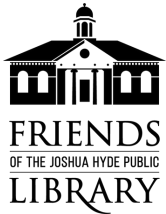
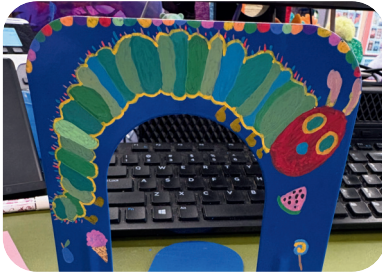


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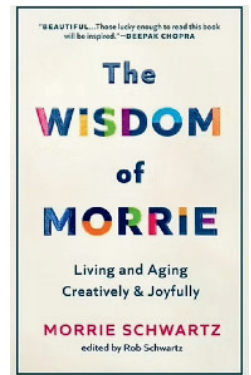
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Program Highlights

**Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library
Two Book Talk and Annual Meeting - *Come vote!*
Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30pm**

Come hear "Tuesdays with Morrie's" son, Rob Schwartz, and photographer/teacher Heather Pillar to learn more about Morrie's philosophies and what makes life worth living. They will be discussing the books "The Wisdom of Morrie" and "Memento Morrie". This event will be held at the town hall upstairs in Veteran's Memorial Hall and will be followed by the Friends of the JHPL Annual Meeting where voting for this year's slate of officers will take place.



Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library *Bag-of-Books Sale*

In conjunction with the first day of the Harvest Festival, come support the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library by shopping their Bag-of-Books sale.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 FROM 10:00AM TO 3:00PM

in the JHPL Meeting Room. Small bag - \$5; medium bag - \$10; and tote bags - \$15-\$20. Small and medium bags will be provided. For teachers with a school I.D., all bags are \$5.

Proceeds from the book sales provide 40% of the income the Friends use to support the library by providing funding for children, teen and adult programs including arts and crafts supplies, performers, reading groups, movies, museum passes and much more. They are also a huge contributor to our summer reading program.



AFTERNOON
BOOK GROUP

**Tuesday, October 14
at 1:00 pm**

This month's book is "The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post" by Allison Pataki

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS
BOOK GROUP

**Wednesday, October 15
at 6:30 pm**

This month's book is "The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters

WORLD BUILDING
BOOK GROUP

**Tuesday, October 28
at 6:30pm**

This month's book is "The Aeronaut's Windlass" by James Butcher

Library Quote of the Month

"The contents of a library can take you further than your own imagination could begin to imagine. To open a book is to open your mind."
- Amberle Cianne, author

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Wednesdays at 10:45am

Join Ms. Meredith for songs, rhymes, fingerplays and stories. For children 2 years and younger with an adult caregiver.



Drop-in Fall

STORY TIME

Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:45am

For children with an adult caregiver.

DROP IN TECH HELP

Wednesdays

5:00pm to 7:00pm

Bring your device and get your most basic smartphone, tablet or computer questions answered.



Thursday, October 16 STAFF TRAINING

**The Library will only be
OPEN from 1:00pm to
5:00pm
on this day.**



**Monday, October 13th
THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED
FOR INDIGINOUS PEOPLES' DAY**

Thursday, October 16th - 4:00pm to 4:45pm

LEGO CLUB

Come build with Legos. Suitable for children ages 5 to 12 with an adult caregiver. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

Thursday, October 16th - VIRTUAL - 6:30pm to 7:00pm

WOMEN'S FICTION BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS WITH KRISTAN HIGGINS

Love women's fiction but not sure what to read next? Join bestselling author, Kristan Higgins, quarterly for 30 minutes of pure book recommendations - the best of women's fiction out there! Registration is required.

Monday, October 20th - 3:30 to 4:30pm

FAMILY CRAFT TIME: SKULL BEAN ART

This program is intended for children ages 5-12 with an adult caregiver. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

Monday, October 20th - VIRTUAL - 7:00pm to 8:00pm

REVOLUTIONARY WHISKEY - HISTORY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We're excited to welcome Travis Ireland to discuss the best American whiskeys to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War! See the website for more information. Registration is required.

Tuesday, October 21 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

BOOK SIGNING: AUTHOR KWASI ACHEAMPONG

Author Kwasi Acheampong will discuss his new book, Across the Atlantic: A Boy's Journey from Ghana to America. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

Thursday, October 23 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

HAUNTS, HAINTS, AND HOLLERS: STORIES WITH RONA LEVENTHAL

Join the JHPL and expert storyteller Rona for an evening of c-r-e-e-p-y stories. In this show you will find all manner of haints, dead-folk, shape shifters, and mysterious players. Creepy! Eerie! Even humorous! These stories are perfect for kids ages 8-12 and their grown-ups. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

Friday, October 24 - 3:30pm to 4:30pm

CEMETERY SCAVENGER HUNT FOR FAMILIES

Join Miss Meredith for a family-friendly scavenger hunt through Sturbridge's historic Old Burial Ground. For ages 5+ with an adult caregiver. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

Tuesday, October 28 - VIRTUAL - 7:00pm to 8:00pm

"THE GIRL BANDITS OF THE WARSAW GHETTO" WITH HISTORIAN ELIZABETH R. HYMAN

Holocaust historian Elizabeth Hyman introduces five young, courageous Polish Jewish women who were central to the Jewish resistance as fighters, commanders, couriers, and smugglers. Registration is required.

Thursday, October 30 - 11:00am to 11:45am

SING AND SWING WITH DEB HUDGINS

Join Deb Hudgins for a musical story time where there will be a lot of movement and audience participation! Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

Thursday, October 30 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

TWEEN THURSDAYS: CREEPY EYEBALL WOOL FELTING

This event is designed for tweens ages 9 - 12. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

October 1st - October 31st

READ FOR TREATS

Stop by the Children's Room beginning October 1st and pick up a Halloween themed reading log. Record what you have read. Cut out your list and return it to the library to receive your prize. For kids ages 12 and under. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

Wednesday, October 1st - 6:30pm to 8:00pm

THE UNSUNG HERO BEHIND THE NEW DEAL: MISS FRANCES PERKINS

Learn about the often unpredictable personal and professional missteps, scandals, and hard-won triumphs that characterize Frances Perkins years in office and beyond. Join this historic portrayal performed by Janet Parnes. Registration is required. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Sturbridge Cultural Council.

Thursday, October 2nd - 5:30pm to 6:30pm

TWEEN THURSDAY: BOOK BEDAZZLING

Make your favorite book shine with bedazzled accents! This program is BYOB (bring your own book): we'll provide the bling and tools, you bring a book to decorate. This event is designed for tweens ages 9-12. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

Thursday, October 2nd - 6:45pm to 7:45pm

BOOK DISCUSSION - Stamped from the Beginning: A Graphic History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi, adapted and illustrated by Joel Christian Gill.

This book discussion will cover Parts 4-5 of the book. This discussion is intended for those aged 16 years and older.

Monday, October 6th - 3:30pm to 4:30pm

FAMILY CRAFT TIME: CREEPY PAPER GARLAND

Spooky season is upon us, and there's no better way to celebrate than with a family friendly craft! We'll be making Halloween-themed garlands to bring home and decorate with. This program is intended for children ages 5-12 and their caregivers. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

Tuesday, October 14th - VIRTUAL - 7:30pm to 8:00pm

THRILLER AND HORROR BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Not sure what to read next? Join Bookstagrammer Jody Blanchette aka @redreadreviews each month for 30 minutes of pure book recommendations - the best of horror and thrillers out there! Registration is required.

To register for programs go to strubridgelibrary.org.