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Director's Column

by Chad Leinaweaver

The World Health Organization has downgraded the COVID-19 pandemic as it is no longer considered a global health emergency. However, COVID continues to be a concern and still affects society, including the MMT Library. We have found that people are reading more than they did before the pandemic, which is a good thing for us! Our circulation of books, audiobooks, and eBooks for all ages has grown. The past 3 years have changed behaviors in other areas as well. Many of our patrons still prefer outdoor programs or Zoom, others are back in the building with more enthusiasm than ever, glad to be participating in person again. What we have learned most is that flexibility is increasingly important to running the Library and we are constantly trying new things and seeking new ways to rise to the challenges of our unusual times.

President's Message by Linda Muse-Deo

It's finally Spring, and I hope you are all enjoying the lovely weather!

As of Tuesday, May 2, we resumed weekly book sales in our Bookworm Room on the lower level of the Library. Many of you are familiar with this room as it was our home for many years before the COVID pandemic made it necessary for us to find other locations within the Library. We worked hard for the last month reorganizing the Bookworm Room so that it would be ready for you to visit us there. So far, we have had a good response from patrons.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the room, it can be accessed within the Library by going through the Reference Department and down a short flight of stairs. For people not able to use the stairs, you can ask anyone at the Circulation Desk to contact one of us downstairs. We will be happy to escort you through our work room. Unfortunately, strollers cannot be accommodated in the downstairs Bookworm Room due to lack of space. As the warmer weather continues, we may have a few book carts out on the walk leading to the Library at the South Street entrance. The bulk of our collection, however, will be kept downstairs.

There is a selection of Middle Readers and Young Adult books. However, books for younger children can be found on the second floor in the Children's Department.

Our sales on Tuesdays and the first and third Saturdays will continue through the end of June, but the Saturday sales are discontinued during the months of July and August. We appreciate your ongoing support for the Friends of the Library as we continue to help the Library provide the programs that have been enjoyed by many in the community. Please also continue to donate your unwanted and lightly used books.

Thank you for your continued support.

JAZZ IN JULY!

July 21, 7:00 PM

Friday Night Fund-Raiser

The Friends will be holding their annual **JAZZ IN JULY** fund-raiser with the popular David Humm Jazz Band on Friday, July 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

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.

Tickets are \$20 at the door and doors open at 6:30 PM for the 7:00 show. No advance ticket sales are available.

The fund-raiser will be held in the Media Wing. Refreshments, provided by the Friends of the Library, will be served.

Join us this July for what is always a great night!



We were very pleased to present The Light Opera of New Jersey's 'Savoy Faire' group sponsored by the Friends of the Morristown & Morris Township Library. The wonderful presentation delighted a large May 5th audience in the Circulation Room with a selection of Gilbert and Sullivan's greatest hits.

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The CHILDREN'S ROOM by Arlene Sprague

Summer reading is crucial to prevent loss of reading skills. Without summer reading, the average third to fifth grader can lose up to two months of reading skills during the summer break. Convincing a child to read if they would rather ride a bike or swim can create a problem for many families. The solution can be simple. Let children read what they want. Summer reading might not include a classic, but it can include joke and riddle books. For the child who looks at a long chapter book and groans, consider a graphic novel. Give the emerging baker a cookbook and they can practice math skills as well as reading skills. Use other do-it-yourself books to encourage young crafters, inventors, and engineers to get their hands dirty making things. Try a family book club where the whole family reads and discusses the same title. Listen to an audiobook in the car. While the Library still carries books on CD, if your car no longer has a CD player, check out Libby, our source for ebooks and audio books. Let a child read below grade level for a quick read or let them reread an old favorite. After all, many adults choose beach reads during the summer for a little escape.

The Children's Department is always happy to make reading recommendations, but there are quality sources available online to find book suggestions. One excellent website is **www.ReadBrightly.com**. It is sponsored by Penguin Random House and gives reading tips and advice, book recommendations by age and topic and even offers Brightly Storytime. Another website is **www.commonsemmedia.org**. Common Sense Media is a non-profit group, which also breaks down books by age categories and topic ideas. They produced a list called "50 books all children should read before the age of 12." In addition to lists, Common Sense also rates books on themes and subject matter. They advise on content language, positive role models, violence and scariness, sex and romance, and other issues parents may be concerned with. Their lists also include ratings for video games and movies.

The best way to involve children in reading this summer is to come visit us in the Library. Share one of our reading lists, participate in one of our book clubs, listen to some stories, or make some crafts!

News from The Caroline Rose Foster NJHGC by James Lewis

The North Jersey History and Genealogy Center was recently renamed to honor Caroline Rose Foster, local philanthropist and generous donor to the Library. *The Caroline Rose Foster North Jersey History and Genealogy Center* provides free access to a number of important genealogy databases, some of which Library cardholders can access from home for free. These include: **MyHeritage**: a database that provides access to records from across the globe; **HeritageQuest**: an **Ancestry.com** product that provides access to American and Canadian resources including history books, U.S. Freedman's Bank Records (*Note that the Research Aids for those just getting started.*); ProQuest's Historical Northeast Newspapers with coverage dating from 1785–2010 from all over

NJ, NY, PA and DE; **Heritage Hub**: a collection of obituaries, but by doing a keyword search you can search for regular news articles from across the country. For those interested in the Civil War, **Civil War Era** provides access to newspapers from both Union states (MA, NY, OH, PA) and Confederate States (KY, LA, SC, TN and VA) from 1840–1865. If you do not find what you are seeking in those databases, we provide access to a few more in the CRFNJHGC in the Library's lower level. We are happy to help you!

We were pleased to recently have returned to us three large important historical NJ maps which were painstakingly restored using funds provided by The Friends of the Library. They were delivered very carefully wrapped in the largest cardboard tube we've ever seen!

Meghan Chapuran displays an important conserved Warren County map standing next to its delivery tube.



Just for TEENS!

by Abigail Hsu



Each year, the nonprofit organization *Collaborative Summer Library Program* (CSLP) chooses a theme that libraries can use to structure their summer reading programs. This year's theme, **All Together Now**, encourages libraries to promote themes of *cooperation, community, and togetherness*. Although books for teens tend to involve narratives about independence and personal growth, one genre that often features ensemble casts and stories about working together is **manga**, or Japanese graphic novels. Below are a selection of manga that will help readers get in the spirit of this summer's theme.

Haikyu!! by Haruichi Furudate:

A high school volleyball team gets a boost when two freshmen join them — short but ambitious Hinata Shoyo and brilliant but unsociable Tobio Kageyama. Their goal is to get to the All Japan High School Volleyball Championship Tournament!

Monthly Girls' Nozaki-kun by Izumi Tsubaki:

When high school student Chiyo Sakura confesses to her crush Umetaro Nozaki, the last thing she expected was to be given an autograph and a job offer. A series of misunderstandings lead Chiyo to become an assistant to Nozaki, a popular romance manga artist who often enlists his classmates' help to meet his deadlines.

Komi Can't Communicate by Tomohito Oda:

Everyone thinks Komi Shoko is both popular and intimidatingly unapproachable. Only Tadano Hitohito, her seatmate, knows the truth: Komi is severely anxious and has difficulty communicating. When Tadano learns Komi wishes to make 100 friends before graduation, he vows to help her achieve that goal.

Yotsuba&! by Kiyohiko Azuma:

This series follows the life of Yotsuba Koiwai, a quirky and energetic 5-year-old, as she and her father adjust to life in a new city. They befriend their neighbors, the Ayase family, who frequently feature in Yotsuba's (mis) adventures.

Cells At Work! by Akane Shimizu:

This unique series takes place inside the human body, where trillions of anthropomorphic cells each do their job to keep the body healthy. It largely focuses on two such cells: a rookie red blood cell who often gets lost during deliveries, and a relentless white blood cell who fights against any germs that invade the body.



ON THE SHELF

LARGE-PRINT by Louis Muñoz Jr.

Descriptions adapted from Library Journal

The Only One Left by Riley Sager

Only young Leonora survived her family's vicious slaughter in 1929, and town gossip blames her for the deaths despite an absence of proof. Since then, she's refused to leave her family's crumbling mansion high on Maine's coastline. By 1983 she's in need of a caregiver. Home-health aide Kit McDeere takes the job, and one night, Leonora, rendered mute by a series of strokes, taps out a single sentence on the typewriter: "I want to tell you everything."

The First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

The authors of *The Personal Librarian* team up again with this novel told in alternating viewpoints. In 1927, segregation is the law of the land in the USA, no matter what the actual law says. One of the fiercest proponents of equal rights, Mary McLeod Bethune, meets a woman who will herself become a strong proponent of equality: Eleanor Roosevelt. Over the ensuing years, they forge an alliance of minds and an unshakable bond of sisterhood. Both face personal hurdles, doubts, and negativity, but in the end, they stand strong. While complete desegregation was still a dream away, these two could be proud of the work they accomplished.

The Wind Knows My Name

by Isabel Allende

Allende blends two bitter tales of separation: in 1938 Vienna, Samuel Adler is placed on a Kindertransport train by his mother so that he can escape the Nazis. In 2019 Arizona, Anita Díaz is pulled from her mother at the U.S. border after they have fled El Salvador for safety. The dual narrative gives historical weight to the contemporary storyline, and Allende finds real depth in her characters, especially when portraying their sacrifices. An authentic and emotionally harrowing work.

The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece by Tom Hanks

Illustrated by R. Sikoryak

A soldier returns home from World War II, then vanishes after meeting his gifted young nephew. The nephew grows up to create underground comic books, including one featuring a WW II fighting hero inspired by his uncle. In the present day, the comic book is rediscovered and inspires a multimillion-dollar superhero action film.

NONFICTION by Stephen Brunskill

I'm Just Saying: A Guide to Maintaining Civil Discourse in an Increasingly Divided World by Milan Kordestani

Have you ever been in the middle of a conversation that ends with "[I'm] just saying..."? Through his skills in contemporary culture and popular writing, the author deftly uses his personal experience and contemporary case studies on how individuals can have constructive conversations by engaging in civil discourse and maintain the art of open and courteous communication.

The Earth Transformed: An Untold History by Peter Frankopan

British historian and professor of global history Peter Frankopan argues that nature has always played a quixotic yet fundamental role in history. This book spans centuries and continents, from weather phenomena contributing to the fall of civilizations to volcanic eruptions that brought empires to their knees.

Worlds Without End: Exoplanets, Habitability, and the Future of Humanity by Chris Impey

A distinguished professor in astronomy, Chris Impey presents an engaging book and thrilling journey into studies on interstellar exoplanets through the lens of habitability and Earth's role in the survival of humanity in the universe.

AD Ventures: Reliving the Golden Era of Advertising in Madras by T.S. Nagarajan

Morris County author, T. S. Nagarajan enthralls the reader with anecdotes and insights from his exciting and colorful adventures as an advertising professional in 20th century Madras, India.

Nazi Billionaires: The Dark History of Germany's Wealthiest Dynasties by David De Jong

Did you know some of the best known German companies of the 20th Century grew from being suspect in Nazi collaboration during World War II? The investigative journalism in this book shows how untold amounts of money and power abetted the atrocities of the Third Reich.

Winnie and Nelson: Portrait of a Marriage by Johnny Steinberg

This deeply researched and shattering new account of Nelson Mandela's relationship with Winnie Madikizela-Mandela draws on newly discovered material and reveals the fractures at the heart of a volatile union seen by the entire world.

Mott Street: A Chinese American Family's Story of Exclusion and Homecoming by Ava Chin

This Chinese-American writer tells the story of her family in their Chinatown address in New York City, uncovering legacies of exclusion in the United States and reveals their endurance as they grew up to become Americans.

After the Miracle: The Political Crusades of Helen Keller by Max Wallace

NY Times bestselling author Max Wallace establishes new insight on Helen Keller after her miracle and brings up rarely discussed points on her lifelong fight for social justice in America.

FICTION by Louis Muñoz Jr.

All the Sinners Bleed by S. A. Cosby

Disgusted by the racist police force he encounters when he returns to his small Southern hometown, FBI agent Titus Crown tosses his name in the ring and becomes the town's first Black sheriff. A year later, after his deputies shoot a young Black man to death, he investigates what happened and finds himself on the trail of a serial killer.

The Quiet Tenant by Clémence Michallon

Good neighbor Aidan has a secret: he is a serial killer who has already dispatched eight women and has a ninth, Rebecca, imprisoned in a backyard shed awaiting the knife. Compelled to move, Aidan must bring Rebecca along and wagers that she is too cowed after five years of captivity to attempt escape. But Rebecca is tougher than he thinks.

Good Night, Irene by Luis Alberto Urrea

In 1943, Irene pushes aside her abusive fiancé in New York to enlist with the Red Cross, befriending Midwesterner Dorothy as they head on a journey that takes them from the Battle of the Bulge to the liberation of Buchenwald. Urrea, inspired by his own mother's Red Cross service, bookends the wrenching narrative with a surprising discovery 50 years later.

Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See

Sent into an arranged marriage, Yunxian is forbidden to continue her work as a midwife-in-training. She seeks a way to continue treating women from every level of society in 15th-century China. A triumphant reimagining of the life of a remarkable real-life Ming Dynasty woman, whose remedies are still used five centuries later.

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New MMT Employees

by Mary Lynn Becza

The Library is excited to welcome our recent new employees. We are always lucky to find wonderful people. Say hello to them next time you're in!



Robin Wasilewski has joined the Reference Department as a Librarian. A graduate of Syracuse University with a Masters in Library and Information Science, she is originally from upstate New York and has recently moved to New Jersey.



Kairy Castellanos has an affinity for music and movies which makes working as a Library Assistant in the Media Department enjoyable. She loves the water, is somewhat of a dog whisperer, and lives by Emerson's three great essays.



Jennifer Sanchez is a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University with a Bachelors in Marketing and a concentration in digital marketing. She is an avid reader and loves her new position as an Adult Library Shelves here at the library!



Justina Addice is the new Children's Bookmobile driver and Outreach Coordinator. A graduate of Rowan University with a Bachelors in Writing Arts, she grew up in West Milford and is now a resident of Newton.

La Voz Hispana - La Humildad

Por Ignacio Drayer; Traducción por Domenica Guaman

La humildad es una de las grandes virtudes que existen y el hombre puede tenerla de forma innata o adquirirla. La Virtud se define como una excelencia moral, una cualidad o rasgo valorado como fundamento de principios, de poder, de fuerza, o potencialidad. La Humildad es una virtud que abre las puertas al crecimiento y sabe reconocer o ser consciente de tus fortalezas y debilidades es decir te permite conocer tus propias limitaciones y tus alcances y así poder obrar de acuerdo con este conocimiento. Es un valor fundamental para convivir armoniosamente en sociedad.

Miguel de Cervantes dijo que la Humildad es la base y fundamento de todas las virtudes y que sin ella no hay alguna que lo sea. En donde exista humildad definitivamente habrá Amor. Las personas humildes se caracterizan por ser modestas y sencillas, sin complejos de superioridad, respetan a todas las personas de su entorno, reconocen cuando no saben algo o se han equivocado, saben escuchar, están abiertas al aprendizaje, reconocen el valor de los demás. Son agradecidas, saben pedir disculpas en el momento necesario, La Humildad es opuesta a la arrogancia, a la soberbia, a la prepotencia y al egoísmo. La Humildad no es sinónimo de pobreza ni debilidad, la humildad inspira respeto y admiración. La dignidad es un valor de la humildad y le lleva a la grandeza.

The Hispanic Voice – Humility

by Ignacio Drayer, Translation by Domenica Guaman

Humility is one of the greatest virtues to exist, and man can have it innately or acquire it. Virtue is defined as moral excellence; a quality or trait that is valued as a founding principal, power, strength, and potentiality. Humility is a virtue that opens the door to growth, it knows how to recognize and be conscious of your strengths and weaknesses. That is, it allows you to know your own limits and reach and thus you may act based on this knowledge. It is a fundamental value to coexist harmoniously as a society.

Miguel de Cervantes said that Humility is the base and foundation of all virtues and that without it there is no virtue. Where Humility exists there is also Love. Humble people are characterized as being modest and simple, without a superiority complex. They respect everyone around them, recognize when they do not know something or when they make a mistake, know how to listen, are open to learning, and value the people around them. They are thankful, they know how to apologize when necessary. Humility is not synonymous with scarcity or weakness, instead, Humility inspires respect and admiration. Dignity is a value of humility and it can bring you greatness.

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