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Director's Column by Chad Leinaweaver

Sustainability is a buzzword we hear a lot nowadays and it's a current goal of most public institutions. A way to achieve this is through cooperation with others who share your ideals. Sharing resources and collaboration have been defining features of public libraries since their inception. What could be more collaborative than a group of community members gathering resources and sharing them not only with citizens of their own towns, but all over the state and sometimes the country? The Morristown & Morris Township Library has many cooperative relationships, first and foremost the two separate towns coming together to share one library! In addition, we are members of the MAIN Alliance, a group of area libraries who share a catalog, databases, information technology and other resources. The pandemic has created new opportunities for us as we now share virtual programs and lectures with other area organizations. Furthermore, some recent partnerships include working with: local Girl and Boy Scouts to create "Little Free Libraries"; Morris Arts to celebrate the Arts through community awareness; Morristown Cultural District to promote this area of downtown including December's Theatre of Light activities; and the most important partnership of all — The Friends of the Library! We are grateful for the support of all of our various collaborators and Friends. We couldn't do all that we do without you all!

Little Free Libraries Expand! By Mary Lynn Becza

MMT Library is delighted to announce that we have four new Little Free Libraries! Thanks to Eagle Scout Anand Bannerji: Butterworth Park, Collinsville Playground, Freelan Green Park and Marge Goryeb Children's Park all received new LFLs for children and adults to share books. Anand did a fantastic job designing and building these wonderful miniature libraries. We are grateful for his hard work!



Anand Bannerji unveils his LFL at the Collinsville Playground.

Left to right: Anand;

Bill Foelsch, Director of Parks and Reaction, Morris Township;

Ron Swanson, Scoutmaster, Patriots Path Council, Fishawack Unit, Troop 39

President's Message

by Linda Muse-Deo

It's autumn, that pleasant season before it gets really cold! We are not yet able to hold sales in the Bookworm Room, so we are now using the small Meeting Room on the lower level of the Library. We have our usual selection of books categorized on multiple book carts. Our stock is refreshed weekly from recent donations so that patrons have new choices.

During the month of November you will find holiday, travel, and crafts books for half off the marked price. Please stop in any Tuesday and the first and third Saturdays of the month to take a look. Books are a lovely gift for those on your holiday list.

The Friends of the Library rely on the donations of books from our patrons. We are always in need of books in good condition, both fiction and nonfiction. Children's books are especially in demand. However, we are no longer accepting small paperbacks or media. If you would like a copy of our colorful poster advertising our book sales and requests for donations to post in your local neighborhood, please ask when you stop in.

If you love books and would like to volunteer for a worthy local cause, please inquire of any of the Friends at the sales and ask about opportunities to help. Volunteers can assist with pricing and shelving of books thus contributing greatly to holding successful sales. We would also welcome new members of the Friends for those who have the time and desire to get more involved. To contact the Friends please email us at Friends@MMT.Mainlib.org.

So much is going on at your Library! 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! Log onto the Library's website and make it a favorite!

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Just for TEENS! by Abigail Hsu

Do you want to read but are too busy with end-of-year festivities to commit to an entire book? Have you made a New Year's resolution to read more in 2023 but don't know where to start? Try an anthology! Anthologies, which are collections of short works by various authors, are great for reading in small doses when you don't have time for a full-length novel. The stories often share a theme, which is helpful to readers who know what they like but are unsure which authors to try. Below are a selection of anthologies that feature works by notable Teen/YA authors.

Reclaim the Stars, Edited by Zoraida Córdova

This book takes the Latin American diaspora to places fantastical and out of this world. This is science fiction and fantasy that breaks borders and realms, and proves that stories are truly universal.

Fools In Love, Edited by Ashley Herring Blake & Rebecca Podos

This collection of genre-bending and original stories celebrates how love always finds a way, featuring powerful flora, a superhero and his nemesis, a fantastical sled race through snow-capped mountains, a golf tournament, the wrong ride-share, and even the end of the world.

Out There: Into the Queer New Yonder

Edited by Saundra Mitchell

This anthology is packed with tales of queer love that will launch readers into alternate realities and distant futures. The contributing authors present narratives centered on love, acceptance and hope that span a multitude of genres, from epic space adventures to fervent romances, each infused with science-fiction elements.

Our Shadows Have Claws, Edited by Yamil Saled Méndez and Amaparo Ortiz

From zombies to cannibals to death incarnate, this cross-genre anthology offers something for every monster lover. Set across Latin America and its diaspora, this collection offers bold, imaginative stories of oppression, grief, sisterhood, first love, and empowerment.

Eternally Yours, Edited by Patricia Caldwell

Vampires and merpeople, angels and demons—the paranormal is full of unusual beings. The stories in this anthology imagine worlds where the only thing more powerful than the supernatural is love.

At Midnight, Edited by Dahlia Adler

Fairy tales have been spun for thousands of years and remain among our most treasured stories. Weaving fresh tales with unexpected reimaginings, *At Midnight* brings together a diverse group of acclaimed YA writers to breathe new life into a storied tradition.

**The CHILDREN'S ROOM** by Arlene Sprague

The end of every year brings the question, “*what were your favorite books of the year?*” While there are many quality options to choose from, here are some of the titles the Children's Department staff liked best. If you are looking for a silly picture book, try ***Chester Van Chime Who Forgot How to Rhyme*** by Avery Monsen. Chester is usually the best at rhyming, but one day his rhyming skills disappear. Filled with wordplay and whimsical illustrations, children learn the lesson of “*this too shall pass*” when Chester recovers and can once again match cat and hat, duck and truck, etc. Another original storybook featuring humor is ***Viking in Love*** by Doug Cenko, which tells the story of Stig who falls in love with Ingrid. Stig must overcome his fear of the sea and use his ingenuity (and a few kittens) to woo his Viking girl. ***Howard the Average Gecko*** by Wendy Meddour features a charming gecko. Howard is sure that he is an exceptional animal. He is the only camouflaged creature in the rainforest. When he learns there are other camouflaged animals, he does not feel special anymore. If he is only average, will anyone love an unexceptional gecko? This brightly illustrated book reassures that we all are loveable and special.

For older readers, try a mix of fiction and nonfiction. In ***Wretched Waterpark*** by Kiersten White, the Sinister-Winterbottom siblings are spending the summer with their odd and creepy Aunt Saffronia. When she sends them to the Fathoms of Fun Waterpark, instead of finding fun, they find employees in black dresses, waterslides that look like gray gargoyle tongues, and a wave pool filled with goo. Something mysterious is happening at the park and the siblings are determined to get to the bottom of it. For adventure of another kind, read ***Cher Ami*** by Melisande Potter. Cher Ami recounts the true story of a heroic messenger pigeon who saved the lives of soldiers during World War I. In spite of being shot by enemy fire, she delivered her message saving hundreds of American soldiers trapped behind enemy lines. ***Skandar and the Unicorn Thief*** by A.F. Steadman is a thrilling, fantasy adventure with unicorns, villains, and heroes. Skandar believes his dream of becoming a unicorn rider is over until a mysterious stranger knocks on his door telling Skander that he must save the island where the unicorns live. ***Skandar and the Unicorn Thief*** is an action packed fantasy readers will not be able to put down. Real life action can be found in ***A Day in the Life of a Caveman, a Queen, and Everything in Between*** by Mike Barfield and Jess Bradley. The authors give a colorful and comical retelling of history throughout the ages. With over 90 entries, children are introduced to a variety of historical events including cave paintings, gladiators, and the first woman in space. Barfield's writing and Bradley's humorous illustrations will have children laughing as they learn.

These titles are just a few of the books we loved this year. For additional recommendations come and visit the Children's Room and we will be happy to share more of our favorites.

Tech 1-on-1 by Saudia Reid

In an effort to make our technology teaching services widely available, we have been providing Tech 1-on-1, by appointment here in the Reference Department at the Library! This service has been greatly appreciated by one of our patrons, Lorraine Jones. Ms. Jones' main goal is to learn how to type so that she can purchase her first laptop! Saudia Reid, Reference Librarian, taught Ms. Jones how to set up an account on a free online typing resource, and she has shown incredible progress. Since Saudia started working together with her, Ms. Jones is now able to log on and type independently by herself. We look forward to helping more patrons here at MMT with all types of technology needs.



Saudia Reid coaching Lorraine Jones.

ON THE SHELF

LARGE-PRINT by Louis Muñoz Jr.

The Last Chairlift by John Irving

One of the US's greatest novelists, returns with his first book in seven years — a ghost story, a love story, and an exploration of sexual politics. In 1941, Rachel is a slalom skier at the National Downhill and Slalom Championships. She finishes nowhere near the podium, but she manages to get pregnant during the event. Back home she becomes a ski instructor and her son, Adam, grows up in a family that defies conventions and evades questions concerning the eventful past. Years later, looking for answers, Adam will go to the hotel where he was conceived and will meet some ghosts — they aren't the first or the last ghosts he sees.

All the Broken Places by John Boyne

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas now has a sequel for its many fans. 91 year-old Gretel Fernsby has a comfortable life in London, but her past includes an escape from Nazi Germany when she was 12, difficult post-war years, and worst of all, the fact her father was commander of one of the Reich's worst concentration camps. A new family moves into her building and she befriends a little boy whose presence brings back unwanted memories and who may need Gretel's help.

The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times by Michelle Obama

In an inspiring follow-up to her #1 bestselling memoir *Becoming*, Michelle Obama shares practical wisdom and powerful strategies for staying hopeful and balanced in today's highly uncertain world. She opens a frank and honest dialogue with readers, considering the questions many of us wrestle with: How do we build enduring and honest relationships? What tools do we use to address feelings of self-doubt or helplessness? What do we do when it all starts to feel like too much? With trademark humor, candor, and compassion, she explores issues connected to race, gender, and visibility, encouraging readers to work through fear, find strength in community, and live with boldness.

NONFICTION by Stephen Brunskill

Ain't that a mother: Postpartum, Palsy, and Everything in Between by Adiba Nelson

This Afro-Latina author tells a “true love story” with wit and attitude, starting with her pregnancy and culminating with many “what the...?s” Complicated? Yes, and incredibly satisfying.

Yellen: the Trailblazing Economist Who Navigated an Era of Upheaval

by Jon Hilsenrath

Award-winning economics writer Jon Hilsenrath paints the scenes that Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, and her husband, George Akerlof, an imaginative Nobel prize-winning economist have faced over their careers into the current day.

Zelensky: a Biography by Serhiï Rudenko

Would you believe that Volodymyr Zelensky has been in Ukraine's highest office for the past three years? This tells the astonishing story of how this former comedian fought to become president on his promise to restore trust in politics, and now has become the public face of his country's courageous and bloody struggle against Russia's brutal February 2022 invasion.

The Doctor Who Wasn't There: Technology, History and the Limits of Telehealth by Jeremy A. Greene

Tracing the curious path of telehealth (electronic health and medicine media) with a bevy of archival materials, this author and physician explores its role — for better and for worse — in the recent past, present and in an unknown future of American health.

The Fight For Privacy: Protecting Dignity, Identity and Love in the Digital Age by Danielle Keats Citron

Drawing on in-depth interviews with victims, activists, and advocates, this MacArthur fellow and professor covers what she calls “intimate privacy”: that which encompasses our bodies and relationships. She shares visceral stories showing how individual violators exploit privacy loopholes and advocates that intimate privacy should be fought for as a civil right.

Urban Foraging: Find, Gather, and Cook 50 Wild Plants by Lisa M. Rose

Professional forager and bestselling author Lisa Rose wrote this handy guide, explaining how to identify and find plants that grow across America, along with simple recipes that use the procured grub.

FICTION by Louis Muñoz Jr.

The Passengers and Stella Maris

by Cormac McCarthy

One of our most acclaimed writers is back after 16 years with not one but two new novels. First is *The Passenger*, in which a Mississippi salvage diver named Bobby Western finds nine bodies on an early morning in 1980 still buckled to their seats in a sunken jet plane in the Gulf of Mexico, but not the black box and definitely not the tenth passenger. He is haunted not only by this, but also by the work his father contributed towards developing the atomic bomb. Featuring his first female protagonist in over 50 years, *Stella Maris* is a companion book to *The Passenger*, taking us to 1972 when 20-year-old Alicia Western admits herself to a hospital in Wisconsin. Diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, unwilling to talk about her brother Bobby, and conflicted about their father's atomic bomb work, her story is told entirely through the transcripts of her psychiatric sessions, and explores questions about God, truth, and our existence.

Yinka, Where Is Your Husband?

by Lizzie Damilola Blackburn

Thirtysomething Nigerian-British Yinka is trying to get her life together. Her large, religious family desperately wants to see her married off to a nice man. After a public prayer for her singlehood at her sister's baby shower, Yinka decides to make it her mission to find a mate. Soon after, she's laid off from her job and discovers her cousin Rachel is getting married. Now Yinka is in the middle of a real crisis. The narrative shifts when Yinka reconnects with an old friend from college and starts volunteering with his homeless organization. Donovan helps Yinka start to make sense of some of her emotional issues and tries to assist her with a new career path. A universal story of a young woman coming into her own.

The Night Travelers

by Armando Lucas Correa

Separated by time but united by sacrifice, four generations of women in Berlin and Havana experience love, loss, war, and hope from the rise of Nazism to the Cuban Revolution and finally, the fall of the Berlin Wall in this sweeping novel from the bestselling author of the *The German Girl*.

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New MMT Library Employees

Rolanda Davis was born and raised right here in Morristown and graduated from Morristown High School. She's come full circle from visiting the Bookmobile as a child to now working at the Media and Circulation desks! Rolanda is excited to be working here and enjoys learning and sharing information in her new position as a Library Assistant.



Rolanda Davis

Ashley Jankovic is a Library Assistant in the Children's Department. She graduated from Rutgers University in 2019 with a BA in graphic design and she is currently attending Montclair State University and plans to graduate with a Masters of Arts in Teaching with a concentration in art education. Ashley intends to teach elementary school age children and enjoys making crafts with children in the library.



Ashley Jankovich

Preservation work in the History & Genealogy Center

By Jeff Moy, Archivist

Acquiring new records is the first of many steps involved in maintaining a collection of material that tells the story of the people and events that shaped New Jersey's history. Different media have specific storage and environmental requirements, and incoming donations must be evaluated for contaminants that could endanger other collections. Archivists are trained to detect and eliminate mold, flammable substances, volatile chemicals, and other unwanted items.

In this photo is one of a group of photographs and documents undergoing surface cleaning with a soft-bristled brush and a HEPA vacuum capable of safely capturing particulate contaminants. Note the shadows from the window frames-this work is best done near fresh

air and open windows. Once cleaned, these items will be organized, inventoried, and described in an online finding aid so that researchers can discover them. Our Digital Librarian selects items from our collections to scan and make available on the Library's website: cdm16100.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/.



Anita Diamant Virtual Author Program



Join us for an evening with popular historical novelist Anita Diamant, author of *The Red Tent* and *The Boston Girl*, on January 18, 2023 at 7:30 PM. This is an online co-presentation with area synagogues including the Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael. For the code to attend, please email marylynn.becza@mmt.mainlib.org.

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