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Director's Column by Chad Leinaweaver

What is the most important card in your wallet? If you ask me, it's your library card! A library card is a free pass to adventure, literally and figuratively. With your MMT card you can not only check out books that send you on an imaginary adventure from the comfort of your couch, but also Museum Passes and hiking equipment from our Library of Things which will enable you to have a real life adventure as well! We have so much to offer cardholders at the MMT Library and with our MAIN consortium, both in person and online. September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month across the US but you do not have to wait until September to get yours — every day is library card sign-up day for us and you can sign up for a card online too! For information on how to get a library card or renew yours, visit our website at mmtlibrary.org/resources/borrowers-services/. A library card costs nothing to get or renew, but using it is like a free shopping spree in a store with tens of thousands of books, DVDs and CDs — with even more to stream and download online. If you already have a library card, bring a friend in the next time you visit. Many people who haven't been to a public library in a long time don't realize how much cool stuff we have!



Get a Library Card!

Do you LIVE in Morristown or Morris Township? To get your card, just bring in a document, such as a valid driver's license or utility bill, with your name and address to get your card. Do you WORK in Morristown or Morris Township? People who work in Morristown and do not live in Morris County may also get a card. To get your card, just bring in a document, like a pay stub, that shows your name and work address. You will also need documentation that shows your home address. Find more information on how to get your MMT Library card on line at our website at www.MMTLibrary.org.



History Center New Research from Home Tools



The Library's North Jersey History and Genealogy Center is happy to announce that we now provide access to some "new to us" history and genealogy databases that you can use **for free at home with your MMT library card**.

Heritage Hub is a new collection of obituaries collected from newspapers from across the USA dating back to the 1770s. There are a few gaps in years covered by Heritage Hub but it is nonetheless a valuable resource.

We are also fortunate to be able to offer you access to the *Newark Star-Ledger* full text electronic newspaper dating back to 1989 as well. This is a great new resource-enjoy searching for local NJ information about your family, friends and neighborhood!

To access these databases and learn about our others, click: mmtlibrary.org/nj-history-genealogy/research-sources-databases/.

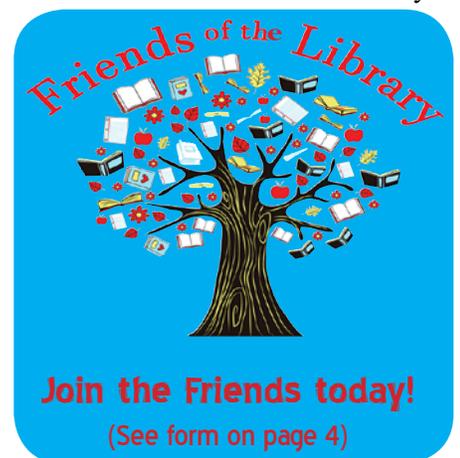
President's Message by Linda Muse-Deo

Hello everyone! We have had a busy several months of outdoor book sales through the spring and summer of 2022. Our presence at the front entrance of the Library has drawn a large number of readers. We are looking forward to approximately another two months of highly successful book sales outside. When the weather becomes too cold to continue, we will make arrangements to move the sales inside to a suitable location.

The Friends of the Morristown and Morris Township Library continue to rely on the donations of books from our patrons. We are always in need of books in good condition, both fiction and nonfiction, and we especially value children's books of all kinds. However, we are no longer accepting small paperbacks or media.

In the month of September, we will be resuming Saturday sales on the first and third Saturdays of the month (*excluding Labor Day weekend*), and weekly Tuesday sales will continue. We will also be bringing back half-price sales on certain categories of books.

We are looking forward to accepting more members to become Friends of the Library. Please inquire when visiting (**or fill out the form on page 4!**). Even if you are unable to join as a member, we would appreciate any time you can spend volunteering at book sales. There are various ways in which you can help, including acting as cashier, retrieving special requests from our storeroom, pricing and shelving books, and setting up before sales and taking down after. It's a great way to meet your Morristown neighbors and spend time working for a worthy cause. Proceeds are given to the Library.



Just for TEENS! by Abigail Hsu

“Excuse me, can you help me find the book *The Summer I Turned Pretty* by Jenny Han?” Excluding questions about school-assigned reading, this was the most frequently requested YA book. In June, the first installment in Han’s summer romance series was released on Prime Video, and viewers who were eager to compare the series with the book turned to the Library for help. The sudden increase in requests was no surprise. When a film or television book adaptation is released, an uptick in requests for the original novel always follows. Of course, high demand means that readers aren’t always immediately able to get their hands on the book. This gives librarians the opportunity to suggest similar titles, potentially introducing someone to a new favorite author.

Below are just a few of the YA book to film adaptations released in 2022:

First Kill (Netflix): Based on the short story by V. E. Schwab, the series follows a teen vampire and a vampire slayer who find themselves falling for each other in what could only be described as a lethal — and steamy — romance for the ages.

The Sky is Everywhere (Apple TV+): Based on the book by Jandy Nelson, the movie follows Lennie, a teen musical prodigy grieving the death of her sister, who finds herself caught between the new guy at school and her sister’s devastated boyfriend. Through her vivid imagination and conflicted heart, she navigates first love and first loss.

Heartstopper (Netflix): Based on the graphic novel series by Alice Ose, the series follows Nick and Charlie, two teen boys at an all-boys school who are total opposites. Seated next to each other in class, a budding friendship develops into something different.

Along For the Ride (Netflix): Based on the book by Sarah Dessen, the movie follows Auden the summer before college when she struggles with insomnia. She meets Eli, a fellow insomniac, and he offers her an opportunity to get to know the fun and carefree teen life across Colby, a beachside town, that she’s never been able to have before.

Hello, Goodbye, and Everything In Between (Netflix): Based on the book by Jennifer E. Smith, the movie follows high school graduates Clare and Aidan who make a pact to break up before college. On one final epic date, they retrace the steps of their relationship, and both wonder: should they stay together or say goodbye forever?

The Twenties: Big Business, Pleasure-Seeking, and Daily Life in Morris County, 1920–1930

by Jeff Moy



An exhibit on display through December 2022 in the F.M. Kirby Gallery

America of the 1920s conjures images of smartly dressed men and women in formal wear, flappers and vibrant jazz bands in speakeasies, fast cars, exuberant stock markets, and the birth of Hollywood’s golden age. However, while modern society changed rapidly for many, this only tells part of the story for the decade that started with the end of the Great War and a world-wide pandemic, and ended with the economic turmoil unleashed by the 1929 stock market crash and the resulting Great Depression.

In many aspects, Morris County was a microcosm of how the Twenties affected Americans. Illicit clubs and gambling halls operated with impunity, corrupt officials squared off against good governance reformers, a growing middle-class bought new homes and automobiles on credit, and everyone sought new and exciting entertainment options, which were ubiquitous thanks to the many fads, films and radio programs.

Life changed dramatically in other areas as well. A rising Black middle class joined the ranks of other new homeowners and exercised newfound economic influence, women enjoyed new careers and less domestic drudgery thanks to labor-saving devices and smaller families, while cinemagoers wondered at foreign vistas and others enjoyed traveling to new destinations. In embracing the modern era, Morris County’s residents sought to reform corrupt policies, pursued new business opportunities, searched for novel leisure activities, enjoyed the tranquility of domestic life, and strove for ever-faster means of transportation. (For more information, visit mmtlibrary.org/2022/05/new-exhibition-highlights-life-in-1920s-morris-county/)

The CHILDREN’S ROOM

by Arlene Sprague

During our summer events, we realized that children were learning through play, a concept recognized by many childhood education experts. At weekly scavenger hunts, we hide 12 pictures around the room. Given a paper with the images needed to be found, children searched the second floor, checking off each picture as they found it hanging on a wall, shelf, or even a ceiling tile. They thought it was random fun, but we noticed they developed skills to successfully finish each hunt. Through a fun activity, in addition to working on their observation skills, children practiced collaboration and communication as they worked together. Clues provided helped us teach them about fiction, non-fiction, and Dewey decimal numbers.

Our Maker Monday stem activities further highlighted how children learn while having fun. The Lego Foundation, on behalf of UNICEF, declared in their article *Learning Through Play* “Children are hands-on learners. They acquire knowledge through playful interaction with objects and people.” Making a catapult out of popsicle sticks and rubber bands illustrated the principles of kinetic energy, but shooting pompoms, buttons, and Lego men at targets reinforced the lesson with play. By making a spinning twirly, children learned the principles of centrifugal force. They knew they made a fun toy and even though the science was secondary, it was there. Our light-up wall displayed fish with push button lights attached. When a light was pushed, it would light up and each subsequent push changed its color. All children loved to play with them. Even though it seemed like play, they were learning sequencing, patterns and again collaboration as they worked together to make designs on the wall. Our visitors enjoyed playing with our Launchpads and AWE Learning Machine, using these devices to play games, watch videos and listen to stories, thinking they were having fun using the tablets and computer. However, each device is only loaded with educational software. In their article, *Playing to Learn*, the Harvard Graduate School of Education stated “children are often more relaxed and engaged during play, and it’s enjoyable — all aspects that facilitate learning.” As we observed, while our younger library users were having fun building, searching, and playing, they were also learning.

ON THE SHELF

FICTION by Louis Muñoz Jr.

All book blurbs via publisher's websites.

The Many Daughters of Afong Moy

by Jamie Ford

Dorothy Moy breaks her own heart for a living. As a poet, that's how she describes channeling her dissociative episodes and mental health struggles into her art. But when her five-year-old daughter exhibits similar behavior and begins remembering things from the lives of their ancestors, Dorothy believes the past has truly come to haunt her. Fearing that her child is predestined to endure the same debilitating depression that has marked her own life, Dorothy seeks radical help. Through an experimental treatment designed to mitigate inherited trauma, she intimately connects with past generations of women in her family. She endeavors to break the cycle of pain, to finally find peace for her daughter, and gain the love that has long been waiting, knowing she may pay the ultimate price.

The Codebreaker's Secret by Sara Ackerman

A brilliant female codebreaker, an "unbreakable" Japanese naval code and a pilot on a top-secret mission that could change the course of WWII. A dazzling story of love and intrigue set during America's darkest hour.

Daisy Darker by Alice Feeney

After years of avoiding each other, Daisy's family is assembling for Nana's 80th birthday party in her crumbling gothic house on a tiny tidal island. Finally back together one last time, when the tide comes in, they will be cut off from the rest of the world for eight hours. The family arrives, each of them harboring secrets. Then at the stroke of midnight, as a storm rages, Nana is found dead. And an hour later, the next family member follows. Daisy Darker's unforgettable twists will leave readers reeling.

LARGE-PRINT by Louis Muñoz Jr.***How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water***

by Angie Cruz

The author of the popular *Dominicana*, returns with a novel about a Latina named Cara Romero, a woman in her 50's who loses her job during the Great Recession. Although her meetings with a job counselor are about helping her find work, over the course of the 12 sessions Cara shares about growing up in the Dominican Republic, coming to the US, and her various relationships, including her tumultuous love affairs and her strained relations with family. Readers "will be rewarded with a tender and quintessentially American portrait." (Publishers Weekly)

NONFICTION by Stephen Brunskill***Humble: Free Yourself From The Traps Of A Narcissistic World***

by Daryl Van Tongeren, PhD

Insights into this unassuming trait, explaining how humility gives us a more secure sense of self, the ability to handle challenges better, and reveals how the humble are among those we like the most.

The End of the World Is Just the Beginning: Mapping the Collapse of Globalization

by Peter Zeihan

Global geopolitical strategist Zeihan uses sharp analysis and insight to predict the shape of the next 20 years through a combination of interpreting the geography and current political history of the world.

The Month-By-Month Gardening Guide: Daily Advice For Growing Flowers, Vegetables, Herbs & Houseplants

by Franz Böhmig

This compendium of advice is arranged calendar style, offering indoor and outdoor gardeners monthly tips on growing vegetables, seasonal herbs, and ornamental plants. Chock-a-block with charts, this book offers encyclopedic depth that can help nearly every home gardener.

The Puzzler: One Man's Quest To Solve The Most Baffling Puzzles Ever by A. J. Jacobs

A journalist, lecturer, and *New York Times* bestselling author rediscovers some of the world's favorite modern puzzles, sharing his perspectives on how they affect our minds and the world we live in.

Happy-Go-Lucky by David Sedaris

This new collection of satirical and humorous essays by a perennially best-selling author chronicles how he rediscovered himself and his observations of the "beautifully absurd" in the midst of the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic.

Shrines of Gaiety by Kate Atkinson

Life After Life garnered Kate Atkinson many fans and her "Brodie Jackson" books were turned into the popular "Case Histories" TV series. Her latest book, based on a real-life person, promises to satisfy readers as well. Set in the wake of The Great War, Nellie Coker, newly released from prison, is the ambitious and often ruthless queen of London's demi-monde. She is determined to see her six children advance but her success means that her nightclub empire faces threats from within and without. This novel mixes historical fiction with intertwined mysteries and myriad vivid characters.



Fall "Royal" Programs With John Kenrick

Join beloved Morristown entertainment historian John Kenrick as he returns to pull back the curtain on the making of the much-loved and controversial TV series *The Crown*, as well as its subjects — the royal family of England. As always from John we expect history, laughs, and fun tales to tell your friends!

Before THE CROWN: *Bringing Britain's Monarchs to Life on TV & Film* – Tuesday, October 11, 7:00 PM

Long before *The Crown*, filmmakers have been taking us into the lives of British royals. From the legendary Arthur and his Round Table, past the Plantagenets, through the Tudors, right up to the Windsors of today, kings and queens have come back to life thanks to great actors giving memorable performances. We will discuss *Camelot*, *Becket*, *The Private Life of Henry VIII*, *Elizabeth R*, *Edward & Mrs. Simpson*, *The King's Speech* and *The Queen* – to name a few!

The Jewels in THE CROWN: *The Netflix Series & The History Behind It* – Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 PM

Since its premiere in 2016, *The Crown* has shown us the private lives of Queen Elizabeth II and her royal family, becoming the most popular, most critically acclaimed, and costliest TV historical drama series of all time. What has gone into the making of *The Crown*? Who are the actors who have brought these celebrated people to the small screen? And just how much of the story line is poetic license? (*The answer to that may surprise you.*)

We plan to present these talks live in the Library's meeting room (*where complimentary coffee & tea will be available*) as well as live on Zoom. So join us for a cuppa — or if Zooming in from home, perhaps one of the Queen Mother's favorite cocktails? — as we anticipate this November's premiere of *The Crown's* highly anticipated fifth season.

For the Zoom code to these programs please email marylynn.becza@mmt.mainlib.org.

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New MMT Library Employees

Domenica Guaman is a Library Assistant in the History & Genealogy Center. She graduated from Mount Holyoke College in May 2022, where her studies focused on Museums, Archives, and Public History. At Mount Holyoke, Domenica worked at the library and the college's art museum.

Tiffanie Henry is a Library Assistant in our Circulation Department. A resident of Montville, she was raised in Butler and is a history teacher at Boonton High School. She attended UMUC-Kaiserlsuatern, Germany campus and will graduate in May 2023 from Ramapo College with an MA in American History.

Kelly San Roman is also a Library Assistant in our Circulation Department. A life-long resident of Denville, she previously worked for the Denville Public Library as a Page. Kelly will be finishing her Bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Public Health at Montclair State University and plans to get her Master's degree and hopes to fulfill her dream of helping others by becoming a therapist.



La Voz Hispana — La Importancia de la Lectura

Por Ignacio Drayer; Traducción por Domenica Guaman

Podemos decir que la lectura es el medio más eficaz para la adquisición del conocimiento ya que enriquece nuestra visión de la realidad, intensifica nuestro pensamiento lógico y creativo, y facilita la capacidad de expresión. Cumple un papel fundamental en el incremento de nuestra capacidad intelectual y por lo tanto de nuestro desarrollo como ser humano independiente. Leer equivale a pensar, así como saber leer significa tener la capacidad de identificar las ideas básicas de un texto, captar los detalles más relevantes y brindar un juicio crítico sobre lo que se está leyendo. En definitiva leer implica razonar, crear, soñar, y convertimos en seres humanos cada vez más tolerantes y respetuosos de las diferencias de los demás. Leer consiste en aprender a observar la sociedad desde un nuevo punto de vista mucho más objetivo, alejándonos de prejuicios e ideas contradictorias a la realidad.

Lea - lea y siga leyendo. Desarrollar el gusto por la lectura, así como incentivar a las personas que nos rodean hacia la lectura debe ser un reto que debemos plantearnos cada uno de nosotros. Debemos hacer de la lectura un hábito permanente.

The Hispanic Voice — The Importance of Reading

by Ignacio Drayer; Translation by Domenica Guaman

Reading is the most effective medium for acquiring knowledge because it enriches our reality, intensifies our logical and creative thought, and facilitates our ability to express ourselves. Reading is fundamental to our intellectual growth and development as independent people. To read is to think critically — knowing how to read also means being able to identify the basic ideas in a text, capture the relevant details, and provide a knowledgeable understanding of what one is reading. Without a doubt, to read means to reason, create, dream, and become more tolerant and respectful of differences amongst our peers. Reading teaches us to observe our society from a new and objective point of view, distancing our thoughts and feelings from prejudice and contradictions.

Read, and keep reading. Take on the challenge to develop a love for reading, encourage your peers to read as well, and make reading a daily habit.



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