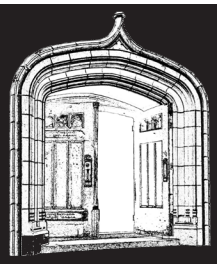

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Director's Column by Chad Leinaweaver

More often than not when someone thinks about a library, the first image to come to mind are books. Stereotypical, but understandable. However libraries are so much more than just books! For many decades libraries have had audio and video materials for patrons, run programs and lectures, and supplied meeting spaces for groups and individuals. Here at our library we also have: a 'Library of Things' that circulates musical instruments, games and technological items; a streaming service called Kanopy that allows patrons to stream documentaries and movies; and thanks to our Friends of the Library, we host a variety of programs from our summer Jazz in July concerts to author talks, book clubs and children's story times. We have a number of rooms that patrons can use for neighborhood meetings, studying with classmates or taking part in a class with the Literacy Volunteers of Morris County. There is a lot to do in libraries that has very little to do with checking out a book!

Along those lines, materials and services here at the Library change over time. Some things such as looking up stock quotes, lending 8-track cassettes, or holding programs of a certain type are needed for a time and then go out of favor, become obsolete or are replaced with more pressing needs. One thing that has been tremendously popular lately here at our Library are programs associated with the mind and body. Munah Hayes, a Morristown native who began teaching all sorts of classes through her Munahology health and wellness company, has taught our yoga classes in the Library since 2016. We had tremendous interest among our patrons to start a regular yoga class, more so than almost any other program we have offered. Our evening class became so popular that patrons began asking for a morning class and we added one on Fridays. Not long after yoga began here, we started experimenting with having other sorts of mind and body activities here at the Library. We have hosted classes in Tai Chi, a Chinese martial art that promotes meditation and a healthy body as well as Qigong, a similarly-based system of body posture also used in defense training, breathing and meditation. Over the past two years, John Madden from the Morristown High School has led classes in 'Mindful Meditation' in order to reduce anxiety and improve mental clarity in a group setting.

So why are these programs so popular? I think we live in a world that continually gets faster, has more information in it and comes to us much more rapidly than in the past. It is no accident that many patrons comment to me about the need to 'slow down' or minimize a lot of the distractions that are appearing on their computer screens, mobile phones, car radios or elsewhere. We are so 'bombarded' with information that we are all akin to the toddler who cries after receiving too much stimulation. Thus, I think many people are seeking ways to center themselves, remove distractions, and find some level of peace and quiet in their lives. Some people may need assistance in reaching that level of peace, which is where an instructor trained in meditation, Tai Chi, yoga or Qigong can provide new insight to a person or open him or her up to new experiences. As a library, our role is to provide information on a variety of subjects to our patrons, and thus mind-body and wellness classes are yet another educational offering that the Library provides that can be of great benefit to some patrons, just as genealogy, business, or literature are to others.

Membership by Eileen Duch

The Friends will be mailing their annual membership letter in the New Year. Please renew your membership to show your support for the Library. The money raised by the Friends through the membership drive and book sales pays for the various events held in the Library such as the films, lectures, author talks and book clubs.

If you have not joined the Friends in the past, let 2020 be the year you help continue the fine programs offered at the Library. The form to join and become a FRIEND is on the last page of this newsletter. You can also sign up at the Library's website at **MMTLibrary.org.** Go to the Friends' page and click on ***Join the Friends*** for a form to submit.

Thank you for your past support and thank you in advance for renewing your membership in 2020.

The President's Message will return in the Spring as she is recovering from surgery.

If it is snowing or the weather is inclement, please call the Library before coming in. We will post all Library closings on our website, www.MMTLibrary.org, and our automated telephone system, 973-538-6161.

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Just for TEENS!

by Abigail Hsu

Exciting things are happening over at the new Library website (**MMTLibrary.org**)! Book lists, recommended websites, and even a book blog have been added to the Teen section of the site — be sure to check them out. To receive YA program announcements, updates and more, follow our Snapchat **account @mmtlibrary**.

Teen Book Club

Tuesdays 1/21, 2/11, 3/10, 7:00–7:30 PM

Teen Book Club meets once a month on a Tuesday evening to chat about what we've read. This winter, we will read ***Spill Zone*** by Scott Westerfeld and Alex Puvilland as well as two books selected by book club members, TBA. Books and snacks are provided.

Creative Café

Fridays 12/20, 1/31, 2/28, 4:00–5:00 PM

Bring a writing or art project to work on, or make something new with our supplies! We will decorate glass jar candle holders in December, make our own book-inspired tea and cocoa blends in January, and use beeswax sheets to roll candles in February. Tea and snacks are provided.

New Library Hires

The Library recently hired Circulation Assistant Jordan Aussicker. She will be graduating from Drew University in the spring, and loves to spend time outdoors with friends. When indoors, she loves to read and learn languages like Spanish and French!

The North Jersey History and Genealogy Center recently hired Assistant Archivist Meghan Chapuran. She comes to us from Drew University's Methodist Archives. In her free time, she loves to hike and be outdoors. When she is home, she is usually scrapbooking or making something for her two guinea pigs on her sewing machine.

The CHILDREN'S ROOM by Arlene Sprague

Winter brings many of the traditional library activities. We have story time, crafts, scavenger hunts, and lots of new books. However this winter we decided to continue with our **fourth through sixth grade book clubs** and our **Maker Monday** programs. Both are normally held only during the summer, but we wanted to offer more programming to older children during the school year. The benefits of both programs convinced us to try them year round.

Book clubs teach children important language skills. Discussions encourage them to make predictions about what could happen to the characters and why. Children learn how to use language to analyze plots, characters and the words the author chose. They also learn to share ideas and respect different opinions. According to studies out of Emory University, reading fiction helps trick our brains into thinking we are part of the story, helping children develop empathy and sympathy for the characters in the book. Not only do book clubs help children learn to share ideas, they also teach them to consider other people's feelings and look at ideas and situations from another perspective.

Maker Mondays makes learning science fun. Chemical reactions are demonstrated by making slime. Kinetic and potential energy are demonstrated by making catapults. According to the National Council for Research, STEM activities help children learn skills like organizing information, staying focused, strategizing and planning. Experimentation is encouraged and *what if* is a valuable question. Just as book clubs inspire children to examine different points of view, STEM projects inspire children to examine different ways to solve problems.

Both book clubs and Maker Mondays are sneaky ways to foster both independent thought and group cooperation. Both also expand on lessons learned in story time. The skills of listening and participating in a group are reinforced. So this winter, stop in and visit the children's room. Join us in one of our programs and you just might learn something without even trying!

Graffiti in the Library? Sometimes It's Historical! by Tara Schaberg

Over 100 years ago, as the construction of this library building was nearing completion, two men inscribed their names on an exposed support beam way up high in the clock tower. Halsey B. Armstrong, a 33-year-old heating and plumbing business owner from Morris Township, penciled his name with serifs and flourishes followed by the date: June 8, 1917. Underneath, the initials H B and A were faintly carved into a brick. The next day, plumber James F. Ketch, the teen-age son of English immigrants who would soon serve with the U.S. Army, printed his name a few feet to the left in curvy capital letters.

After serving in the Army, James Ketch came home and continued to work as a steam fitter and plumber before working for the local electric and gas company. He was also a member of Morristown's Humane Fire Engine Company. He married in 1923 and had three children, but he died early in life at age 33 after a long illness. One of his sons, James Ketch Jr., grew up to be a Morris Plains police chief.

Halsey Armstrong made a name for himself not only as a prominent contractor, but also as a civic leader. He served as the first chief of Morris Township's Hillside Fire Company and as a member of the Morris Township Committee for terms in the 1920's, 30s', and 40's.

Not only did these men help to construct the library and literally leave their mark on it, they also left their marks on this community. Their legacies have been preserved in census records, newspaper articles, and other historical resources held by the library's North Jersey History & Genealogy Center. Perhaps you have some historical graffiti in your own home which you can research here!

Not graffiti . . . but a bit of history!

ON THE SHELF

LARGE-PRINT by Louis Muñoz Jr.

The Dutch House: A Novel
by Ann Patchett
Bestselling author Ann Patchett's most powerful novel to date: a richly moving story that explores the indelible bond between two siblings, the house of their childhood, and a past that will not let them go, offering a tour de force that digs deeply into questions of inheritance, love and forgiveness, of how we want to see ourselves and of who we really are.

All Blood Runs Red: The Legendary Life of Eugene Ballard – Boxer, Pilot, Soldier, Spy *by Phil Keith with Tom Clavin*
The inspiring untold story of an American hero, Eugene Bullard, son of a former slave and the first African American military pilot, a thought-provoking chronicle of the 20th century and a portrait of a man who came from nothing and by his own courage, determination, gumption, intelligence and luck forged a legendary life.

The Testaments *by Margaret Atwood*
Atwood's dystopian masterpiece, ***The Handmaid's Tale***, has become a modern classic — and now she brings the iconic story to a dramatic conclusion in this riveting sequel, winner of the Booker Prize and a #1 *New York Times* bestseller.

This Tender Land
by William Kent Krueger
Over the course of one unforgettable summer, four 1930s Minnesota orphans will journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds.With the feel of a modern classic, *This Tender Land* is an enthralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole.

The Poppy Wife: A Novel of the Great War *by Caroline Scott*
In the tradition of Jennifer Robson and Hazel Gaynor, this unforgettable debut novel is a sweeping tale of forbidden love, profound loss, and the startling truth of the broken families left behind in the wake of World War I.

Please note, the Morristown & Morris Township has a new website address:
www.MMTLibrary.org

FICTION by Gracey Osmun Palmer

Magic For Liars *by Ssara Gailey*
When a gruesome murder is discovered at The Osthorne Academy of Young Mages where her estranged twin sister Tabitha teaches Theoretical Magic, detective Ivy Gamble is reluctantly pulled into the world of untold power and dangerous secrets. She will have to find a murderer and reclaim her sister—without losing herself.

Gideon the Ninth *by Tamsyn Muir*
The Emperor needs necromancers. The Ninth Necromancer needs a swordswoman. Gideon has a sword, some dirty magazines, and no more time for undead nonsense, ready to abandon a life of servitude and an afterlife as a reanimated corpse. Tamsyn Muir unveils a solar system of swordplay, cut-throat politics, and lesbian necromancers. Her skillfully animated characters leap off the page and the result is a heart-pounding epic science fantasy.

Queenie *by Candice Carty-Williams*
Queenie Jenkins is a 25 year-old Jamaican-British woman in London, straddling two cultures and slotting neatly into neither. At work she's constantly forced to compare herself to her white middle class peers. After a messy break up, Queenie seeks comfort in all the wrong places, including several hazardous men who do a good job of occupying brain space and a bad job of affirming self-worth. As Queenie careens from one questionable decision to another, she finds herself wondering, *"What are you doing? Why are you doing it? Who do you want to be?"* — all of the questions today's women must face.

Your House Will Pay *by Steph Cha*
In the wake of a police shooting of a black teenager, Los Angeles is as tense as it's been since the unrest of the early 1990s. But Grace Park and Shawn Matthews have their own problems. Grace is sheltered and oblivious, living with her Korean-immigrant parents and working long hours at the family pharmacy. She's distraught over a family rift for reasons she doesn't understand. Shawn has had enough of politics and protest after an act of violence shattered his family years ago. He just wants to be left alone to enjoy his quiet life. When another shocking crime hits LA, both the Park and Matthews families are forced to face their histories while navigating the tumult of a violent city.

NONFICTION by Stephen Brunskill

American radicals: how nineteenth-century protest shaped the nation *by Holly Jackson*
A character-driven history with insights from famous individuals from John Brown to Fanny Wright, who demanded that the US live up to its revolutionary ideals, and the author illustrates how their successes and failures can help us with our issues of the day.

The Big Book of Instant Pot® Recipes: 240 must-Try Dishes for your multi-function cooker *by Kristy Bernardo, Emily Sunwell-Vidaurri, Amy Rains and Stefanie Bundalo*
Four renowned food writers explain how this device's versatility and use can produce delicious meals, including gluten-free, vegetarian, and grain-free ones too. Lots of quick, enticing recipes.

Face it by *Debbie Harry*
The famous 1980s musician recounts her life from glorious commercial success to heroin addiction, the near-death of her partner Chris Stein, and other heart-breaking issues throughout her long musical and cinematic career; including her stunning solo work and the triumphant return of Blondie.

Fantasy Island: colonialism, exploitation, and the betrayal of Puerto Rico *by Ed Morales*
The author traces the machinations of financial and political interests in both the US and Puerto Rico, and the resistance efforts of Puerto Rican artists and activists, emphasizing that everyday Puerto Ricans take control of their own destiny.

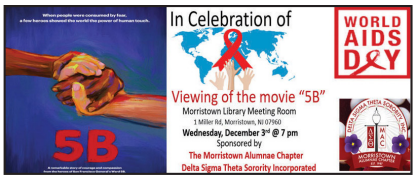
How Charts Lie: getting smarter about visual information *by Alberto Cairo*
This "visual journalism" professor who has consulted for Google and the US Congressional Budget Office, offers a valuable perspective on how to read charts and graphics with a critical and nuanced eye. Sharing details of how they can mislead, conceal certainty, and even present erroneous data, this is a valuable work.

Ways of Heaven: An Introduction to Chinese Thought *by Roel Sterckx*
An amazing history explaining how the ancient Chinese masters help us understand China today. Through classical China's world of ideas — drawing from philosophy, literature, and everyday life over throughout Chinese history — the author illustrates how concepts like the dao, qi, and yin and yang examine not only the culture and mindset of the ancient world, but also contemporary China today.

Upcoming Events at your Library!

Unless otherwise noted, these programs are supported through funding from the FRIENDS of the Library!
There is no charge for these programs and no registration is necessary, unless otherwise stated.

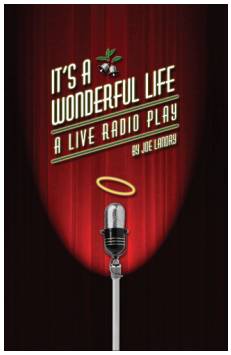
SPECIAL FILM NIGHT!
5B: A film viewing to Commemorate World AIDS DAY
Tuesday, December 3
7:00, PM, Meeting Room



5B is the inspirational story of everyday heroes who took extraordinary action to comfort, protect and care for the patients of the first HIV/AIDS ward unit in the USA at San Francisco General Hospital. 5B is stirringly told through first-person testimony of the nurses and caregivers who built Ward 5B in 1983, their patients, loved ones, and staff who volunteered to create care practices based in humanity and holistic well-being during a time of great uncertainty. The result is an uplifting yet candid and bittersweet monument to a pivotal moment in American history and a celebration of quiet heroes worthy of renewed recognition. Join us to view this important award-winning documentary by two-time Oscar-nominated director Dan Krauss. Sponsored by the Morristown Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

CLASSIC RADIO ROAD SHOW LIVE

Special Friday evening program!
It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play
Friday, December 6,
7:30 PM, Circulation Room



Join us for a nostalgic return to the 1940's as the Library audience 'participates' in a live reading of ***"It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play"*** by Joe Landry. Based on the favorite movie of the same name, enjoy this classic story which will put anyone in the holiday mood! Fun touches include period advertisements and Foley sound effects. All ages are welcome, light refreshments will be served.

Our Presenters: Classic Radio Road Show Live, led by Duane Noch, is a troupe of NJ actors and old-time radio devotees. They enjoy presenting "old-time" radio programs live at venues across the state.

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES
Meeting Room

Monday, December 16
2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Friday, February 28
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The American Red Cross will be holding two blood drives at the Library this winter. (*See dates above)* Interested in participating? To schedule an appointment, please contact the American Red Cross at either 1-800-RED-CROSS or **redcrossblood.org**.

The Red Cross also welcomes people to just drop in if you happen to be in the area.

1 PINT can save 3 LIVES
GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE

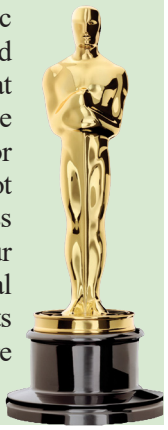
Guide to Eating an Anti-Inflammatory Diet
Tuesday, January 14
(Snow date January 28)
7:00 PM, Meeting Room

An anti-inflammatory diet, along with exercise, can yield many health benefits — such as improved symptoms of many chronic conditions, reduced cancer risk, and lowering risks of obesity, heart disease and diabetes. Learn more about this healthy way of eating and how to get started with Registered Dietician Christina Lavner, RD, of the Nutrition Services Department of the Summit Medical Group. No registration required. For more information visit: **www.MMTLibrary.org** or **summitmedicalgroup.com/events** or call 973-538-6161.

Morristown & Morris Township Library's
MOVIE MANIA!
A Special 'After Hours' Oscar Event
Sunday, February 9
7:00 PM until the ceremony ends!

Is your agent not returning your phone calls for tickets to Hollywood's big night? Can't get an invitation to the Vanity Fair party? Is limo service all booked up for this February 9? Well, who needs celebrities when you can celebrate Hollywood's big night by watching the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences award ceremonies and red carpet live at the Library!

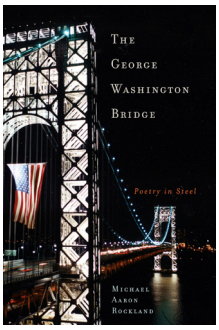
The evening will feature all sorts of activities surrounding the awards ceremony including viewing the festivities live on a huge screen with surround sound. Watch and provide colorful commentary about the gowns on the red carpet! Follow along with us as we guess who will receive the award in each category and win prizes for the ones you predict correctly! The most complete ballot wins a grand prize! Fill out your own 'Movie Night Bingo' card as the evening progresses and win prizes! Play movie trivia game about films, actresses, actors and directors and win prizes! (Did we mention there will be prizes?) Join us for a fun evening all about the movies and share with others the magic of the only Hollywood awards ceremony that matters. Participants are encouraged to dress up for the big evening, but it is not required. But if you do dress in your finest, have your picture taken in our virtual photo booth! Refreshments will be provided and there is no charge to attend.



Free US Citizenship Exam Prep Classes
Saturdays, January 4 – March 7
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Technology Training Lab

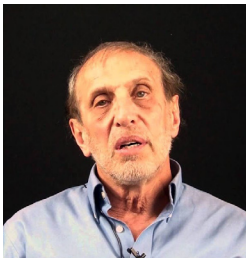
Are you studying to become a US Citizen or know someone who is? Join us this winter for a series of exam preparation classes. Prepare for questions on N400, American History and Civics. The classes are free, but all who attend must have a Green Card. Register at the first class on Saturday, January 4, 2020. Held on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Technology Training Lab on the first floor. Please call Inna Kramers at 862-704-2283 for more information. Sponsored by the Jewish Vocational Service of MetroWest.

The George Washington Bridge: Poetry in Steel
Local Author Michael Aaron Rockland
Sunday, March 22, 2:00 PM



Join us to hear Morristown luminary author Michael Aaron Rockland speak about the updated edition of his book ***The George Washington Bridge: Poetry in Steel*** which has a new chapter focusing on the Bridgegate scandal.

He will also speak about his forthcoming novel and how as a writer he jumps back and forth between writing his fiction and non-fiction works. We will discuss how he is inspired by moving from one to the other and even works on both his fiction and non-fiction at the same time.



About our speaker: Michael Aaron Rockland is a professor of American Studies at Rutgers University. He is the author of 14 books, five of which have received special recognition and prizes. He is a regular contributor to *NJ Monthly* magazine, has worked in television production and regularly appears as a commentator on NPR.

Mindful Meditation
Wednesdays 7:00 PM through June 10
F.M. Kirby Gallery

Want to reduce your stress and anxiety? Improve your mental clarity? Become more focused on what is important to you? Join us for weekly mindful meditation. It is a great way to help increase your memory and attention span. All are welcome, no previous meditation practice is required.

Meetings are led by Morristown High School meditation instructor, John Madden, who started and runs the very successful high school program.

Chess at the Library
7:00–8:30 PM
F.M. Kirby Gallery

Join us for chess on the ***third Thursday of the month from December through March***. We will enjoy friendly, non-competitive, short games of chess between players of all skill levels. Improve your game, make new friends and enjoy playing chess! Players of all ages and levels are welcome to play as long as they know the rules and do not need any assistance. This is not a class or a lesson of any kind.

- Please bring your own chess board, pieces & time clock
- Games will be short and times agreed upon between players
- **Thursdays, December 19, January 16, February 20, March 19**

WINTER FILM SERIES
Film Noir: The Modern Era
2 showings at each date:
2:00 PM and 6:45 PM

In last fall's film series we presented classic examples of Film Noir, which is a cinematic term used primarily to describe stylish black and white Hollywood crime dramas of the 1940s and '50s. This winter we are now presenting more recent crime films which, though they are in color, pay tribute to the traditions of classic Film Noir. Please note that we are now showing our seasonal film series at both 2:00 PM and 6:45 PM on Thursdays.

February 6: Usual Suspects (1995) with Gabriel Byrne

February 13: Devil in a Blue Dress (1995) with Denzel Washington

February 20: L.A. Confidential (1997) with Russell Crowe

February 27: Brick (2005) with Jason Gordon-Levitt

March 5: Kiss Kiss Bang Bang (2005) with Robert Downey Jr.

Foreign Cinema Series
2nd Wednesday of the month
7:00 PM, March—May

Join us for the spring (first) half of our 4th Annual Foreign Cinema Series, featuring eight entertaining and thought-provoking films from Europe, Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. These movies screen at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of each month, four in the spring and four this fall.

This spring's movies will be shown on the following Wednesdays: February 12, March 11, April 8 and May 13

Because of changing availability, film titles will be announced closer to the program dates. All movies are subtitled in English; light refreshments will be served.

For a listing of the Library's events, see pages 6-7. **However, the Library events are always changing. New programs will be added**. Keep informed of new Library events by checking out our website regularly!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ADULTS WINTER 2019/2020
No registration required except for Technology Lab computer classes. Call 973-538-6162 to register for Technology Lab classes.

December

2 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery, 6:00 PM

3 **Friends Book Sale: 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

Special Film Night! 5B: A film viewing to Commemorate World AIDS DAY
Meeting Room 7:00 PM

4 Spirituality Book Club, **Waking up in 5D** by Maureen J. St. Germain
Meeting Room 7:00 PM

Mindful Meditation
F.M. Kirby Gallery, 7:00 PM

5 Stamp Club
Meeting Room 10:00 AM

Fall Film Series Classic Film Noir **The Killing** (1956)
Meeting Room 2:00 PM & 6:45 PM

Book Lovers Circle
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

6 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play
Circulation Room 7:30 PM

7 **Friends Book Sale: 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

8 **Beatles Author Event with Ken Womack**
Meeting Room 2:00 PM

9 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

10 **Friends Book Sale: 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

11 Mindful Meditation
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

Foreign Cinema Series **The Kid with a Bike**
Meeting Room 7:00 PM

12 By the Book A Morning Book Club **Transcription** by Kate Atkinson
Meeting Room 10:00 AM

13 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

16 **Red Cross Blood Drive**
Meeting Room 2:00–7:00 PM

Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

17 **Friends Book Sale: 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

18 Mindful Meditation
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

Just Out of the Box…Office (Title TBA)
Meeting Room, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

19 Chess Club
F. M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

20 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

21 **Friends Book Sale: 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

23 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

24 **Christmas Eve – Library Closed**

25 **Christmas Day – Library Closed**

27 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

30 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

31 **New Year's Eve**
Early Closing 3:00 PM

January 2020

1 **New Year's Day**
Library Closed

2 Book Lover's Circle
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

3 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

4 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

6 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

7 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

8 Mindful Meditation
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

9 By the Book: A Morning Book Club **The Peacock Emporium** by JoJo Moyes
Meeting Room 10:00 AM

10 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

13 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

14 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

Mediterranean Diet Program
Meeting Room 7:00 PM

15 Mindful Meditation
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

16 Chess Club
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

17 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

18 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

20 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

21 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

Let's Spend the Night Together: An Evening Book Club **The Island of Sea Women** by Lisa See
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

22 Just Out of the Box…Office (film TBA)
Meeting Room 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Mindful Meditation
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

24 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

25 North Jersey Sewing Circle,
Meeting Room 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

27 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

28 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

29 Mindful Meditation
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

31 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

February

1 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

3 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

4 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

5 Mindful Meditation
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

6 Book Lover's Circle
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

Winter Film Series Modern Film Noir, **The Usual Suspects** (1995)
Meeting Room 2:00 PM & 6:45 PM

7 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

9 **Movie Mania**
Academy Awards Party
Meeting Room 7:00 PM

10 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

11 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

12 Mindful Meditation
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

13 By the Book: A Morning Book Club **Gilead** by Marilynne Robinson,
Meeting Room 10:00 AM

Winter Film Series Modern Film Noir, **Devil in a Blue Dress** (1995)
Meeting Room 2:00 PM & 6:45 PM

15 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

17 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

18 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

Let's Spend the Night Together: An Evening Book Club, **The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek** by Kim Michele Richardson
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

19 Mindful Meditation
F.M. Kirby Gallery, 7:00 PM

20 Winter Film Series Modern Film Noir, **L.A. Confidential** (1997),
Meeting Room 2:00 PM & 6:45 PM

Chess Club
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

21 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

24 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

25 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

26 Just Out of the Box…Office (film TBA)
Meeting Room 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Mindful Meditation
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

27 Winter Film Series Modern Film Noir, **Brick** (2005)
Meeting Room 2:00 PM & 6:45 PM

28 **Red Cross Blood Drive**
Meeting Room 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

March

2 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

3 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

4 Mindful Meditation
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

5 Book Lover's Circle
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

Winter Film Series Modern Film Noir, **Kiss Kiss Bang Bang** (2005)
Meeting Room 2:00 PM & 6:45 PM

6 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

7 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

9 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

10 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

11 Mindful Meditation
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

12 By the Book: A Morning Book Club, **The Female Persuasion** by Meg Wolitzer
Meeting Room 10:00 AM

13 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

16 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

17 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

Let's Spend the Night Together: An Evening Book Club, (title TBA),
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

18 Mindful Meditation
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

19 Chess Club
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

20 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

21 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

22 **Michael Rockland Author Talk The George Washington Bridge**
Meeting Room 2:00 PM

23 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

24 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

25 Just Out of the Box…Office (film TBA), Meeting Room 7:00 PM

Mindful Meditation
F.M. Kirby Gallery 7:00 PM

27 Morning Yoga
F. M. Kirby Gallery 9:30 AM

30 Evening Yoga
F.M. Kirby Gallery 6:00 PM

31 **Friends Book Sale 10:00 AM–2:00 PM**

CHILDREN'S EVENTS for WINTER 2019-2020

Book Clubs require advance registration. All other programs do not require registration. Please call the Children's Department at 973-538-6161 to register or for more information.

December

9 **Maker Monday, Ages 6-11**
Children's Room, 4:15 PM

12 Poinsettia Day Drop in Craft
Children's Room, 3:00-5:30 PM

Book Club, Grades 4-6
Gallery, 7:00-7:45 PM

23 Gingerbread Man Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room, All Day

26 Gingerbread Man Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room, All Day

27 Gingerbread Man Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room, All Day

28 Gingerbread Man Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room, All Day

29 Gingerbread Man Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room, All Day

January

7 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

8 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

Marshmallow Snowflake and Snowman Drop-in Craft,
Children's Room 3:00-5:30 PM

9 **Book Club Grades 4-6**
Gallery, 7:00-7:45 PM

11 Craft Story Time Ages 3-8
Children's Room 11:00 AM

13 **Maker Monday, Ages 6-11**
Children's Room, 4:15 PM

14 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

15 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

18 Craft Story Time Ages 3-8
Children's Room 11:00 AM

20 Snowflake Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room, All Day

21 Snowflake Scavenger Hunt,
Children's Room, All Day

Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

22 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

24 Chinese New Year Drop-in Craft
Children's Room 3:00-5:30 PM

25 Chinese New Year Drop-in Craft
Children's Room 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Craft Story Time Ages 3-8
Children's Room 11:00 AM

28 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

29 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

30 Gingerbread Man Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room, All Day

Super Bowl Drop-in Craft,
Children's Room 3:00-5:30 PM

31 Gingerbread Man Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room, All Day

February

1 Craft Story Time Ages 3-8
Children's Room 11:00 AM

4 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

5 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

8 Craft Story Time Ages 3-8
Children's Room 11:00 AM

10 **Maker Monday, Ages 6-11**
Children's Room, 4:15 PM

11 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

12 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

Valentine's Drop-in Craft,
Children's Room 3:00-5:30 PM

13 **Book Club Grades 4-6**
Gallery 7:00-7:45 PM

15 Craft Story Time Ages 3-8
Children's Room 11:00 AM

17 President Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room, All Day

Folded Paper Icicles Craft Table,
Children's Room 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

18 President Scavenger Hunt,
Children's Room, All Day

Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

19 President Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room All Day

Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

20 President Scavenger Hunt,
Children's Room, All Day

21 President Scavenger Hunt,
Children's Room, All Day

22 President Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room, All Day

Craft Story Time Ages 3-8
Children's Room 11:00 AM

25 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

26 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

27 International Polar Bear Day Drop-in Craft
Children's Room 3:00-5:30 PM

29 Craft Story Time Ages 3-8
Children's Room 11:00 AM

March

2 March Madness: Battle of the Books Begins
Children's Room

3 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

4 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

7 Craft Story Time Ages 3-8
Children's Room 11:00 AM

9 **Maker Monday, Ages 6-11**
Children's Room 4:15 PM

10 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

11 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

12 **Book Club Grades 4-6**
Gallery 7:00-7:45 PM

14 Craft Story Time Ages 3-8
Children's Room 11:00 AM

16 Spring is Here Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room, All Day

17 Spring is Here Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room, All Day

Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

18 Spring is Here Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room, All Day

Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

19 Spring is Here Scavenger Hunt,
Children's Room, All Day

Welcome Spring Craft Table
Children's Room 3:00-5:30 PM

20 Spring is Here Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room All Day

21 Spring is Here Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room, All Day

Craft Story Time Ages 3-8
Children's Room 11:00 AM

22 Spring is Here Scavenger Hunt
Children's Room, All Day

24 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

25 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

28 Craft Story Time Ages 3-8
Children's Room 11:00 AM

31 Craft Story Time Ages 2-5
Children's Room 10:00 AM

TEEN EVENTS for WINTER 2019-2020

Programs are open to teens in 7th grade and up. Advance registration is required.

For more information or to sign up, call the Children's Department at 973-538-6161 or visit www.mmtlibrary.org/teens.

December

10 **Teen Book Club**
Grades 7-12
Large Study Room
7:00-7:30 PM

20 **Creative Cafe**
Grades 7-12
Glass Jar Candle Holder
F. M. Kirby Gallery
4:00-5:00 PM

January

21 **Teen Book Club**
Grades 7-12
Large Study Room
7:00-7:30 PM

31 **Creative Cafe**
Grades 7-12
Make Your Own Tea and Cocoa Blends
F. M. Kirby Gallery
4:00-5:00 PM

February

11 **Teen Book Club**
Grades 7-12
Large Study Room
7:00-7:30 PM

28 **Creative Cafe**
Grades 7-12
Make Your Own Beeswax Candles
F. M. Kirby Gallery
4:00-5:00 PM

March

10 **Teen Book Club**
Grades 7-12
Large Study Room
7:00-7:30 PM

Friends of the Library
One Miller Road
Morristown, New Jersey 07960

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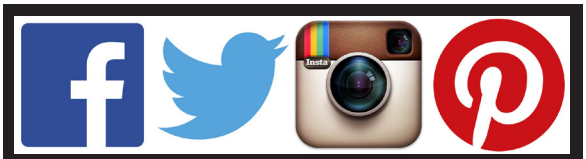

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Support the Friends who are working hard to make your Library even better! Fill in the form below on the right and become a FRIEND today!

Want to help more? Join the Friends as a volunteer! Check off "VOLUNTEER WITH THE FRIENDS" on the form and we will get in touch with you!

Calendar of Events!

The *Calendar of Events for Adults* is located on page 6. The *Calendars of Events for Children and Teens are located on page 7.* Be sure and check out the many wonderful events held at your Library!

The Morristown & Morris Township Library is located at One Miller Road in Morristown, on the corner of South Street and Miller Road directly across from the Community Theatre.

Normal Library hours are:

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 AM—9:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM—6:00 PM
Saturday: 9:30 AM—5:00 PM

Saturday, July & August: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM
Sunday: 1:00 PM—5:00 PM

How to reach us:

General: 973–538–6161
Reference: 973–538–2592
Local History: 973–538–3473
Library email: **info@jfpl.org**

For more information on Library activities, check out your Library's Web Site at www.MMTLibrary.org

Be a Friend!

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YES, I would like to become a **Friend of the Morristown & Morris Township Library!**

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*If you know your 9–digit zip code, please include it.

VOLUNTEER WITH THE FRIENDS!

_____**YES, I would like to volunteer with the Friends of the Library! Please contact me with more information!**

For more information about the Friends and opportunities to participate, please email **morristownlib.booksale@gmail.com.**

Please leave this form at the Library Circulation Desk or mail to:

Friends of the Morristown/Morris Township Library, 1 Miller Road, Morristown, NJ 07960–5234