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Director's Column by Chad Leinaweaver

Finally! The weather has started to warm up after a very cold spring and the Library is ready for it! We are taking our services outdoors again to enjoy what we hope is a lovely summer. The Library has long had programming outside our "walls," most notably with our Bookmobile which has visited Town and Township children for many decades. We also take our adult programs on the road, our staff visits and speaks to local History & Genealogy groups, civic organizations, colleagues at MAIN libraries and others. This month we started a new technology program held at the Morristown Senior Center. Another recent project is a coproduction between the Girl Scouts and the Library with the addition of 3 "Little Free Libraries" around town — we hope to add more soon in other locations. The Friends of the Library has begun holding their book sales on our lawn again. Also out on our lawn we have begun outdoor yoga and qigong programs in addition to Chess Club. Attentive Walking is held at Foote's Pond Wood Park and our StoryWalks will return there soon, too. Add to our programming the many electronic services we offer such as our MAIN app, Libby, streaming video, databases, and digital historical collections and you can see that the Library operates almost as much outside our walls as inside!

Friends of the Library BOOK SALES

For the Summer of 2022 by Toni Brouillard

The Friends book sales have been back in business for the past year, although we have been operating on a limited basis. Until the fall, we will continue in the same manner – with 12 to 15 carts.

You can find us from 10 AM to 2 PM every Tuesday or the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month during the school year (3rd Saturday in September through the 3rd Saturday in June) in the front of the Library when weather permits, or in the Gallery on the 2nd floor.

We have again started our monthly half-price sales. Be sure and check the signs when you come to see which book topics will be sold at half-price for that month.

As for reopening the Bookworm Room (our permanent residence book store in the lower level of the Library), we will revisit this option in the fall after making some changes in the room. Until then, if you are looking for something special and you don't see it on the carts, please ask one of the volunteers and they will check our lower level book store and bring any books available upstairs for you to view.

We are always looking for interesting book donations. They should be in "like new" or very good condition. We always have a need for children's books. Check with the Library or their website for those books that we do not want. You may bring up to four bags or boxes of books and leave them at the Circulation Desk at the Library. For larger donations, please call the Library at 973-538-6161 or email friends@mmt.mainlib.org to make arrangements.



President's Message

by Susan Kleemeyer

The Friends are working hard, continuing the used book sales while maintaining their support of the Library. During the winter, we have had Tuesday and Saturday sales upstairs in the Gallery since we are still unable to use the Bookworm Room downstairs. Hopefully, that will happen soon. Now that Spring has arrived, we may be outside, down the front walk, selling books (weather permitting).

I wish to thank our Board and various other volunteers for the continuous help in processing the donated books. These books must be checked over, priced, then filed in appropriate carts or shelves. Many of our donated books cannot be sold because of writing, underlining, age etc. These must be recycled. This dedicated group of people are a hearty, hard-working team with delightful personalities. I am always amazed at their willingness to take on any job with a smile.

It has been my pleasure to be President of the Friends for these past years. However, the time has come to hand over this job to the very capable hands of Linda Muse-Deo. My very best wishes go out to her along with my congratulations.

Thank you all!

JAZZ IN JULY!

Friday Night Fund-Raiser

July 15, 7:00–9:00 PM

It has been quiet around here, but we have a remedy for that — join us Friday, July 15, for a delightful evening of *Jazz in July!* Band leader David Humm and his band mates will

entertain us with their interpretations of American classic jazz standards and Dixieland hits. The band includes Conal Fowkes on piano, Joe Licari on clarinet, Tom Artin on trombone, Charlie Caranicas on trumpet, Brian Nalepka on bass and David Humm on drums. They are looking forward to being back after two years! Tickets are \$20 at the door and doors open at 6:30 PM for the 7:00 show. No advance ticket sales are available. This fund-raiser will be held in the Media Wing and refreshments will be served.





The CHILDREN'S ROOM by Arlene Sprague

This summer beware of the summer slide and let the Library protect you from it! Summer slide, also called summer reading loss, refers to the loss of reading skills children are susceptible to over the long school vacation. Children lose an average of two to three months of reading proficiency during summer break if they stop practicing their reading skills. Lower income children statistically lose twice as much. Worse, this loss can compound as years go by. There are, however, very simple ways to prevent it. Make sure your child reads every day. Better yet, come visit the Library for summer activities. Join one of our summer book clubs for grades 2–12. Fill out a weekly trivia packet or keep a reading log to earn raffle tickets for end of summer prizes. Use the unstructured learning time to try a new genre or learn about something new. Combine reading and math skills with recipes from cookbooks. Practice following directions and diagrams with origami craft books to keep young minds engaged. Borrow some Lego books to spur imaginative building. Work on listening competency with our books on CD, our Wonderbooks, or our audiobooks. Ask us for recommendations if you are unsure where to begin. We will be happy to help you!

Young, burgeoning chefs might want to try recipes from some of our new cookbooks. Everybody knows green eggs and ham, but Daniel Gercke's *Cook It! The Dr. Seuss Cookbook for Kid Chefs* will show you how to make Grinch toast, Cat Hat parfait, and Who-ville sliders. According to the cover "you will see — there's fun in every recipe." *The Complete Cookbook for Young Scientists* from America's Test Kitchen is more than recipes for dishes like tiny chicken tenders, mirror cake, and tacos de tinga de pollo. In addition to the recipes, the authors present scientific explanations answering questions like what is gluten anyway, why do onions make you cry, and why does corn pop. This cookbook is a perfect pairing of fun, food, and science. *The Disney Princess Cookbook* by Cindy Littlefield offers 50 recipes for young cooks with simple instructions. Young chefs can attempt the Rapunzel inspired frying pan eggs, the Tiana inspired bayou meatloaf, or the Moana inspired te fiti tropical punch. Annabel Karmel's *Fun Fast & Easy* is filled with fun, tasty and easy-to-make recipes to get the family cooking together. Options include hidden vegetable bolognese, teddy bear burgers and other nutritionally balanced snacks and sweets like oat and raisin cookies and fruity ice pops. These are just a few of the cookbooks available in the Children's Room, but all will help combat summer slide. Following recipes is a simple way to help keep young brains active as they practice reading, math, and planning and sequencing while using their attention and concentration skills.

SO much is going on at your Library this summer! New events are always being added. Our five book clubs are busy reading and discussing wonderful books. Storytimes and other children's activities are underway. Qigong, yoga, stamp club, chess club and so much more! Don't miss any activities this summer! Log onto the Library's website and make it a favorite!

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Celebrating Pride Month



by Louis Muñoz Jr.

The Library will be celebrating Pride Month in June in a number of ways. The Morning (6/9) and Evening (6/16) Book Clubs will feature National Book Award Finalist *The Prophets* by Robert Jones, Jr. The Virtual Classics Book Club (6/9) will feature Virginia Woolf's gender-bending novel, *Orlando*. Our film clubs will also have a Pride focus. Our Pride Month Film Series is back, scheduled for June 8 and 22. (Email louis.munoz@mmt.mainlib.org for more information.) In addition, the *From Page to Screen Book and Film Club* will be discussing *The Price of Salt* by Patricia Highsmith which was adapted as the film *Carol* by director Todd Haynes. The movie received six Academy Award nominations and stars Cate Blanchett, Rooney Mara, and Kyle Chandler. We also have a Pride Month book display located in our Reference Wing.

La Voz Hispana por Ignacio Drayer

Con mucha alegría y satisfacción, quiero manifestarle a la comunidad de habla hispana en Morristown y Morris Township el inicio en nuestro periódico "Library News" de esta nueva columna llamada "La Voz Hispana" la cual comenzará a partir de esta fecha en adelante. En ella trataremos sobre noticias de la biblioteca e informaciones importantes para la comunidad, artículos de interés general y tópicos que ameritan nuestra atención y divulgación a la comunidad. Este verano, hay muchos programas en la biblioteca que serán de interés para la comunidad. Se ofrece yoga bilingüe en inglés y español en el jardín de la biblioteca todos los lunes a las 6:00 p.m. Es yoga restaurativo, para sanar nuestro cuerpo con descanso y movimientos suaves y es accesible a personas de todas las edades y experiencia en yoga. También hay horas de cuentos para niños en la sala de niños cada semana, cuando una bibliotecaria lee los cuentos y los niños reciben una manualidad para llevar a casa y hacer. Tenemos horas del cuento todos los martes y miércoles a las 10 a.m. (para niños de 2 a 5 años) y los sábados a las 10 a.m. (3 a 8 años). Estos programas son gratuitos y no es necesario reservar.

The Hispanic Voice by Ignacio Drayer

With great joy and satisfaction, I want to tell the Spanish-speaking community in Morristown and Morris Township about the beginning in our newsletter *Library News* of a new column called *La Voz Hispana* which will begin from this date onwards. In it we will deal with news from the Library and important information for the community, articles of general library interest and topics that deserve our attention and dissemination. This summer, there are many programs at the library that will be of interest to the community. Bilingual yoga in English and Spanish is offered in the Library yard every Monday at 6:00 PM. It is restorative yoga, to heal our body with rest and gentle movements and is accessible to people of all ages and experience with yoga. There are also children's Story Times in the Children's Room each week, when a librarian reads stories and children receive a craft to take home and do. Story Times are every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 AM (for children from 2–5 years old) and Saturdays at 10 AM (for 3–8 year olds). These programs are all free and you don't need to reserve a spot.

ON THE SHELF

LARGE-PRINT by Louis Muñoz Jr.*Young Mungo* by Douglas Stuart

The brilliant new novel is a gripping and revealing story about the bounds of masculinity, the divisions of sectarianism, the violence faced by many queer people, and the dangers of loving someone too much.

The It Girl by Ruth Ware

When she arrived at Oxford, Hannah was pulled into the circle surrounding glittery April Courtts-Cliveden, who was shockingly murdered at the end of second term. A decade later, with the Oxford porter convicted of the crime dead in prison, Hannah is beginning to rethink April's murder — and believes that one of their friends has been hiding something.

The Summer Place by Jennifer Weiner

When her 22-year-old stepdaughter announces her engagement to her pandemic boyfriend, Sarah Danhauser is shocked. But headstrong Ruby has already set a date (just three months away!) and spoken to her beloved Safta, Sarah's mother Veronica, about having the wedding at the family's beach house on Cape Cod.

The Book Woman's Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson

A perfect book club read following Honey Lovett, the daughter of the beloved Troublesome book woman, who must fight for her own independence with the help of the women who guide her and the books that set her free.

A Woman of Endurance by Dahlma Llanos-Figueroa

Just in time for the annual Puerto Rican Day celebration, the novel follows Pola, a deeply spiritual African woman who is captured and later sold for the purpose of breeding future slaves in 19th Century Puerto Rico. The resulting babies are taken from her as soon as they are born, and Pola loses the faith that has guided her and becomes embittered and defensive. But this is not a novel of defeat but rather one of survival, regeneration, and reclamation of common humanity.

NONFICTION by Stephen Brunskill*The No Club: Putting a Stop to Women's Dead-End Work* by Linda Babcock

This practical guide puts the point of gender equity to the workplace front and center, and aims to finding solutions to this disparity in the business world.

Say their Names: How Black Lives Came to Matter in America by Curtis Bunn

The horrifying 9 minutes and 29 seconds of camera footage of George Floyd and Police Officer Derek Chauvin did more than just show how a Black man was killed by police. The five journalists who wrote this book say this event was a critical societal shift. Examining this facet of American history, they bring a new and comprehensive understanding of racial inequality in America.

The Revolution That Wasn't: Gamestop, Reddit, and the Fleecing of Small Investors by Spencer Jakob

From the author's experience as a stock analyst, he exposes through technological and financial innovations how an off-beat crew of retail traders on Reddit's forum brought some of the biggest, richest players on Wall Street to their knees. Their weapon was GameStop, a failing, publicly-owned company.

On the Trail of the Jackalope: How a Legend Captured the World's Imagination and Helped Us Cure Cancer by Michael P. Branch

Beginning as a local joke between brothers in a small Wyoming town in the 1930s, their kitschy creation is actually based on scientific fact! This book shares a fascinating story of how the concept of horns on rabbits, investigated in the early 1980s through genetic sequencing by oncologists, is now helping us cure cancer.

How to Make an Apple Pie From Scratch: In Search of the Recipe For Our universe, From the Origins of Atoms to the Big Bang by Harry Victor Cliff

From visiting the CERN Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland to behold the 'Antimatter Factory' to a journey in pursuit of answers, this well-versed physicist and public speaker offers refreshingly clear perspective on the foundational questions that bedevil modern physics.

Just for TEENS! by Abigail Hsu 

On the second Tuesday of each month from September to June, I host my favorite program: **Teen Book Club**. We meet in the Kirby Gallery, some teens attend in-person and some online through Zoom. We offer thoughts, observations, and questions about our book of the month. I prepare questions and topics for discussion, but more often than not, it's the book club members — teens in grades 7 through 12 — who shape the flow of conversation with their funny, insightful, and thought-provoking comments.

This school year, we read 10 books that transported us to dazzling fantasy worlds and near-apocalyptic futures; delved into mysteries and thrilling adventures in text and graphic novel formats; and examined themes of toxic friendships, intersectional identities, and systemic injustice. Below are our favorites we read this year and we encourage those who haven't read them to give them a try — you won't be disappointed!

The Kinder Poison by Natalie Mae

When an attempt to sneak into a royal revel goes wrong, Zahru is selected to be the sacrifice for the Crossing: a death-defying race across the desert, in which the first of the royal heirs to finish — and take the life of a human victim — will ascend to the throne and be granted unparalleled abilities.

Jackpot by Nic Stone

Rico is a high school senior working her way through school to help her single mother take care of her younger brother. When Rico sells a jackpot-winning lotto ticket, she thinks maybe her luck will finally change, but only if she, with assistance from her popular and wildly rich classmate, Zan, can find the ticket holder who hasn't claimed the prize.

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

When billionaire Tobias Hawthorne leaves high schooler Avery his fortune, she has no idea why. To receive her inheritance, Avery must move into sprawling Hawthorne House, face off against the four Hawthorne grandsons, and solve the puzzles left behind by the eccentric billionaire.

Nimona by ND Stevenson

Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. Together, Nimona and Lord Blackheart set out to prove to the kingdom that Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin and his buddies at the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are.

Dry by Neal Shusterman

When the California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, high schooler Alyssa's quiet suburban street spirals into a war zone of desperation. When her parents don't return and her life and her brother's life is threatened, Alyssa has to make impossible choices if she is going to survive.

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Library Visits Morristown Senior Center by Mary Lynn Becza

On May 10, Reference Librarians Stephen Brunskill and Saudia Reid taught 16 Seniors at the Morristown Senior Center computer and technology skills. The seniors learned how to navigate personal technology devices such as tablets, smartphones and laptops, as well as working with smartphone apps and setting up cellphone voicemail. Each participant received a packet of *Technology Tips* for further instruction. The Reference & Adult Services Department will visit the Morristown Senior Center monthly on the second Tuesday to teach tech skills.



Saudia Reid (standing left) and Stephen Brunskill (standing right) teaching technology skills to seniors at the Morristown Senior Center.

New MMT Employees

by Mary Lynn Becza

Damien L. Kelly is a new part-time Reference Librarian in the Reference & Adult Services Department. A long-time NJ resident, he has worked in academic libraries for many years and is thrilled to be working back in public libraries where his career began years ago. He completed his Masters in Library Service degree at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.



Joseph Remmert is a new Readers Advisor in Reference & Adult Services. Born in Morristown and raised in Rockaway Township, he is a graduate of Montclair State University and an avid reader of fiction, especially short stories.



MMT Library at the NASDAQ!

by Louis Muñoz Jr., MMT Reference Librarian and ALA Councilor-at-Large

April 3-9, 2022 was National Library Week, celebrating libraries and library workers and promoting library use and support. The American Library Association (ALA), the oldest and largest library association in the world, was invited to ring the Closing Bell at the NASDAQ MarketSite Studio in Times Square on Friday, April 8. A cross-section of local librarians and library workers participated in the event, including myself! The Closing Bell ceremony was preceded by words from former ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo, who emphasized how America's 120,000 libraries "invest in our communities every day," for example, supporting small businesses and empowering entrepreneurs through initiatives such as "Libraries Build Business." "Visiting the library is good business! When the final bell rings, business doesn't stop, and neither do libraries." After ringing the Closing Bell, everyone had their photos transmitted over Times Square for the next half hour. It was exciting to see ourselves looming large over all the tourists. I was proud to represent our Library staff and patrons at this historic event. (To watch the video: <https://www.nasdaq.com/events/american-library-association-rings-the-closing-bell-in-celebration-of-national-library-week>.)



MMT Reference Librarian Louis Munoz at NASDAQ

Friends Honor Library Scholars by Mary Lynn Becza

The Friends of the Library have generously provided two MMT Library staff members with scholarships this year. The awards were presented to *Jordan Aussicker* and *Rachel Shraer* who both are currently studying Library and Information Sciences for Master's degrees in Information at Rutgers University School of Communication and Information. Jordan works in the North Jersey History & Genealogy Department as well as on our Circulation Desk. Rachel works in our Children's Department well as in our Circulation Department as a shelver. Best of luck to Jordan and Rachel as they continue their studies.



(Left to right) Susan Kleemeyer, Friends President, presents scholarship checks to Jordan Aussicker and Rachel Shraer.



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