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The Library Goes Virtual, Part 3! by Louis Muñoz Jr.

In our Winter 2020 Newsletter, we shared the many exciting virtual programs that the Library launched during the pandemic to help everyone stay connected, educated, and having fun. Among these online programs have been the popular *Foreign Film Lovers Club*, which features a variety of movies from around the world; *Zoom book talk events* with local authors; and *musical theater history talks* with Morristown's own John Kenrick. Upcoming programs will include more travelogues with our staff world travelers — librarians Jim, Louis and Stephen — and the continuation of *Mindful Movement* and *Mindful Meditation*.

We also are continuing with our popular virtual book clubs all of which are now online on Thursdays. *Book Lovers Circle* meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. *The Morning Book Club* will be meeting the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM. March's book is *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane and April's book is *Educated* by Tara Westover. *Virtual Classics Book Club* also meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. The pick for March is *The Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy and the pick for April is *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro. *The Evening Book Club* meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. The selection for March is *Educated* and the selection for April is *When We Were Vikings* by Andrew David MacDonald. We are now repeating some titles in both the Morning and Evening book clubs to give our patrons another chance for discussion in case they can't make a certain date.

The Library is still going strong with a variety of YouTube videos from our various departments, especially our Children's and Young Adult Librarians, and occasional recorded programs. Check out our YouTube channel MMTLibrary.org.

All of our programs are free, open to everyone and easy to join through Zoom. More information can be found on the Library's website's Events page and on our Events Calendar at www.mmtlibrary.org/calendar. We add new programs all the time, so check online for up-to-date information or sign up for our online email newsletter on our homepage. Please join us for these and other great opportunities to meet, learn, and have fun together.

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Director's Column

by Chad Leinaweaver

Our Library is so much more than 1 Miller Road! You may know that our Library belongs to MAIN, the Morris Area Information Network (www.mainlib.org), a consortium of public libraries located in Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset and Warren Counties. In January 2021 we welcomed the Hunterdon County Library System and the Bernardsville Public Library into our ranks. This enlarges the network of libraries with which MAIN patrons and libraries share delivery service; our computer catalog and circulation system; our online databases; and much more, to 49 locations!

In addition to the resources available through MAIN/Morristown & Morris Township Library (MMT) belongs to the Morris Union Federation (MUF) and Open Borrowing group of libraries. MUF is a small consortium of three libraries outside of MAIN and several MAIN libraries that have agreed to share resources. The three libraries outside of MAIN are New Providence, Summit and Berkeley Heights. The MAIN libraries that share resources with them are MMT, Bernardsville, Library of the Chathams, Madison, Long Hill Township, and Bernards Township. MMT patrons cannot have items sent to or from New Providence, Summit or Berkeley Heights but you can visit those libraries in person to check out and return items. Ask at each location for their policies.

MMT patrons can even further increase their borrowing options by using their library card at the many Open Borrowing locations (www.openborrowing.org). These libraries in Middlesex, Union, Essex, Passaic and Sussex counties also allow borrowing of their materials but, again, refer to each location for its policies.

Many local residents travel throughout the state for work and other personal commitments. It can be a great convenience for library patrons to be able to use locations outside of their home communities. Public libraries in New Jersey have long been strong proponents of local government resource sharing and we continue to see the value in finding new ways to maximize our budgets with collective activities. We welcome the chance to work with others and invite you to take advantage of these partnerships.

President's Message

by Susan Kleemeyer

Happy 2021! We are all hoping that the new year will bring many changes to our lives and the world. It has been almost a year since the dreadful pandemic began and we are still not all that close to it being over. In the meantime, the Library has made some headway to serving the public.

However, the Friends have not been our usual busy-bee selves. We have not had any book sales since March of last year. There is now talk that we may be able to have them again outside, weather permitting. This will depend on the weather and most likely be on a limited basis. So if we can, we will, and you will be alerted!

Hopefully, it will be the beginning of the return to "normal" living. In the meantime, please renew your membership in the Friends of the Library. If you are not already a member, then please join us.

Call for Submissions! Morristown and Morris Township Covid-19 Quarantine Experience

The North Jersey History and Genealogy Center would like to know how residents of Morristown and Morris Township have handled being quarantined or self-isolated during the covid-19 pandemic. This unique time is worth preserving in writing so that we can help future generations understand how to handle a quarantine and what it is like for us being quarantined in 2020–2021. There is no deadline, but keep in mind what you think about covid months or a year from now could change. If you are interested in sharing with others, please tell us in 1500 words or less what being quarantined has been like for you. We would like to know:

1. What has surprised you the most during this quarantine?
2. What is your biggest fear?
3. Have there been any positive impacts of this quarantine?
4. What is the most difficult part of the quarantine?
5. What are your hopes for the future when this quarantine is over? How have those hopes changed from before this quarantine began?

Please let us know if you are willing to be contacted by the North Jersey History and Genealogy Center after the quarantine is over. That could be months from now.

All submissions must include your first and last name, age, whether you reside in the Town or Township and any other pertinent information such as occupation and level of education completed. We welcome submissions from a diverse population. Please email your submission to njhgc@jfpl.org as a document attachment or mail via USPS to *North Jersey History and Genealogy Center, Morristown and Morris Township Library, 1 Miller Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960.*

*Please only send in a submission if you are in agreement that the Morristown and Morris Township Library has permission to share your words with the public as part of the historical record and no benefit, financial or otherwise, is given or implied for the submitted material.



Just for TEENS! by Abigail Hsu

Staying connected and well-informed is more important than ever in our current era of social distancing! Be sure to check out the Library website's Teen Section (mmtlibrary.org/teens) for curated book lists, recommended websites, and upcoming virtual teen events. For reading suggestions, fill out our online "Curbside Concierge" form and a YA librarian will select books and media according to your preferences.

Here are our Teen programs for Spring 2021:

Before Your First Car: A Virtual Car Class for Teens and Young Adults Monday March 1, 7:00–8:30 PM

Taught by Chaya Milchtein of Mechanic Shop Femme, this class focuses on helping you understand what your car is trying to tell you, starting with dash light recognition, when your car should be towed instead of driven, and basic preventative maintenance everyone should know how to do. It's a great starting point for a life-long educated consumer. Intended audience age range is 15–25, but all patrons are welcome to attend. Register through the Library website or at the following URL to receive the Zoom link: <https://forms.gle/s4Y88LqgaXgGcKbf9>.

Teen Dating Violence Prevention Seminar — Tuesday, March 16, 4:00–5:00 PM

Hosted by MMT Library in partnership with the Junior League of Morristown and JBWS. Research indicates that 1 in 3 high school students will be involved in a dating abuse relationship. Learn the warning signs of dating violence, discern healthy versus abusive behaviors, and know the resources for assisting a friend or yourself. This program will be held via Zoom. For teens ages 14–18. Register through the Library website or at the following URL to receive the Zoom link. <https://tinyurl.com/8khrjaz7>.

Teen Book Club — Tuesdays 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 3:30–4:00 PM

This spring, we will read about a lethal magic tournament in *Caster* by Elsie Chapman, zombies and post-Civil War American in *Dread Nation* by Justina Ireland, and magic castes and runaway royalty in *The Merciful Crow* by Margaret Owen. Books are provided by the Library. Register through the Library website or at the following URL to reserve a copy of the books and receive meeting links: tinyurl.com/97sa7s4z.

Take & Make Craft Kits (Available every day for curbside pick-up and in the Teen Space)

Feeling crafty? Swing by the Library and grab a Take & Make Craft Kit to go! Each kit includes craft components and step-by-step instructions with photo examples. Crafts available this spring include paper quilling, woven double-helix bookmarks, metallic foil mandalas, and more!

Programs are open to Teens in 7th grade and up unless otherwise noted. For more information or to sign up, contact the YA Librarian Abbi Hsu at abigail.hsu@mmt.mainlib.org or visit the Library website www.mmtlibrary.org/teens.

The CHILDREN'S ROOM by Arlene Sprague

While the Library doors are open for browsing and limited computer use, programming is still limited to virtual only. We post a story time on our YouTube channel each Monday and have the craft available in the Children's Room, enabling us to continue offering weekly programming. We also offer bagged crafts for elementary grades and young adults. **Pick up the craft kits inside or arrange for curbside pickup.** For patrons who are still hesitant to enter the Library for items, curbside concierge is available. Just let us know what books you are looking for. If you are looking for book recommendations, check out our Book of the Day posts. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday we feature a new title, recently added to our collection. You could also request one of this year's American Library Association's award winning titles.

The 2021 Newbery medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature went to *When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller. According to Random House Children's Books, "this uplifting story brings Korean folklore to life as a girl goes on a quest to unlock the power of stories and save her grandmother." The 2021 Caldecott medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children was awarded to *We are Water Protectors*, illustrated by Michaela Goade. This vibrantly illustrated book issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard Earth's water from harm and corruption. If you are looking for other award winning titles, try reading some of the Newbery and Caldecott winners from earlier years. See if you think they deserved their awards. Read some of the runner-up honor books and decide if they should have won instead. Whatever your needs, whether crafts, books, or recommendations, we are here to help with inside browsing, inside pickup or curbside service.



ON THE SHELF

LARGE-PRINT

by Louis Muñoz Jr.

Why Did I Come Into This Room? A Candid Conversation About Aging by Joan Lunden

In her most candid and revealing book yet, acclaimed broadcast journalist Joan Lunden delves into the various phases of aging that leave many feeling uncomfortable, confused, and on edge. In her hilarious book, Lunden takes the dull and depressing out of aging, replacing it with wit and humor. Whatever your age, this book is full of helpful information to embrace or at least prepare for the inevitable.

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V. E. Schwab

France, 1714: In a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever — and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. Thus begins the extraordinary life of Addie LaRue, and a dazzling adventure that will play out across centuries and continents, across history and art, as a young woman learns how far she will go to leave her mark on the world. But everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore and he remembers her name.

The Evening and the Morning by Ken Follett

The long-anticipated “prequel” to Ken Follett’s beloved best-selling *The Pillars of the Earth* follows the experiences of a young boat builder, a scholarly monk, and a Norman noblewoman against a backdrop of the Viking attacks at the end of the 10th century in England.

His Truth Is Marching on: John Lewis and the Power of Hope by Jon Meacham

An intimate and revealing portrait of civil rights icon and longtime U.S. congressman John Lewis, linking his life to the painful quest for racial justice in America from the 1950s to the present. From the popular Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Soul of America*.

NONFICTION

by Stephen Brunskill

The last assassin: The Hunt for the Killers of Julius Caesar

by Peter Stothard

Take the best true-life crime story ever and add ancient history for this amazing whodunnit of who killed the killers of Julius Caesar. A gripping story of fear, revenge, and survival.

The Data Detective: Ten Easy Rules to Make Sense of Statistics

by Tim Harford

Harford uses his research on statistics and human behavior to show you how to achieve new strategies on erasing your informational biases and gain a new understanding about news and data.

The Doctors Blackwell: How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women — and Women to Medicine

by Janice P. Nimura

In this fascinating biographical history, two pioneering 19th century sisters become America’s first female doctors, transforming New York’s medical establishment into the form we are familiar with today.

Think Again: the Power of Knowing What You Don’t Know

by Adam Grant

Bestselling author Adam Grant examines how doubt affects critical thinking — from questioning your beliefs to embracing the unknown — and how you can grow from its presence in your life.

His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama: an Illustrated Biography

by Tenzin Geyche Tethong

Photo-archivist Jane Moore has created a beautifully illustrated book and an insightful portrait of Bstan-’dzin-rgya-mtsho the person, and the challenges he has faced as the 14th and current Dalai Lama, the international leader-in-exile of Tibet.

Tom Seaver: A terrific life

by Bill Madden

Madden writes an insightful biography on Tom Seaver, perhaps the most popular player in New York Mets baseball history. This is particularly poignant as the Baseball Hall of Famer recently passed away due to covid.

FICTION by Valerie Cauley

The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict

In 1926 Agatha Christie is reeling from the discovery that her husband, Archie, has been having an affair and wants a divorce. She disappears for 11 days in which a huge manhunt had ensued. She claimed amnesia and never spoke of it again. Benedict imagines what might have happened.

The Kitchen Front by Jennifer Ryan

During WWII at a cooking contest in a village south of London, four contestants become unexpected friends. From the bestselling author of *The Chilbury Ladies Choir*.

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

A mystery mixing mirth with murder, featuring four senior citizens living in a retirement community. Despite different backgrounds they share an interest in solving mysteries. They are delightful, witty, and intelligent — go seniors!

Hamnet by Maggie O’Farrell

Named as one of the best fiction books of 2020, *Hamnet* is a deeply moving novel about the death from the plague of Shakespeare’s son, Hamnet, and the years leading up to the production of one of his greatest plays — Hamlet.

Miss Benson’s Beetle by Rachel Joyce

In 1950 London Margery Benson, a spinster schoolteacher, rebels from her staid life, and with an assistant, sets out on an expedition to search for an insect that may or may not exist: the golden beetle of New Caledonia. From the bestselling author of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*.

**Women of Morris County Virtual Gallery Exhibit**

The North Jersey History and Genealogy Center is celebrating the 100th anniversary of women achieving the right to vote in the

United States. We are commemorating this milestone by highlighting the accomplishments of the women who once lived and worked in Morristown, Morris Township and Morris County at large; specifically those who made positive contributions in a variety of fields to their community.

This exhibit, our first digital gallery show, explores a number of topics starting with the suffrage movement, with special attention paid to former Morristown resident Julia Sampson Hurlbut. Shortly after the vote for women was gained, Morristown benefitted from the work of dedicated female doctors and African-American women nurses. The town has also been home to many distinguished African-American educators, the first Major of the US Marine Corps Women’s Reserve, and a well-known Gilded Age gentleman farmer’s philanthropic daughter, to name a few.

To view this virtual exhibit, click here: womc.omeka.net/exhibits/show/women-of-morris-county/introduction. Or visit the exhibit website at womc.omeka.net.

Call for submission: If you have any written correspondence or photos of suffragettes from Morristown, Morris Township or Morris County and are looking for a caring home for them, please contact The North Jersey History and Genealogy Center at njhgc@jfpl.org or call us at 973-538-3473. We are interested in collecting items on this topic.

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Virtual Travel

Feeling a little bit stir-crazy? Wishing you could be on a European vacation? Come with us to see Scotland on a “virtual cruise!” Join Stephen Brunskill — one of our Library's reference librarians and an avid overseas traveler — as he shares ports of call in Scotland from a 2019 North Sea cruise. Spend some time in a local pub and see the Royal Mile in Edinburgh. Walk through the beautiful ruins of Urquhart Castle in the Scottish highlands on the shores of Loch Ness.

How can you see these “virtual ports of call?” We will be hosting this event on Zoom, so you can visit from the comfort of your own home online through your mobile device or on your computer. For access information, please email Stephen.Brunskill@mmt.mainlib.org. Include your email, full name and town of residence to receive the access code and link to the meeting. If you have difficulty downloading the app, you can email our reference desk for help at info@jfpl.org.

We will be hosting more monthly travel programs so visit our website frequently or sign up on our home page for our email newsletter so you don't miss our popular Zoom events!

New to History Center Online by James Lewis

The North Jersey History and Genealogy Center's new Digital Resources Librarian, Chris Larlee, has been busy adding digital content to our Digital Collections Page. We were fortunate recently to acquire a photograph album of photographs of a 1939 parade celebrating the founding of Morris County. Chris has scanned the images and uploaded them to the second page of our Digital Collections Page. Click [HERE](#) to see the parade photographs. You can also view a selection of our films on our Digital Collections page or on the Morristown & Morris Township Library YouTube Channel. Some of these clips were filmed by a former mayor of Morristown, Clyde Potts, in the 1920s to late 1930s. His films include highlights of MHS football games. Other films in this collection include a Bicentennial parade and the first electric train arriving in Morristown to name but a few. Click [HERE](#) to go to the page with our videos then click on the picture of the video to view them. Watch often for more additions and visit us at mmtlibrary.org/nj-history-genealogy/ for the latest updates from the History & Genealogy Center. Are you a camera buff? We would love to add more historical photographs of Morristown and Morris Township from the 1940s through the 2000s. Let us know if you have any to donate by emailing us at njhgc@jfpl.org.

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