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Director's Column by Chad Leinaweaver

Many Morristown residents have fond memories of one of the Library's bookmobiles as part of their childhoods. The various MMT bookmobiles and their drivers have brought books to children since 1923. That's over 100 years of happiness driving around our community! We are privileged to have the only bookmobile currently operating in Morris County, the result of many years of fund-raising over the past century, including a tremendous amount

donated by The Friends of the Library. Most recently we were grateful to receive a donation from The Morristown & Morris Township Library Foundation which covered the costs of our latest bookmobile project — a beautiful new vehicle wrap! This colorful design of travelling books by Aviate Creative is a welcome makeover for our 2009 vehicle which needed a bit of sprucing up after almost 17 years on the road. Be sure to keep a lookout for the bookmobile when you're driving around the area or perhaps you will see us proudly "marching" in the St. Patrick's Day parade. We are looking forward to serving our community's children for another century — though perhaps our future bookmobiles might be flying or hovering around the streets!



The Library's spruced up Bookmobile!

President's Message by Linda Muse-Deo

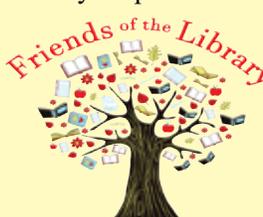
Winter has had quite an impact on us this year. It has been some time since we've had to deal with large amounts of snow, and the extreme cold has prevented the usual melting. So, the warmer weather of Spring will be most welcome.

We are fortunate to have the Library and its resources available to us, especially when the weather limits our activities. A quick look at the home page of the Library will lead you to a list of events for adults, teens and kids. The adult selections include yoga, qigong and meditation as well as book club and chess club meetings. The teens section has details about craft nights, journaling and writing college essays. Children can enjoy storytimes, scavenger hunts and crafts.

These, and many other activities, are funded by the Friends of the Library. Our group of dedicated volunteers holds weekly sales on Tuesdays and the first and third Saturdays of the month between 10 AM and 2 PM. To continue our sales, we are dependent on patrons' donations of used books in good condition (hard cover and trade paperback) and media of all kinds. We do not accept small paperbacks, Time Life books or encyclopedias. Your donations can be brought to the Library at any time that the Library is open.

In addition to the sales on the Library's lower level, we have a cart in the Circulation Department. It is stocked with CDs and DVDs and books of special interest for which you can pay at the Circulation desk. Books for children can be found on the second level in the Children's Department.

We hope you'll come in and take a look.



A Look Back at American History Through the Lens of Black Baseball

Lower Level Meeting Room
Friday, February 27th at 2:00 PM

The story of Black baseball is one of resilience, pride, and strength amidst the horrors of racial injustice and segregation. As a pillar of Black American culture, its influence reached far beyond the world of sports, and became the bedrock of a vibrant social, political, and economic ecosystem. Join us for this presentation to learn about the history of the Negro and Pre-Negro Leagues, some of the sport's most iconic players, and how Black baseball set the stage for important civil rights legislation of the 1940s, '50s, and '60s.

Presenter David J. Shuffler is an avid baseball fan and amateur historian of the Negro and Pre-Negro Leagues. He is the curator of four anthologies on the history of Black baseball, and has presented regularly on the topic, including at the Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

The program is presented by the Friends of the Library and is open to the public.

David Shuffler
enjoying his
favorite sport!



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New Employees by Mary Lynn Becza

Lots of new faces at MMT in 2026! The Library feels lucky to have hired so many wonderful new people. We are also welcoming Library Assistant **Justina Addice** into the Children's Department. Justina, previously our Bookmobile Driver, has decided to transition into a new position and new challenges, but she will continue to help us out on the Bookmobile occasionally. Say hello to our latest staff members when you see them, we are sure you will like them as much as we do! Stay tuned to this column next quarter as we will continue to welcome additional new MMT staff members.



Rachel Reinhart is a new Readers Advisor. She has a Bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and just started working on her Master's degree of Library and Information Sciences. In her spare time, she is an active volunteer with the Arthritis Foundation, enjoys spending time outdoors with her family, and not surprisingly-reading books!



Sobia Khan, also a new Readers Advisor, has a Master's degree in Zoology and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Botany, and Zoology, and recently completed the Certified Administrative Professional with Microsoft Office Specialist program. She has worked as an event planner and office manager and is an active volunteer in her home community of Morristown, serving as a poll worker and school library volunteer. She is also fluent in Urdu, and Hindi.



Jess Hogan, our new Bookmobile Driver/Outreach Coordinator, has a Bachelor's Degree from University of Pittsburgh. She previously worked in book publishing and in school libraries but never in a bookmobile! When not driving our books around Morristown, she is probably driving her three kids around South Orange in a minivan.



Shayna Marchese, our new Assistant Archivist in the CFNJ History & Genealogy Center, attended the School of Visual Arts and Queens College. She has had a variety of jobs, including print designer, digital librarian, archivist, collections photographer, and exhibition designer. We are happy to be taking advantage of her skills! When she is not working she enjoys birding, gardening, and spending time with her cats.



James Onorevole, our new part-time Reference Librarian, is also Assistant Business Administrator of Hanover Township. James cares about libraries and governments connecting people with needed resources. He earned his M.S. in Library Science and Master of Public Administration from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Outside of work, he enjoys podcasts, baseball, and searching for a book as good as *The Phantom Tollbooth*.



The Children's Department by Abigail Hsu

Graphic novels for children and teens are incredibly popular among young readers in our community, and for good reason! They are a natural evolution from picture books, pairing more sophisticated stories and visuals in novel-length form to allow readers to make connections between the images and text. Graphic novels have broad appeal across reading and age levels, which means children can begin enjoying this genre in elementary school and continue to enjoy them as they mature into middle school, high school and beyond. They are some of the most popular books in our collection!

Reader interest plays a big role in what books we purchase for the Library. But until someone invents never-ending bookshelves, it will be difficult to purchase graphic novels at a volume that matches our patrons' enthusiasm! Fortunately, we can turn to digital platforms like Comics Plus to supplement the library's physical collection! Comics Plus offers thousands of digital comics, graphic novels and manga to readers through Library subscriptions. Using your MMT Library card, you can access titles using a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and they can be downloaded to multiple devices. Unlike Libby, there is never a wait to read with Comics Plus — all titles are unlimited access simultaneous use. Look for this icon on the Kids' and Teen homepages of MMTLibrary.org and begin exploring!



Teen Craft Night

by YA Librarian Nancy Ort



To bring a little of Spring's promise of renewal to the Teen Craft Night program, crafters will be making a Dandelion Wish Jar this year! This project invites teens to slow down, get creative, and capture a moment of this season's magic. The finished jars feature delicate dandelions tucked under glass — part keepsake, part reminder that wishes and new beginnings are always possible.

In making this craft, teens will learn how to preserve a dandelion puff and display it. To start, one has to pick dandelions that have bloomed yellow and then closed up with a bit of fluff showing — these will open beautifully once set up. We will use upside down jars called cloches, a small stone, and silver beading wire. Glue will hold everything in place and create a seal. Timing this craft is very important as peak bloom in New Jersey for dandelions is the third week of April, and it takes 9-15 days for the yellow bloom to become a white fluff, but timing everything will be worth it. Because of this, we don't have an exact date for the program, so pay attention to our flyers and website!



As we watch the dandelions slowly open inside the jar, the craft becomes a quiet reminder that patience and care, and maybe even a little hope can turn even the smallest wish into something beautiful and lasting. Visit mmtlibrary.org/teens/ for a list of all of our upcoming programs, including the March and May Teen Craft Nights. We have a lot happening at MMT!

ON THE SHELF



NONFICTION by Jessie Best

The Best Dog in the World

Edited by Alice Hoffman

Fifteen beloved authors join to celebrate the life-changing bond of canine companions in a heartwarming collection of essays edited by bestselling author Alice Hoffman. In this charming collection of essays, celebrated authors share unforgettable tales of the dogs who left their paw prints on their hearts.

Always Carry Salt by Samantha Ellis

Samantha is the daughter of Iraqi Jewish refugees who grew up surrounded by the noisy, vivid, hot sounds of Judeo-Arabic, a language that's now on the verge of extinction. This is a moving memoir about the words that shape us and what we carry forward into future generations.

Everybody Loses by Danny Funt

Pulling back the curtain on the alluring yet perilous world of American sports gambling, this timely book looks at the predatory tactics of the industry and includes the stunning admissions from those involved in the betting boom and the consequences for athletes and fans alike.

Small Town Girls by Jayne Anne Phillips

Oprah's #1 Most Anticipated Book of 2026! Jayne Anne Phillips grew up in a small town in the distinctly American landscape of Appalachia. In this memoir she recreates the place she calls home and traces her journey across the country in search of love, work and belonging. This is a love letter to the place and the people who have shaped her life, perceptions and writing.

This Vast Enterprise by Craig Fehrman

Fehrman, a historian and journalist, revisits the history of Lewis and Clark, offering a fresh and more accurate account of one of the most important episodes in American history using newly discovered documents, stunning analysis, and different perspectives. This book is a testament to the power of innovative research and emotional storytelling, and a thrilling reminder that even the most familiar moments in history can still surprise us.

FICTION by Jessie Best

Dandelion is Dead by Rosie Storey

When Poppy discovers unanswered messages from a charming stranger in her late sister's dating app, she makes an impulsive choice to meet him on what would have been Dandelion's fortieth birthday. Jake, excited to find something real, immediately hits it off with this intriguing woman who call herself Dandelion. This is a modern love story about the courage it takes to live again after loss and finding hope in unexpected places.

The Last of Earth by Deepa Anappara

Set in nineteenth-century Tibet, *The Last of Earth* follows an Indian schoolteacher sent to spy for the British Empire and an English lady disguising herself in pursuit of being the first European woman to reach Lhasa. On their journey they face storms, bandits, and disease as they battle their doubts, grief, and pasts in order to survive the treacherous landscape.

Cool Machine by Colson Whitehead

With his usual pitch-perfect prose, bestselling author and two-time Pulitzer winner Whitehead paints a portrait of a city in transition, where shimmering skyscrapers rise to the heavens as displaced people huddle in abandoned tunnels below. *Cool Machine* roves all over NYC, from *Windows on the World* to the *Meadowlands*, to show that in New York and in the lives of Whitehead's vivid characters, it's what's below the surface that reveals the truth.

The Gallagher Place by Julie Doar

Marlowe has always loved her family's Hudson Valley estate. Each summer, she would spend her days exploring with her brothers and best friend. The peace of this sacred space is shattered one night when her best friend disappears without a trace. Twenty years later, Marlowe starts to unravel the tangled dynamics of this small town and the legacy of a summer house that holds both secrets and scars. Doar explore themes of family loyalty, class tensions, friendship and identity, keeping readers guessing until the dramatic end.

Libros nuevos en Español

edited from Penguin Libros

by Felix Vallovera

La posesión de Alba Díaz

de Isabel Cañas

En 1765, la peste arrasa Zacatecas. Alba huye con sus padres, comerciantes acaudalados, y su prometido, Carlos, a la apartada mina de la familia, buscando refugio. Pero la seguridad termina por ser pasajera cuando otros peligros muestran muy pronto los dientes. Alba presiente algo helado reptando bajo su piel. Algo enfurecido. Algo malo. Elías, perseguido por un pasado tormentoso, vino al Nuevo Mundo a hacer su fortuna y escapar un legado familiar de avaricia. Alba, como la prometida de su primo, no es asunto suyo. Por lo que, por supuesto, es imposible no darse cuenta de la creciente tensión entre ellos cada vez que Alba entra a una habitación... y por qué la ve deteriorarse cuando se intensifica la sed de sangre del demonio. En la lucha por la vida de Alba, Elías y ella se inmiscuyen en lo oculto, la Iglesia, secretos largo tiempo guardados y entre sí... sin saber que una de estas cosas definirá su perdición.

The Possession of Alba Díaz

In 1765, plague sweeps through Zacatecas. Alba flees with her wealthy merchant parents and fiancé, Carlos, to his family's isolated mine for refuge. But safety proves fleeting as other dangers soon bare their teeth: Alba begins suffering from strange hallucinations, sleepwalking, and violent convulsions. She senses something cold lurking beneath her skin. Something angry. Something wrong. Elías, haunted by a troubled past, came to the New World to make his fortune and escape his family's legacy of greed. Alba, as his cousin's betrothed, is none of his business. Which is of course why he can't help but notice the growing tension between them every time she enters the room...and why he notices her deteriorate when the demon's thirst for blood gets stronger. In the fight for her life, Alba and Elías become entangled with the occult, the Church, long-kept secrets, and each other... not knowing that one of these things will spell their doom. (*This title also available in an English translation*)

Special Books for Sale — A WIN WIN for YOU *and* your Library!

The Friends' Bookroom and our first- and third-Saturday sales continue to be a wonderful source of support for the Library. From time to time, we also receive "special" donated books — unique, collectible, or higher-value titles. These are typically sold through our successful online program, but in December we tried something new and offered a selection directly to you. The response was terrific. Because of that enthusiasm, we will now be offering these special books on a regular basis. Below are the titles available this quarter. If one catches your eye, please contact FRIENDS@MMT.MAINLIB.ORG. These books will also be available at our weekly sales while supplies last.

Thank you for your continued support — and please keep those book donations coming. Enjoy your reading!

AUTHOR	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Turpin, John K. & Thomson W. Barry	The Somerset Hills, Volume I	New Jersey Country Houses. C: 2004, Mountain Colony Press. Color & b/w photos. 10-1/4" x 12-3/8", 248 pgs. Very Good Hard Cover, Very Good unclipped DJ.	\$25
Lindsley, James Elliott	A Certain Splendid House	C: 2000, The Washington Association of New Jersey, Morristown. Photos / Illustrations. 6-3/4" x 9-3/4", 188 pgs. Very Good Hard Cover with unclipped DJ. No price on DJ flap. The first 125 yrs of the Washington Assoc. of New Jersey 1875-1999	\$12
Beard, James	Beard on Pasta, Author Inscribed	C: 1983, 2nd Printing, Borzoi Book published by Alfred A Knopf. Illustrated by Karl W. Stuecklen. 5-7/8" x 8-1/4", 236 pages. Very Good Hard Cover with Very Good unclipped DJ. Inscribed by author on half-title page.	\$30
Pain, Nesta	Grassblade Jungle	The story of the strange, violent world of insects, by the author of Lesser Worlds. C: 1959, Coward-McCann. B/W illustrations at beginning of each chapter. 5-3/4" x 8-1/4", 207 pages. Ex library, Good Hard Cover, Good unclipped DJ.	\$10
Coleman, Hila	Andy's Landmark House	C: 1969, Parents' Magazine Press. Illustrated: Fermin Rucker. 5-3/4" x 8-3/8", 121 pgs. Very Good Hard Cover, Very Good- unclipped DJ.	\$15
Ghurye, G.S.	Gods and Men	C: 1962, Popular Book Depot. 5-1/2" x 8-5/8", 300 pages. Good Hard Cover, Good unclipped DJ.	\$12
Barrows, Samuel J.	A Baptist Meeting House	C: 1885, 1885 Edition, American Unitarian Association. 4-3/4" x 7", 221 pgs. Good Hard Cover, no DJ. Included is a newspaper article about the book and a handwritten note dated 12/24/1885 from the principal of a high school in Fitchburg, Mass on his letterhead, to someone thanking him for sending this book.	\$20
Smith, Homer W	Man and His Gods	C: 1962, Little, Brown & Co. 5-1/2" x 8-3/8", 501 pgs. Good Hard Cover, Fair DJ.	\$8
Woelfel, Norman	Molders of the American Mind	C: 1933, 1933 Edition, Columbia Univ Press, 5-3/4" x 8-1/4", 304 pgs. Very Good Hard Cover, Good unclipped DJ	\$15
Braithwaite, William Stanley (Selected & Edited by)	The Book of Elizabethan Verse	Introduction by Thomas Wentworth Higginson. C: 1906, 1906 Edition, Herbert B. Turner & Co. 4-3/8" x 6-5/8", 785 pgs. which includes Notes, Index of Authors, Index of First Lines. Dark blue Hard Cover with gilt title and border on cover and title and decoration on spine; gilt on all edges. Good Hard Cover, no DJ. Spine shows at full-title page but book is tight.	\$20

Special Books for Sale *(continued from page 4)*

AUTHOR	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Cranmer-Byng, L.	The Vision Of Asia	An interpretation of Chinese Art and Culture. C: 1933, Farrar & Rinehart. 5-3/4" x 8-3/8", 306 pgs. Very Good Hardcover, Good clipped DJ. Very light age tone to pages.	\$15
Jacob, Suzanne Fellman	The History Of Joanna Furnace 1791-1999 Limited Edition Signed	The history of a Berks County, PA, Charcoal Iron Furnace. C: 1999, Limited Edition, First Edition, Hay Creek Valley Historical Association, Printed by: Masthof Press. Illustrations/photos. 6-1/4" x 9-1/2", 360 pgs. Very Good Hard Cover, Very Good unclipped DJ. Inscribed by author on title page.	\$20
Elliott, Huger	Memorial Art	C: 1923, 1923 Second Edition, Granite Marble & Bronze. Photos & illustrations. 8-1/4" x 11", 172 pgs. Ex library. Good Hard Cover, no DJ.	\$25
Tusa, Tricia	Chicken Author inscribed	C: 1982, 1986, First U.S. Printing, Collier Macmillan Publishers. 9-1/4" x 7-1/4", unpagged. Very Good Hard Cover, Very Good clipped DJ. Pages are wavy at the top but, no watermark. Inscribed by author on front end page.	\$10
Tusa, Tricia	Sherman And Pearl Author inscribed	C: 1989, First U.S. Printing, Macmillan Publishers. 9-3/8" x 7-1/4", unpagged. Very Good Hard Cover, Very Good unclipped DJ. Inscribed by author.	\$15
Hoskins, Barbara	Morris Township, New Jersey Author Signed	A glimpse into the past. C: 1976, 1976 Edition, American Revolution Bicentennial Committee. 6-1/4" x 9-1/2", 138 pgs. Ex library. Very Good Hard Cover, no DJ. Signed by author.	\$15
Simon, Richard C.	The Green, A history of the Morristown, NJ Green	C: 2004, 2004 Edition, The Trustees of the Morristown Green, Inc. Photos/illustrations. 7-3/4" x 10-3/4", 135 pgs. Very Good Hard Cover, Very Good unclipped DJ.	\$15
Gilman, Stephen	The Spain of Fernando de Rojas	The intellectual and social landscape of La Celestina. C: 1972. Princeton University Press. 6-1/4" x 9-3/8", 559 pgs. Very Good Hard Cover, Very Good unclipped DJ.	\$18
Walters, Raymond	Stephen Foster Youth's Golden Gleam (1846-1850)	C: 1936, 1936 Edition, Princeton University Press. Illustrations. 5-1/4" x 8-1/4", 160 pgs. Very Good – Hard Cover, no DJ.	\$12
Gendron, Val	Behind the Zuni Masks	C: 1958, First Edition, Longmans, Green and Co. Decorations by Allan Thomas from sketches by the Author. 5-3/4" x 8-1/4", 214 pgs. Very Good Hard Cover, Very Good- unclipped DJ. When Charlie Nickerson, Boy Scout and confirmed Yankee from Cape Cod, came to La Junta, Colorado, where his family was to live, he believed he was leaving behind him everything that made life interesting and exciting.	\$20
Lewis, C.S.	The Screwtape Letters	Presentation of the old problem of the continuous battle for the soul of man between forces of good and evil. 1944 Printing, Macmillan. 5-3/4" x 8-1/3", 160 pgs. Very Good Hart Cover, Fair clipped DJ but price shows.	\$10

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at **mmtlibrary.org**.

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"SPECIAL" Books for sale by the Friends of the Library! (Continued from page 5)

For information on how to purchase one of these books, see page 4. Help support your Library!

AUTHOR	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Warshaw, Robert Irving	Jay Gould, the Story Of a Fortune	This book chronicles Gould's rise from humble beginnings to becoming a financial titan who wielded extraordinary power over the railroad industry and Wall Street. C: 1928, 1929 – 3rd Printing, Greenberg. 6-1.4" x 9-1/4", 200 pgs. Good-Hard Cover, no DJ.	\$10
Hoard, F.E. and Marlow, A.W,	The Cabinetmaker's Treasury	Practical guide to the reproduction of fine period furniture for a home-workshop enthusiast or the expert craftsman and antique lover. C: 1952, 1st Printing, Macmillan. Illustrated. 7-5/8" x 10-1/4, 267 pgs. Very Good Hard Cover, no DJ.	\$15
Guernsey, Clara F.	Alice Fenton; Or Alone In The World	1871, American Sunday-School Union. Couple B/W illustrations. 4-1/2" x 6-3/4", 235 pgs. Good Hard Cover, no DJ	\$15
Naden, Borinne J.	The Colony Of New Jersey	Traces history of the 9th colony to be founded in America from the arrival of its first settlers to its ratification of the Constitution in 1787. C: 1974, 1st Printing, Franklin Watts. Illustrated. 7-1/2" x 8-3/4", 80 pgs. Good ex library Hard Cover. No DJ.	\$5
Cunningham, John T.	New Jersey, America's Main Road	C: 1966, 1st Edition, Doubleday. Many illustrations. 6-5/8" x 9-1/2", 313 pgs. Very Good- Hard Cover, Fair unclipped DJ.	\$5
Frye, Marian McCauley, compiler	The Tingley Family Revised – Volume I	Being a record of the descendants of Samuel Tingley of Malden, Mass in both the male and female lines. C: 1970, 1st Edition, Edwards Brothers, Inc. Vol 1 of 10 vols. 6-1/4" x 9-1/4", 611 pgs.	\$20