
LIBRARY NEWS

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*Preserving the Past—
Building for the Future*



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LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES

Fundraising for the New Building Project

The “large donor” fundraising committee of your library board of trustees has been quite busy over the last year or so and the workload is blossoming. Recently special letters were sent out to area businesses and larger regional businesses that employ a number of local people asking for a \$1,000 (or larger) pledge that could be paid over a three year period. Results are not yet in, but we are hopeful!

Everyone will soon be able to see with their own eyes that donated funds have come in from very generous people and organizations. With the Phase I building shell project soon to break ground at a cost of approximately \$700,000, everyone will realize just how generous donors have been.

Of course, some of the money already pledged will not actually flow into the library’s Building Fund Account until later. The library’s fundraising committee is asking those of you who have made a pledge to consider sending it along—we will spend it wisely!

For anyone who might think breaking ground April 5 on our new building project means fundraising is over, nothing could be farther from the truth. Fundraising is not quite complete for the \$700,000 estimated Phase 1 cost and trustees would love to have the dollars in hand to simply continue the work on the building. Steps beyond Phase 1 might include the wiring, plumbing, and sprinkler system. Trustees are certainly hoping that when everyone sees a new library addition is actually under way, new donors will step up to the plate and hit a ball into the outfield for the library home team!

If you think the outlook is a little bit better for your family and your business or investments, consider a gift to your local library, which hopes to serve more and more local people, better and better in the future.

Come on in and meet our new Children’s Librarian, ask any of the trustees about the building plans, and please, please, if you haven’t had a library card in many years we want to give you one.



Wine and Cheese Event

With trustee John Meyer graciously serving as “wine tender,” guests arrived at the library on February 6 to meet architect Paul Trudell, contractor Mike Isabell, and site manager Sonny Demars. Plans for the library addition and renovation were displayed and questions were answered by the trio. Trustees and librarian Mary West were also on hand to discuss this long-anticipated and much-needed project. Cheese and crackers, cookies, and fruit were served. Thanks goes to the Friends of the Morristown Library group who provided the cookies and fruit. Mt. Mansfield Creamery of Morrisville kindly donated some of their locally produced cheese for guests’ enjoyment. This event was the kick-off

announcement for the upcoming library construction Phase I groundbreaking. Information on the renovations and addition are available at the library.

**THE MORRISTOWN
CENTENNIAL LIBRARY**

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Hours:
Sunday Closed
Monday Closed
Tuesday 10:00 am to 7:30 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am to 7:30 pm
Thursday 10:00 to 5:30 pm
Friday 10:00 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

When the library is closed,
returns may be made to the box
located outside the front door.

*The Morristown Centennial Library
building was constructed in 1915 and
is one of four Carnegie Libraries in
the state. The library is funded by a
town appropriation and income from
its endowment. Gifts to the
endowment are always welcome.*

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MORE LIBRARY NEWS

Library Welcomes New Youth Services Librarian

My name is Rachel Funk, and I recently began my position as the Youth Services Librarian here at the library. I am happy to be part of the library and am excited about continuing and creating fun and creative programs for youth. I've enjoyed meeting many of you, and look forward to meeting many more of you in the future!

In addition to working as the Youth Services Librarian, I am the Library Media Specialist at Wolcott Elementary School. I teach students about literature, how to use the library, and other library media skills. I very much enjoy my work there!

Prior to moving to Vermont last August, I worked as School Librarian at Russell Elementary School and Children's Librarian at Byron G. Merrill Library, both in Rumney, NJ. In 2009, I completed my certification as a Library Media Specialist at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, NH. I also have a background in creative writing and music, and always incorporate music into story times and programs for children.

I hope to create a welcoming atmosphere for youth and families at the library, to encourage library involvement, and to promote literacy and learning for all young people. I am excited that the library building is expanding, and I look forward to helping the Youth Services program expand and develop as well. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask! On days that I'm not at the library, you can contact me at youthservices@centenniallibrary.org. You may also want to check out our new Kids' Page on the library's website for information about new books, story times, upcoming events, and more.

You're Invited . . .

The Board of Trustees of Morristown Centennial Library cordially invites you to the groundbreaking of Phase I of the library's addition. We are excited about this essential space improvement and hope you will attend. The project will provide jobs for local area people. Join us on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments to follow.

"Check Out" the March Story Times with Rachel Funk

Preschool story times are Thursdays at 10:30. March 4 "Up in the Sky" — Go on a balloon adventure at story time this week! March 11 "Moose on the Loose" — Join us for a fun story time about moose! March 18 "Everything Green" — This story time is dedicated to the color green in honor of St. Patrick's Day and the coming of spring! March 25 "You Are My Sunshine" — Everyone loves the sun! Come celebrate the sun with stories, songs, and a craft activity.

Saturday morning story times are every Saturday at 11:00 and are open to children of all ages. March 13 "St. Patrick's Day" — Stories, songs, and a craft about this fun holiday! March 27 "Popcorn Party" — Pop on over to the library for a popcorn story time!



SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 10 — Gallon Jug Propagation of House Plants with Dr. Phil Chiaravalle, 6:30 p.m.

March 17 — Preserving Personal Family History with Amanda Kuhnert, 6:30 p.m.

March 24 — Informal book discussion/film group featuring 3 historical mysteries and 2 films based on historical mysteries. Five weekly sessions (3/24, 3/31, 4/7/4/14/4/21) at 6:30 p.m.

April is Poetry Month — The library will repeat "Poems in a Pocket."

Come into the library and select your favorite short poem from our basket of favorites!

Bridge Lessons — Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

For more information about these programs please call the library at 888-3853.

Mission Statement

The Morristown Centennial Library's mission is to further our community's commitment to literacy and broad public access to information, sharing the advantages and joys of reading and lifelong learning with as many members of our community as possible.

To achieve its mission the library is dedicated to providing a comfortable and welcoming environment, offering high quality services and programs that are responsive to our community's wants and needs, and honoring patrons' rights to privacy, confidentiality and intellectual freedom.