

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

It has been over 20 years since I first walked through the doors of Moffat Library and what changes I have seen! From the smaller hometown library that shared its space with the Town Rec Department in 2001 to the 2011 move to the temporary location in Campbell Hall after the flood to the building renovation and restoration in 2017 to the celebration of Moffat Library's 135th year of operation in 2022, I have personally seen a library and a community transformed.



When I became a reference librarian in the late 90s, my love of books expanded to include reference titles. The importance of finding verified and factual information became paramount. It was and remains my guiding light.

Parallel to this, the internet blossomed during the 2000s and it has broadened our information horizons more than I could ever have conceived. Online resources have drastically changed the way we access information. However, with all the information flowing "out there," it became more and more difficult to find accurate information.

My schooling in print formats clearly demonstrated that the physical record is equally or even more important and valuable than online resources because print preserves a physical record of what occurred and when; and, barring a natural catastrophe, print persists and is accessible across time.

In the past year, I've seen our own local newspaper cease publication; newspaper and magazine articles are increasingly available only in digital formats because it is simply the cheaper way to go. But what happens when that article disappears from the website to make way for newer content? If we haven't printed out

the article, it is gone forever. We all have this embedded idea that "the information" will always be there. But that has been proven wrong time and time again. Information posted today is gone tomorrow. How do we preserve this information, our history, for researchers, genealogists and for future generations? How do we verify an account of what occurred? How do we go back in history to see what happened when there is nothing to go back to?

These are the thoughts that, as a librarian, concern me most. As historian and writer, David McCullough, noted in his book, *Brave Companions: Portraits In History*, "how can we know who we are and where we are going if we don't know anything about where we have come from and what we have been through, the courage shown, the costs paid, to be where we are?"



In looking towards the future at Moffat, my hope is that we can find a way to address these challenges and - along with that - preserve our shared history for our children, for our community and for the generations that follow.

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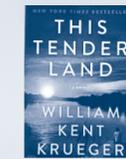
Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2 pm (in-person)

Moderated by Louise Pedrick

January 18th - *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure

February 15th - *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

March 15th - *The Library of Lost & Found* by Phaedra Patrick



GREAT BEGINNINGS BOOK CLUB

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:30 - 9:00 pm

(In-person & via Zoom)

Moderated by John Donaldson

January 10th - *Good Omens* by Neil Gaiman & Terry Pratchett

February 14th - *The Cider House Rules* by John Irving

March 14th - *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

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Friends of Moffat Library proudly present their Annual Meet the Authors' Luncheon with Addison Armstrong & Julia Dahl

Sunday, March 26th, 2023

12 noon - 4 pm @ F.E.A.S.T. at Round Hill, Washingtonville, NY

Enjoy a gourmet lunch with authors Addison Armstrong & Julia Dahl, who will talk about their work and the art of writing!

Addison Armstrong is the author of 2 books of historical fiction. Her first novel, *The Light Of Luna Park*, sheds a window into the life of a 1920s-era nurse who tries to find help for struggling premature babies via an incubator exhibit at Luna Park, Coney Island. Her follow-up, *The War Librarian*, is about the sacrifice and courage necessary to live a life of honor, inspired by the first female volunteer librarians during WWI and the first women accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy.



Julia Dahl has been a freelance reporter for the *NY Post*, the deputy managing editor of *The Crime Report*, and a crime and justice reporter for CBSNews.com. Her feature articles have appeared in *The Guardian*, the *Columbia Journalism Review*, *Business Insider*, & the *Boston Globe Sunday Magazine*, among others. She has written 4 novels. Her first 3, *Invisible City*, *Run You Down* & *Conviction*, are a series about a NYC tabloid reporter investigating

the murder of an Hasidic woman from Borough Park. Her 4th novel, *The Missing Hours*, is a story about obsession, privilege, and the consequences of a single violent act.

This is sure to be an enlightening and interesting afternoon! Books will be available for sale & signing at the event. Tickets are \$40 per person and will be available at the Moffat Library starting in mid-February.

Washingtonville Writers' Circle

Last Saturday of every other month from 11 am - 12:30 pm (in-person)

Upcoming meetings on January 28th & March 25th

The Washingtonville Writers' Circle offers budding writers the chance to share their writing endeavors with others in a productive and encouraging environment.

Come share, listen, and discuss the written word. All are welcome!

In the event of snow closures, the program will take place on the subsequent Saturday.

~ SEEKING WASHINGTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS ~

For Our Archives Collection

Did you know our Local History Collection has a select collection of Washingtonville High School Yearbooks dating back to 1936?

We are currently trying to fill holes in our collection and we need your help!

We are looking for donations of Washingtonville High School yearbooks for the following years:
prior to 1936; 1937-1944; 1953-1954; 1959; 1961-1967; 1969-1979; 1981-1983; 1985; 1988; 1993; 1995-2007; 2009-2022.

If you have a yearbook from one of the years listed above that you wish to donate, please contact us at: (845) 496-5483 x 326, or e-mail us at: moffat@rcls.org to arrange a drop-off!

KIDS & READING

BOOKS & BABIES

For babies 6-23 months & their caregivers

Fridays @ 11 am (in-person)

February 10th & March 10th

Our youngest patrons and their grown-ups are welcome to join us on Fridays to explore early literacy with songs, stories, and playtime. *Space is limited. Please register.*

FAMILY STORYTIME

for ages 2+ with an adult

Fridays @ 11 am (in-person)

January 27th, February 24th & March 24th

We will sing, move around, and enjoy some stories. Let's meet some new friends! *Space is limited. Please register.*

READ DOGS with Paws for a Cause

for ages 2+ with an adult

Tuesdays @ 6 pm (in-person)

February 7th & March 7th

Build reading skills and confidence by reading to a calm and comforting dog from READ (Reading Assistance Dogs) through Hudson Valley Paws for a Cause Therapy dogs. Sessions are by appointment only. *Space is limited. Please register.*

Homework BUDDIES for grades K-5

Thursdays from 4 - 5 pm

January 19th February 23rd & March 23rd

The members of our Teen Advisory Board are offering after-school homework help for elementary students! We'll pair your child up with a teen helper so they can get a little extra help with homework while having fun at the library! *Space is limited. Please register.*

FREE PLAY

for babies 0-21 mos. and their caregivers

Fridays @ 11 am (in-person)

January 20th, February 17th & March 17th

Get ready for blocks, toys and new friends with our free play hour for babies under 2 & under.

Space is limited. Please register.



LEGO CLUB for grades K-5

Thursdays @ 5 pm (in-person)

January 19th, February 16th & March 16th

Come by the Moffat Library for an hour of Lego free play for elementary school aged children. We provide the Legos and you'll provide the creativity! *Space is limited. Please register.*

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS for kids ages 7-11

Saturdays @ 12 - 2 pm (in-person)

January 28th & February 4th

Over two Saturdays, young adventurers will learn the basics of Dungeons & Dragons, RPG games and dive into character! *Space is limited. Please register.*

Sponsored by the Friends of the Moffat Library

JOIN THE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD!

Help us make the library a better place for teens! Join our Teen Advisory Board (TAB), and have a say in the programs the library offers to teens.

TAB members are also offered a number of volunteer opportunities around the library. Meetings are held once a month during the school year and community service hours are offered for attendance. **Open to teens in grades 7 - 12.**

Email Maylynne Auerfeld at: mauerfeld@rcls.org or come by the library and fill out an application.

TEEN CLUBS

ANIME CLUB for teens grades 6-12

Mondays 5 - 6 pm (in-person)

January 23rd, February 13th & March 13th

Love Manga? Love Anime? Join us as we watch old favorites and discover new titles. We will eat Anime themed snacks and make paper crafts of our favorite characters.

Space is limited. Registration is required.

VIDEO GAME CLUB for teens grades 6-12

Tuesdays 5 - 6 pm (in-person)

January 31st, February 21st, March 7th & 21st

Join us as we play video games on a variety of consoles. We'll play games tournament style, so everybody gets to join in!

Space is limited. Registration is required.

CRAFTS

VISION BOARDS for teens grades 6 - 12

Saturday, January 28th from 3:00 - 4:30 pm (in-person)

January is the perfect time to think about what you want your future to look like. Join us as we make vision boards to do just that. A vision board combines words and pictures to help you visualize your dreams and goals.

Space is limited. Registration is required.

TULIP PENS CRAFT for teens grades 6 - 12

Sunday, February 12th from 2 - 3 pm (in-person)

Want to give someone special in your life a handmade Valentine gift? Join us as we make a bouquet of duct tape tulip pens in a vase filled with candy conversation hearts. All materials provided. *Space is limited. Registration is required.*

RANTS & RAVES

TEEN BOOK CLUB

(For Grades 8 - 12)

Meets 3rd Thursday of the month @ 6:30 pm (in-person)

January 19th, February 16th, March 16th & April 20th

Moderated by Taylor Casey

January 19th - *Crave* by Tracey Wolff

Books are chosen by teens at each previous meeting. *Stop by the circulation desk to pick up a copy!*

TEEN ZONE

for grades 5 - 12

Wednesdays 3 - 4 pm (in-person)

January 25th, February 15th, March 1st, 15th & 29th

Join us after school to hang out with friends, eat snacks, and do a low-key activity like paper airplane contests, button-making and board games.

This is a no pressure, drop-in program to decompress from the school day.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

ESCAPE ROOM

for all ages

Saturday, March 11th from 1 - 3 pm (in-person)

Do you think you have what it takes to escape the haunted library?

Work together in teams of 4 to solve clues and puzzles. You must hurry. You only have 15 minutes to escape or stay trapped forever.

Fun for families with school-aged children and older kids with their friends. Groups will take turns going through the escape room.

Light refreshments served as groups wait their turn.

Space is limited. Registration is required.

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BOOK WIZARDS

MIDDLE GRADE BOOK CLUB

(For Grades 5 - 8)

Meets 4th Thursday of the month @ 4:30 pm (in-person)

January 26th, February 23th, March 23rd & April 27th

Moderated by Taylor Casey

January 26th - *Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians* by Brandon Sanderson

Books are chosen by kids in attendance at the previous meeting. *Stop by the circulation desk to pick up a copy!*

FOR ADULTS

AN EVENING OF CLASSIC FILM

3rd Wednesday of each month from 6 - 8 pm (in-person)

In the event of snow closures the program is rescheduled for the following Wednesday. Refreshments served.

January 18th - *The Road to Singapore* (1940) with Bob Hope & Bing Crosby

February 15th - *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* (1967) with Sidney Poitier

March 15th - *Twelve Angry Men* (1957) with Henry Fonda

COMPUTER CLASSES

Fridays from 2 - 3 pm (in-person)

January 20th Digital Literacy

February 3rd Creating Accounts

February 17th Basic Cybersecurity

March 3rd The Internet & Wifi Networks

Saturdays from 1- 2 pm (in-person)

Feb. 11th Introduction to Microsoft Word

March 25th Introduction to Microsoft Excel

One-on-one appointments are available for personalized technology help. Please call (845) 469-5483, ext. 326.

OUR TIME OVER THERE: A VISUAL TOUR OF WWI BATTLEFIELDS

Tuesday February 7th @ 6:30 pm (via Zoom)

Independent historian, Aaron Lefkowitz, who was a member of the 2018 Orange County delegation to battlefields of the First World War will present on the trip as well as the next exciting endeavor related to bringing the past to life!

Register online today, or call us at: (845) 496-5483 ext. 325 for additional information.



ART & NATURE

COLORS IN NATURE

Wednesday, February 8th

6:30 - 7:30 pm (via Zoom)

Have you ever wondered why some birds are more colorful than others? Why is our planet green? How do living things produce and exhibit different colors? Learn the reasons that the natural world is in color!

NATIVE PLANTS & LANDSCAPES

Saturday, March 4th

11 am - 12 pm (in-person)

Join gardener Carolyn Summers to learn garden design using native plants. Discover their importance, showy substitutes, and sustainable design concepts.

MEDIEVAL FLOWERS & THEIR SYMBOLISM

Wednesday, April 5th

6:30 - 7:30 pm (in-person)

Join Laura Nichols and learn the fascinating art of florigraphy (the language of flowers)! We'll look at plants grown by medieval Europeans and how they communicated ideas with flowers.

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DIABETES & NUTRITION SEMINAR

Thursday, January 26th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

(in-person & via Zoom)

Join Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall diabetes educators and dieticians for a free seminar on Diabetes Nutrition for important information on risk factors for diabetes and simple steps to take in your own diet to help, prevent and treat diabetes. *Registration is required.*

A RETURN TO THE MOON: NASA'S ARTEMIS PROGRAM

Thursday, February 16th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

(in-person & via Zoom)

Join NASA Ambassador John Fontana to learn about NASA's plan to return astronauts to the moon and put humans on Mars! There is a new generation of cosmic explorers - the Artemis generation is just beginning! *Registration is required.*

CRAFTS

Shrink Art Keychains for ages 5 & up

Thursday, January 26th

4 pm (in-person)

Make a fun keychain creation with shrink art in person at the library! *Space is limited. Please register.*

Valentine's Day Picture Frame for ages 5 & up

Thursday, February 9th

4 pm (in-person)

Join us to decorate a wooden picture frame as a gift for Valentine's Day. *Space is limited. Please register.*

Button Pin Creation for ages 5 & up

Thursday, March 23rd

4 pm (in-person)

Create your own button featuring your very own artwork. *Space is limited. Please register.*

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