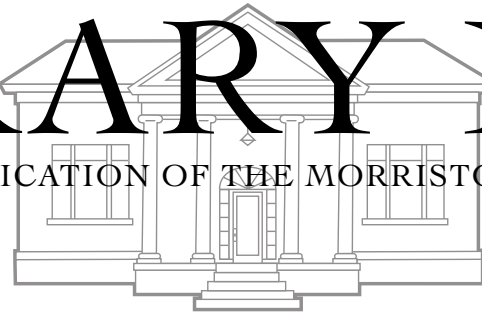

LIBRARY NEWS

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*Preserving the Past—
Building for the Future*



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REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

by Sue Sargent

Morristown Centennial Library is very much a community library. Founded in 1891 by a group of Morristown citizens, the original association was formed “for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Public Library and Lecture Course.” Since its beginning, your library has always been available free to all citizens of Morristown and surrounding towns as well.

The library’s affairs are administered by a board of trustees selected from among the citizens of Morristown and occasionally from a surrounding town. Your current board has ten members and all are committed to carrying out their board duties to the best of their abilities on your behalf. A wide variety of skills and interests are represented on your current board. For example, we have a retired teacher and several people associated with education, a businessman, a technologist, a lawyer, a newspaper editor and a librarian assistant.

The board has been extremely busy on your behalf. I’m sure most of you are aware that we have been developing plans for an addition to the current building as well as carrying out much-needed renovations. We are also developing a capital campaign plan to provide the funds necessary to do this work. We have been reviewing the governance structure of the organization, including ensuring that our mission and vision are congruent with your wishes and needs. Recently we have been working to reactivate the Friends of the Library group and are excited about the possibilities that support can provide to our efforts.

Remember, this is your library and your board of trustees, so please feel free to contact any one of us if you have suggestions or questions or concerns about what’s going on at the library. We would love to hear from you and welcome any inputs that you want to provide to help us do the best possible job for you. Thanks for your continuing support.

LISTEN UP! VERMONT SERVICE AVAILABLE TO PATRONS

by Kathleen O’Neill

Morristown Centennial Library is pleased to announce that it is now able to offer patrons the ability to download audiobooks via the internet! The service to which we have subscribed, Listen Up! Vermont, offers titles for children, teens and adults in several genres: general fiction, historical fiction, literature, mystery/thriller, science fiction/fantasy, general non-fiction, biography/autobiography, history, and foreign language instruction.

This subscription to Listen Up! Vermont enables the Morristown Centennial Library to effectively expand its collection of audiobooks, which are some of the Library’s most popular items, without requiring additional shelf space. Audiobooks are an excellent way for commuters to make their drive time more interesting or for parents to entertain children on long trips. It is also great to have an audiobook when waiting for appointments or doing boring tasks around the house. Time passes much more quickly when you’re listening to an audiobook.

You do not even have to own an MP3 player to benefit from this service! Once patrons have downloaded an audiobook, they can listen to it on their home computer or transfer it to an MP3 player. Some titles also can be burned onto a CD. In addition, the Library has purchased one MP3 player for patron use and will be buying more in the near future. (iPods and Apple computers will not play audiobooks in the format currently available, but we understand that starting this summer publishers will begin using a format that both iPods and other MP3 players can play.)

The easiest way to learn about using Listen Up! Vermont may be to drop by the Library when Assistant Librarian/Technical Whiz Mary Lemieux is on duty; she’ll be happy to walk you through the steps. You can borrow an MP3 player from us, Mary can help you put audiobooks on your own MP3 player in the Library, or she can teach you how to do it at home on your own computer (she’ll give you a handout to take with you).

If you want to try on your own, call or stop by the library to get your card number for use with Listen UP! Vermont. Then go to HYPERLINK “<http://www.listenupvermont.org>.” Click on “sign in,” then select Morristown Centennial Library from the list of libraries. Once you have signed in, go to the lower left hand corner of the web page to download and install “Overdrive Media Console v2.1.” Then have fun browsing! When you find one that looks interesting, if it says “add to basket” it is available immediately. Click “add to basket,” then “proceed to checkout,” “confirm check out,” and “download.” Then go to the Overdrive Media Console to access the file. If the book you want says “join waiting list,” you can click that to put your name on an automated list. You will receive an e-mail when the title becomes available for download. More information on using Listen Up! Vermont is available on the Listen Up! Vermont website.

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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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WHAT'S UP FOR SUMMER 2008

Biographies and Memoirs Book Discussion Group begins June 5 at 7:00 p.m. The titles may be borrowed from the library.

Children's Summer Reading Program

"Catch the Reading Bug" begins Tuesday, June 24 for grades 3 through 5, and Friday, June 27 for grades K through 2. Each session will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. During the summer, the library will be offering special events for children also. Please stop in at library for a copy of the full schedule.

The annual 4th of July Book Sale on the front lawn of the library will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Events to be Announced:

- Senior citizen bus trip
- Morristown Historical Society events
- Savvy Seniors presentation at Out and About

Please feel free to contact the library for more information about these events.

LIBRARY NOTES

ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY BOOK SALE

Morristown Centennial Library will hold its annual book sale as usual on July 4th. Although the parade doesn't begin until 1:00 p.m., the book sale will begin at its usual time of 9:00 a.m. There are books galore! Library trustee Molly Pease has spent many hours sorting books by category, which will make browsing much easier. We are trying to spread out more by using some space at the library's mobile home storage area so that it is less congested on the lawn in front of the library. Also available for purchase will be library note cards and tote bags, whose proceeds will go directly to the library's building fund. We hope to see you there!

**WHAT ARE YOUR LIBRARY TRUSTEES
READING THIS SUMMER?**

- **Ruth Brown** — *The Prodigal Summer*, by Barbara Kingsolver
- **Scott Corse** — *Lights Out: The Electric Crisis, the Global Economy, and What It Means to You*, by Jason Makansi
- **Ellen Koier** — *Divisadero*, by Michael Ondaatje
- **J.B. McKinley** — *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks
- **John Meyer** — *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, by J.K. Rowling and *The World is Flat*, by Thomas Friedman
- **Kathleen O'Neill** — *Snow*, by Orhan Pamuk
- **Molly Pease** — *Half of a Yellow Sun*, by Chimamande Ngozi Adichie
- **Sue Sargent** — *Marco Polo*, by Laurence Bergreen
- **Pat Stevens** — *Woman in Red*, by Eileen Goudge
- **Lisa Vinick** — *Change of Heart*, by Jodi Picoult and *The Dream-Maker's Magic*, by Sharon Shinn