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Director's Column

by Chad Leinaweaver

One of the key things public libraries have been most successful with throughout their history is establishing and maintaining different shared services. The most obvious example of this occurred generations ago when libraries all over the state began sharing their books with each other through Interlibrary Loans, delivering materials from Cape May to High Point, enabling all types of libraries to borrow from one another since no single library can afford to purchase everything published. Our patrons are appreciative of this since our consortium, the Main Library Alliance, allows MMT patrons to request a book from Hunterdon County which owns the title, pick it up in Morristown where they live and then drop it off in Mt. Olive where they work. So convenient! In order to increase cost savings and services, Main has been expanding outside Morris County to include more libraries and additional expansion is on the horizon. In the eight years since I have been Director, Hackettstown, Bernardsville and the Hunterdon County Library system all joined Main, but within the last year alone, New Providence, Raritan, Mountainside and Fairfield have also joined, and more libraries are set to join in 2025. What does this mean for our patrons? First of all, it expands the footprint where our patrons can quickly and easily request books on hold and secondly, it enables libraries to purchase more unique items, as a less-requested nonfiction book on bowling techniques (just an example!) might not be at our Library, but the new book on archaeological digs might be! Other shared service costs include staff training, our online catalog system and computer services. We are proud to be part of this tradition of public service cost-sharing and look forward to welcoming new Main libraries soon.

President's Message

by Linda Muse-Deo

August is here. It's been a hot summer with lots of fun things to do in the Morristown area including special programs and events at the Library. In another month, schools will be open, and school shopping has already begun.

The Friends of the Morristown and Morris Township Library have continued to hold their weekly used books sales on Tuesdays throughout the summer in the Bookstore on the lower level of the Library. Saturday sales will resume on the first Saturday in September. We are planning on offering most books for half price during the whole month of September.

Norma's Cart, named in honor of one of our former long-time members, is in the Circulation Department. The cart is stocked with CDs and DVDs and books of special interest. You can pay for your purchases at the Circulation Desk.

The Library sponsors several ongoing **book clubs** that are facilitated by members of the staff. The most recent is *The Seekers*. If you have an interest in spirituality, self-help and inspiration, you may want to join the group every first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. There will be a discussion of the selected reading, and attendees will be encouraged to share their perspectives.

It is your generosity, with the donation of your gently used books, that makes it possible for us to provide substantial funds for the library's programs. We accept most genres except textbooks, magazines, and small paperbacks. We also encourage you to donate your unwanted CDs and DVDs as well as books on tape. Please **do not** donate encyclopedias or Time Life books. Bags or boxes of donations can be left in the Circulation and Media departments during Library hours. If you are planning on donating large quantities of books, it would be helpful to us if you would contact the Library to let us know when you are planning to deliver them.

Enjoy the rest of the summer! We hope we will see you at one of our sales soon.

Memorial Tributes to a Local Resident

By Chad Leinaweaver

Barbara King was a resident of the Washington Valley section of Morris Township for many years and was a book lover too, a book club member for over 20 years! This past spring, members of Barbara's book club worked with the Library to remember their dear friend by donating some pertinent additions to the Library's Caroline Rose Foster North Jersey History & Genealogy Center. Barbara Ann Ream King passed away in 2022. She was a staunch member of the Presbyterian Church in Morristown, serving as an elder, the Business Administrator and in many other capacities including heading up their historical archives. She was also a strong proponent of children's literacy and history. James Lewis of our History Center purchased several items by William Pene Du Bois, a Newbery-winning children's book author and illustrator who was born in New Jersey and attended Morristown Academy. James acquired *The Flying Locomotive*, a 1941 book Du Bois authored and illustrated and a poster he designed from 1950 promoting children's literacy. Both are loving tributes to a very special lady.



Barbara King





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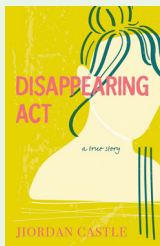
by Abigail Hsu

Look through the narrative windows of the following nonfiction titles and discover the lives of young adults across the United States.

Disappearing Act: A True Story

by Jordan Castle

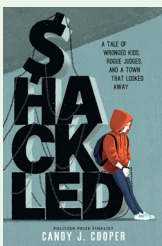
Jordan's family was never quite like everyone else's, with her father's mood swings, her mother's attempts at normalcy, and her two older sisters with a different last name. But on the surface, they fit in — until the day the FBI came knocking on the door. Soon Jordan's father would have to leave home, and her family would change forever. This YA memoir-in-verse follows the author's coming of age as her family reckons with the aftershocks of her father's imprisonment.



Shackled: A Tale of Wronged Kids, Rogue Judges, and a Town that Looked Away

by Candy J. Cooper

In the early 2000s, Judge Mark Ciavarella and Judge Michael Conahan of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania were known as no-nonsense judges. Juveniles who showed up in their courtrooms faced harsh words and even harsher sentencing. But as more and more children faced shocking sentences for seemingly benign crimes, and a newly built for-profit detention center filled up further and further, a sinister pattern of abuses and bribery emerged.



The 21: The True Story of the Youth Who Sued the U.S. Government Over Climate Change

by Elizabeth Rusch

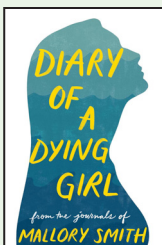
This gripping legal and environmental thriller tells the story of 21 young people and their ongoing case against the U.S. government for denying their constitutional right to life and liberty. It stars the young plaintiffs and their attorneys; illuminates the workings of the United States' judicial system and the relationship between government, citizens' rights, and the environment; and asks readers to think deeply about the future of our planet.



Diary of a Dying Girl

from the journals of Mallory Smith

At age three, Mallory was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis — a disease that attacks the internal organs and would eventually kill her. Despite living on borrowed time, Mallory pursued her passions: volleyball, writing, the environment, her boyfriend, family, and friends. This is the poignant, true story of a young woman who refused to be defined by chronic illness. Her light and her life are shared here in her own words to encourage everyone to live life to the fullest, as she did, even as she was dying.



The CHILDREN'S ROOM

by Arlene Sprague

Autumn, and the beginning of a new school year, ends the leisure reading time many children enjoyed during the summer when longer books were savored and complete series were devoured. School assignments, sports, and family time limit free reading opportunities as other responsibilities take precedence. Instead of eliminating recreational reading, try a format that requires less time than a traditional novel. Graphic novels present the same elements as traditional chapter books. Authors give readers plot, character development, settings, and conflict just like conventional works — only with fewer words and more illustrations. Graphic novels are a growing segment in the publishing industry and companies are taking them very seriously. Penguin Random House formed Random House Graphic and HarperCollins launched HarperAlley, both with the aim of putting a graphic novel on every shelf. The genre gained credibility when Jerry Craft won the Newbery Award with his autobiographical *New Kid*. Favorite titles like the *Baby-Sitters Club*, the *Wings of Fire* series, and the *Percy Jackson* books all have graphic novel editions. If you ask any seven or eight year old about Dogman, be prepared to hear about one of the most popular graphic novel characters today.



Graphic novels represent many different literature genres. Kayla Miller writes realistic fiction in her *Click* series. With titles like *Click*, *Camp*, *Act*, and *Clash*, the series follows fifth-grader Olive as she experiences the ups and downs of friendship, belonging, and being true to yourself. These stories offer a fresh perspective on growing up and learning that what you do can make a difference. Nathan Hale gives readers historical fiction with his Nathan Hale's *Hazardous Tales*. Each story in the series is narrated by Nathan Hale, America's first spy, delaying his execution by telling stories to his own hangman. The first book, *One Dead Spy* focuses on his own story, and subsequent books like *Donner Dinner Party*, *Treaties*, *Trenches*, *Mud*, *Blood*, and *Alamo All-Stars* highlight other gruesome events in American history. Aaron Blabey's *Bad Guys* will delight humor fans as they read about a group of bad guys trying to reform. Characters like Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark and Mr. Piranha try to change their reputations by doing good deeds. These are a quick read, filled with clever dialogue, potty humor, and laugh out loud jokes kids will love. Young fantasy lovers will embrace the *Amulet* series by Kazu Kibuishi. This series introduces readers to a mysterious realm full of magic and creates an imaginative, detailed world children will want to read about. In the first book, *The Stonekeeper*, Emily and Navin move with their mother to the home of their great-grandfather. When a sea creature captures their mother, the siblings must save her as they navigate an underground world filled with talking animals and robots.



ON THE SHELF



FICTION & LARGE PRINT by Mary Lynn Becza

The fall season is the busiest time of year for publishing as newly released titles are hopefully holiday gift picks for many. Here are a few new books which are sure to be popular with Library patrons as well as great ideas for the holidays. All titles are available in Large Type as well as hardcover.

We Solve Murders by Richard Osman

The bestselling author of the favorite Thursday Murder Club series (soon to be a major film starring Pierce Brosnan and Helen Mirren) debuts a new detective duo, retired police officer Steve Wheeler and his adventure seeking daughter-in-law Amy.

By Any Other Name by Jodi Picoult

The perennial book club favorite author returns with a historical novel about two female relatives, centuries apart — one of whom is the real author of Shakespeare's plays — who are both forced to hide behind a pseudonym. Well-researched and based upon the life of a real 16th century woman writer.

Safe Enough: And Other Stories by Lee Child

The author of the popular Jack Reacher book series (made into a both a film series and a TV show) returns with a new short story collection. This is a great introduction to the action-adventure/thriller writer for those who may have been introduced to his work only on screen.

Lovely One: A Memoir by Ketanji Brown Jackson

An intimate and inspiring memoir of the first Black female Supreme Court Justice. Learn how she rose to the top of her profession in a legal world which was not always welcoming, while raising two daughters.

Be Ready When the Luck Happens: A Memoir by Ina Garten

The eagerly awaited personal story of the Food Network star and bestselling cookbook author. Yum!

Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions by John Grisham and Jim McCloskey

Grisham's passion as a lawyer has long been exonerating the innocent who were found guilty and left stranded behind bars. He and McCloskey, the founder of Centurion Ministries, the first organization in the world devoted to freeing innocent prisoners, tell the dramatic stories of ten people who were failed by our criminal justice system.

Sonny Boy: A Memoir by Al Pacino

Film buffs will be thrilled with this book by a face familiar to movie goers for over half a century. The award-winning actor has long avoided the spotlight, so fans will be interested to read all about his fascinating life and craft.

Confronting the Presidents: No Spin Assessments from Washington to Biden by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

The authors of the bestselling "Killing" nonfiction series begin a new topical direction. Get on hold!

NONFICTION by Stephen Brunskill

The Way That Leads Among the Lost: Life, Death, and Hope in Mexico City's Anexos by Angela Garcia.

This title unfolds as if you are actually alongside the mothers featured in this book, offering an inside look into the informal addiction treatment centers of Mexico City and California, which have become sanctuaries for children and teens to escape drug war violence.

Chasing Hope: A Reporter's Life by Nicholas D. Kristof

The bestselling Pulitzer Award winning author Nicholas D. Kristof presents an intimate yet gripping memoir of his life in journalism for over 40 years. From featuring quiet farm towns in Oregon to being an embedded war journalist, he gives you his heart while telling about his love of his profession.

The Rulebreaker: The Life and Times of Barbara Walters by Susan Page

Covering one of the most successful newsmen of all time, author Susan Page interviews dozens of people that offer unique insight into the one and only Barbara Walters. Starting from what drove her as a child to what made her an excellent and persistent TV journalist, this eye-opening account gives you all that and more!

The Moment: Thoughts on the Race Reckoning that Wasn't and How We All Can Move Forward Now by Bakari Sellers

Written by CNN political analyst and practicing attorney Bakari Sellers, this book expands on his past writings addressing racism in today's American culture, and offers his unique perspective on how we can make our country a better place for all.

Democracy or Else: How to Save America in 10 Easy Steps by Jon Favreau, Jon Lovett, Tommy Vietor; with Josh Holloway

The former Obama White House aides who launched the "Pod Save America" podcast deliver a timely guide to becoming involved and making a difference via politics without losing hope. From donating to a campaign to running for office, they suggest ways to have the most impact.

Kominka: The Beauty and Wisdom of Japanese Traditional Folk Houses by Kazuo Hasegawa

With many beautiful images of these unique Japanese traditional houses, this book is a diary into the reconstruction of a kominka by the author. The book gives readers many insights about their traditional architectural elements, and includes a guide to noteworthy kominka and villages around Japan.

A Masterpiece in Disarray: David Lynch's Dune: An Oral History by Max Evry

Follow David Lynch through his underground hit of *Eraserhead* through the acclaimed *The Elephant Man*, to the indomitable challenges of bringing the sci-fi novel of Frank Herbert's *Dune* to fruition. Other directors tried, gave up, or failed to bring the dream of *Dune* alive. Film writer Max Evry gives you an up-to-date perspective with dialogue from interviews with the cast and staff of this 1984 leviathan – and redemption into the professional life of this visionary filmmaker.

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News from the History & Genealogy Center

by James Lewis and Jeffrey V. Moy, Archivist

We look forward to hosting many great programs this fall including: Pat Kenny who will teach attendees "How to Interview and Record Relatives" on Sunday, October 6th, at 2:00 PM; Janet Foster will talk about "The Green Book in Morris County and New Jersey" on Thursday, October 10th, at 7:00 PM; Kate McCabe will talk about "Women 'Rabble Rousers' of Morristown" on Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM; Honorable Kenneth Collins Mackenzie returns on November 10th at 2:00 PM to talk about "The Franklins: Ben and his son William"; and we will present "How to Research Your Historic Home" on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 PM.

The Caroline Rose Foster North Jersey History and Genealogy Center recently purchased a number of new publications about New Jersey. Some of these books are: Hettie Williams' *The Georgia of the North: Black Women and the Civil Rights Movement in New Jersey* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2024); Wendel A. White's *Manifest: Thirteen Colonies* (Cambridge, MA: President and Fellows of Harvard College, 2024); K.A. Nelson's *Killing Shore: The True Story of Hitler's U-Boats Off the New Jersey Coast* (Havertown, PA: Brookline books, 2024); one covering our neighboring town, Brookside — Thomas Gustafson's *American Anti-Pastoral: Brookside, New Jersey and the Garden State of Philip Roth* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2024); and Morristown's own, Michael A. Rockland's *The Other Jersey Shore: Life on the Delaware River* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2024).

Updating History! Picatinny Arsenal Newspaper Acquisition

One aspect of preserving history involves identifying weaknesses in a repository's collection. While reviewing History Center materials related to Morris County's military heritage, Archivist Jeff Moy noted a lack of detailed information on Picatinny Arsenal, which is one of NJ's most prominent military installations. He contacted the base's Engineering Historian Jeff Ranu, who generously agreed to share copies of their newspapers, *The Picatinny News* and *The Barrage*. The papers reported on various aspects of work life at Picatinny for its active duty military and civilian personnel. It is a good source of information for those with family who once worked at the base, as well as patrons studying American military history. The initial group of digitized newspapers date from 1947 to 1958 and they are available at MMTLibrary.org; we will upload additional years as they are made available to us.

Updated Morris School District Records

Assistant Archivist Katelyn Leffler processed a series of recent additions to the records of the Morris School District. This collection documents over a century of education in Morris Township and Morristown including printed information on the Board of Education, district schools, Morristown High School, as well as photographs and audiovisual material. The Morris School District Records date from 1817-2013 and comprise 33.5 linear feet in over 60 boxes; the *Finding Aid* to the collection may be found at MMTLibrary.org. Those interested in reviewing the collection should contact History Center staff in advance to make an appointment.



Morristown High School in process of construction

Friends of the Library Scholarship Awards

MMT Library's Children's Room Library Assistant Rachel Shraer and Adult Readers Advisor Tatiana Pagan were the proud recipients of the annual Friends of the Library Marian Gerhart Scholarship awards. Rachel and Tatiana are both pursuing Masters Degrees in Library and Information Science. The Library staff and administration is grateful that the Friends provide this scholarship to assist the next generation of librarians.

Rachel Shraer, Linda Muse-Deo (President of the Friends) and Tatiana Pagan

