline Maselli, Diane Boisvert, Maureen Doyle, Beverly Huntley and Library Director Elena Granoth.

ABSENT: Maureen FitzPatrick and Beth Lovallo

MINUTES: A motion to accept the August minutes was made by Maureen, seconded by Diane and the motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Diane presented her report. Maureen made a motion to accept the report, Bev seconded and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Bev to transfer non-grant funds from the Grant Account to the Operation Account, seconded by Maureen and the motion passed.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Elena presented her report. Grade school visits will start on Wednesday, 09-28-2022. Volunteers are needed. The annual town-wide Halloween event will be held on October 31, 2022. Set-up will be at 4:15pm. We have three new chrome books to be placed in circulation shortly. The display case will now be used to display books available through a new program, Celebrate With A Book, a literary donation program. Bev moved to accept the report, Diane seconded and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Please refer to the attached Directors Report.

NEW BUSINESS: Please refer to the attached Directors Report.

Diane moved to adjourn the meeting , Maureen seconded and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Huntley, Secretary pro tem

Jul-22      22-Aug

Adult Audio on CD	20	8
Juvenile Audio on CD	0	3
Adult Book	643	686
Juvenile Book	596	560
YA Book	56	80
Adult DVD	84	114
Juvenile DVD	12	7
Streaming movie	35	26
Ebooks	47	54
Eaudio	104	127
Overdrive Emagazine	8	23
Magazine, newspaper	167	153
Museum Passes	4	0
Music	11	1
Chromebook	2	1
Hotspot	3	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>1844</b>

21-Jul      Aug-22  
2128      2143

Patron Participation	753	1184
Web Site Visits	2700	1212
Active Patrons	651	655

Children's programs in-person	4	8
Children's programs, virtual	0	0
Children's attendance in-person	0	214
Children's attendance virtual	57	0
Adults' programs in-person	2	9
Adults' programs, virtual	0	0
Adult attendance in-person	16	60
Adult attendance virt.	0	0

Summer Reading Kids  
PreK 37, K-5 20, 6-12 13

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

September 20, 2022

**Adults**

**Glass Cabinet Display**

Books participating in our donation program "Celebrate with a Book" are featured in our Glass Cabinet this month.

Donate a book from this selection to the Library, have an honor plate placed inside, and be the first one to read it!

**Center Shelf Book Display and Other Displays**

"Cooks & Crooks. Mysteries with Food" is our new Center Shelf Book Display. Find reads with flavorful recipes and enjoy a tasty mystery.

In September, we celebrate "Hispanic Heritage Month."

Enjoy this selection of materials featuring Spanish lands and various personalities of Hispanic background.

**Mystery Book Club**

The Mystery Book Club met at the Morris Public Library on Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 PM, and discussed "A Duty to the Dead" by Charles Todd. The event was attended by 7 patrons in-person.

The next Mystery Book Club will meet on Wednesday, October 12, 6:30 pm and discuss "Raven Black" by Ann Cleeves.

New detective, Inspector Jimmy Perez, is a very private and perceptive man whose bailiwick is a remote hamlet in the Shetland Islands.

It is a cold January morning and Shetland lies beneath a deep layer of snow. Trudging home, Fran Hunter's eye is drawn to a splash of color on the frozen ground, ravens circling above. It is the strangled body of her teenage neighbor, Catherine Ross.

The locals on the quiet island stubbornly focus their gaze on one man---loner and simpleton Magnus Tait. But when detective Jimmy Perez and his colleagues from the mainland insist on opening out the investigation, a veil of suspicion and fear is thrown over the entire community. For the first time in years, Catherine's neighbors nervously lock their doors, while a killer lives on in their midst.

E-audiobook: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11824026>

New registrations and hardcover book requests:

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

### **Popular Book Club**

The Popular Book Club met on Tuesday, August 23 at 7 PM and discussed “Sunflower Sisters” by Martha Hall Kelly. The event was attended by 9 patrons, 2 new participants joined the club.

The next Club will meet at the Morris Public Library on Tuesday, September 27, 6:30 PM and will discuss "Run" by Ann Patchett.

Since their mother's death, Tip and Teddy Doyle have been raised by their loving, possessive and ambitious father. As the former mayor of Boston, Bernard Doyle wants to see his sons in politics, a dream the boys have never shared. But when an argument in a blinding New England snowstorm inadvertently causes an accident that involves a stranger and her child, all Bernard Doyle cares about is his ability to keep his children--all his children--safe.

Set over a period of twenty-four hours, Run takes us from the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard to a home for retired Catholic Priests in downtown Boston. It shows us how worlds of privilege and poverty can coexist only blocks apart from each other, and how family can include people you've never even met.

Suspenseful and stunningly executed, Run is ultimately a novel about secrets, duty, responsibility, and the lengths we will go to protect our children.

E-book format: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13324737>

E-audio: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11587416>

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

The winners in the Summer Reading prize drawing are:

Children's prizes: Bryce, Liliana, Lucas and Camilla.

Adults' prizes: Lydia, Ann, Donna, Sarai, Pam.

Congratulations!

Thank you, Town Clerk Laurie Halloran, for helping out with the drawing!

**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 Magic Show with Ed Pop for the Summer Reading Finale took place on the Green on August 16, and was attended by 58 patrons.

The fabulous interactive show with sound and patron engagement was the finale celebration of the Summer Reading. The bubble-making machine and ice cream treats complimented this outstanding event.

Thank you, Beth Lovallo, Diane Boisvert, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Nicholas Granoth, Jenson and Austin Sommerville, for your help at the event.

**RSVP is COMING TO THE MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY!**

**Tuesday, August 23**

The New Opportunities, Retired Senior Volunteer Recruitment Program took place on August 23, and was attended by 16 participants.

The RSVP representatives spoke about the initiative, and signed up a group of volunteers to read at James Morris School.

**Morris Public Library presents “Celebrate with a Book” – Literary Donation Program**

The Morris Public Library is implementing *Celebrate with a Book, a literary donation program* for our community. You may choose a book from *a wide selection located at the library* and donate the amount of the book cost.

We will provide *a plate* to add to the book and display it. You will be the first person to check it out and then it will remain in the collection for others to enjoy.

*We hope this program encourages you to celebrate the love of reading and share it with others!*

Stop in for more information and view the selection!

Questions?

860-567-7440 or morrispubliclibrary.net

**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.**

Dr. Matthew Raidbard, author, coach and teacher, presented “Lead Like a Pro” with the Morris Public Library Online on Wednesday, September 7. The event was virtually attended and viewed by 18 patrons.

The audience learned how to focus on being an intentional and effective leader in sports coaching and beyond. According to the author, it is important to develop your personal

leadership style incorporating communication with the athletes, displaying model behavior and finding best techniques in your own unique coaching situation. The speaker described democratic vs. autocratic approaches in coaching, which can be intertwined in a leadership style.

**The Morris Public Library Online presents the Women & Money Roundtable Series, How to Make Sense of Today's Financial Markets, on 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.*

**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**

Sydney Sherman's Zoom event Reincarnation took place on September 13, and was attended by 39 patrons and viewed on Facebook Watch by 8 people.

Author spoke about scientific and cultural approaches to the subject of Reincarnation, its interpretations, and possible manifestations. After the presentation, Sydney answered questions in the chat and encouraged live story-sharing via video.

**September is Library Card Sign-up Month**, a time when the Morris Public Library joins the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

*There is nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card (ages Kindergarten and up).* Through access to technology, media resources and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions.

We encourage all public to visit the library and sign up for a library card if you have not yet.

The Morris Public Library along with libraries everywhere, continue to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of our community. To sign up for a library card or to learn more about the library's resources and programs, *please visit the library at 4 North Street, Morris, CT or explore our website <https://morrispubliclibrary.net>*

*This September, join Idina and Cara, the American Library Association, and libraries nationwide in singing the praises of a library card.*

*Also in September, the sisters' debut picture book, Loud Mouse, about a little mouse named Dee who loves to sing very loudly, will be released by Disney Hyperion.*

More information: 860-567-7440, [morrispubliclibrary.net](http://morrispubliclibrary.net), [ala.org](http://ala.org)

**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/>

**Stoned! a crash-course in crystal and stone healing**, with Grounded Goodwife, Velya Jancz-Urban and Ehris Urban, via Zoom, Morris Public Library Online, Thursday, November 10, 6:30 PM

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

Don’t underestimate the healing powers of stones and crystals!

*This class is a hidden gem!*

- How to cleanse, charge, and set intentions for your stones
- Healing properties of specific crystals
- How to determine which crystals and stones speak to you, and why
- Divinatory meanings

Let us rock your world!

Bios:

*Velya Jancz-Urban* lives her life by the adage, “there is no growth without change.” Zany and gregarious, she is a teacher, author, former Brazilian dairy farm owner, and *herstory* unsanitized expert. Moving into a 1770 Connecticut farmhouse ignited Velya’s obsession with the colonial

era, and led to her entertainingly-informative presentation, *The Not-So-Good Life of the Colonial Goodwife*. Velya has a few too many rescue dogs and cats, is happiest with a fresh stack of library books, loves thrift shops, and is passionate about alternative medicine.

*Ehris Urban*, owner of *Grounded Holistic Wellness*, believes, “if you’re grounded, you can navigate even the bumpiest roads in peace.” She grew up in a family passionate about holistic medicine. Ehris is a green witch, herbalist, holistic nutritionist, and graduate of the New England School of Homeopathy. Additionally, Ehris is a Flower Essence Therapy practitioner. Ehris is also a certified Ingham Method reflexologist. A graduate of Western Connecticut State University with a B.A. in Anthropology/Sociology, she is also a certified ESL teacher.

## **Children**

### **Story and Music Time**

Ms. Stephanie reports Story Hour themes – Going Back to Nature:

\*We're Going on a Bear Hunt

\*Where's My Mom? by Julia Donaldson

\*Too Tight, Benito!

\*Where the Wild Things Are

### **Bulletin Board and Book Displays**

Feel inspired to enjoy "The Great Outdoors" and choose a nature read from our new display in the Children's Area!

### **Back-to-School at James Morris School Participation, Friday, September 2**

The Morris Public Library participated in the Back-to-School gathering on the JMS playground, welcoming student families back to school. We featured our announcements, library card sign-ups and gave away presents.

### **James Morris School students – visits to the Library**

JMS Grades K-5 are scheduled to attend the Morris Public Library for materials and read-alouds on Tuesday, September 28. Afternoon Pre-K will visit on Wednesday, October 12, at 1:30 pm.

### **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/>



## **Trick-or-Treating at Story and Music Time, Morris Public Library, Tuesday, October 25, 10 am**

Young patrons, ages 0-5, are invited to our special Story Time wearing their Halloween costumes on Tuesday, October 25, at 10 am. Families will enjoy a thematic story, songs, rhymes, and trick-or-treating with a librarian. Bring your baskets for the goods!

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

## **Hotspots**

The Library has acquired 3 more hotspot devices that are available to borrow.

## **Thomaston Savings Bank Grant Award**

The Morris Public Library has been awarded \$1,832.99 via Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation Grant to fund the purchase of a tablet, a digital photo frame, and a wireless color printer.

## **New Patron Computers Installed**

New patron computers have arrived and have been installed by Bibliomation in the Library.

The project is paid for by the Capital funds in the Library budget.

## **The Hickory Bookshop Donation, September 2022**

The Hickory Bookshop donated 49 new books to the Morris Public Library.

Thank you, Jennifer Whittlesey, for delivering them to us.

## **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), Nicholas Granoth, Andy, Jenson, Austin Sommerville (program support) and all the board members, the Friends of the Library, and volunteers.

Thank you!

## **Programs Planned:**

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

October 12, November 9, December 14 –“Women and Money Roundtable” 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.

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.

**Thursday, March 23, 6:30 PM – Author Talk “Align Your Body, Aline Your Life” with LisaBeth Lent of Inner Alignment Education**

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Granoth, Director