



MPL NEWS

November 2022



In Remembrance
Joseph S. Matose IV
June 15, 1948 – October 27, 2022

Joe Matose, artist and poet, was a special friend to me. I met Joe around 2012 through the late Rosemary Day, another special friend and ceramic artist. Joe wanted to have an exhibit of his art at the library. After the exhibit closed, he generously donated numerous pieces of original art for public viewing and enjoyment. And enjoy his art, we do.

When you visit the library, Joe's art is on display in the lobby, the Hall Community Room, and along the perimeter of the adult fiction collection. We also have prints and notecards that Joe donated to be sold as a library fundraiser. Everyone admires his work. The Christmas cards sold out quickly and there continues to be interest in the framed prints and maritime themed cards.

What I remember most about Joe is that his heart was as big as his talent. He was generous, kind, and always good natured. Both his art and his poetry reflect his joyful, creative spirit. Joe often spoke to me of his appreciation of the library. We appreciated him just as much. Rest in peace, Joe.

Theresa Coish, Library Director
Middletown Public Library

From the Director's Laptop

Do you know what NaNoWriMo is? Here's a hint: it is an activity that begins on November 1st and continues to the last day of the month. Give up? NaNoWriMo stands for National Novel Writing Month which began in 1999 as a challenge to write 50,000 words of a novel during the thirty days of November. Believe it or not, it has been done.

Here at the MPL, we are supporting NaNoWriMo by launching an [adult writers' club](#). The club will meet monthly on the second Thursday at 5pm and will be facilitated by Josh Lykins. All are welcomed to sign up and give it a try. The club will be ongoing, beyond November, as we strive to support local authors by providing a nurturing environment that fosters literary creativity.

Speaking of literary creativity, in these monthly columns I have mentioned PBS programs that I have enjoyed. Airing this month is Masterpiece Mystery and one of the weekly programs is **Magpie Murders**. This six-part series is adapted from the bestseller by British author, Anthony Horowitz. The book received a lot of attention when it was published in 2017:

- New York Times bestseller
- Nominee for the Anthony Award and the Barry Award for Best Novel
- Winner of the Macavity Award for Best Novel
- #1 Indie Next Pick
- Best book of 2017: NPR, Amazon, Washington Post and Esquire

I enjoyed reading this book when it came out. Copies in various formats are available through the MPL and the e-zone although there is a wait list for the digital version. I checked and was pleased to see that readers with a Middletown library card have instant access to it on [Hoopla](#), one of our streaming services.

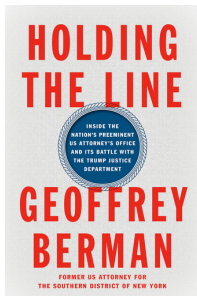
I also saw other titles by Anthony Horowitz on Hoopla. I'm already enjoying the next book in this series. Just a note about this author and why I like his work so much - he is the creator/writer of **Foyle's War**, a really well-done production, set in the England during World War II and the Cold War. It aired on PBS and ran for 9 seasons. I like it more than I liked Downton Abbey and that is saying a lot...

So, if you enjoy Agatha Christie, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, P.D. James and many other talented British mystery writers, try Anthony Horowitz. He is a great writer. And if you have literary aspirations, join the MPL Adult Writers Club. It may be exactly the jump start your literary career needs!

See you at the MPL.
Theresa

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She is currently reading, *Moonflower Murders*, by Anthony Horowitz.

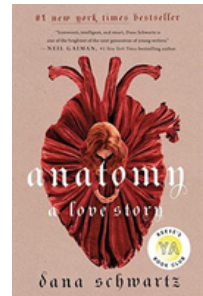
What's New at the Library



New Adult Books



New Children's Books



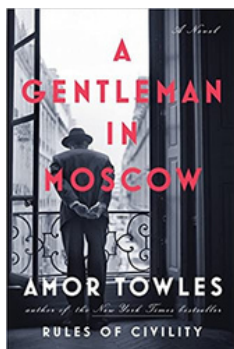
New Teen Books

MPL'S Adult Book Club

3:30pm in our
community meeting room

Monday,
November 14th

We'll be
discussing



*A Gentleman
in Moscow*



Get your
copies
today!

Luster



Monday,
December 12th

We'll be
discussing



We hope you can join us! Click [HERE](#) to register.

Youth Services Spotlight

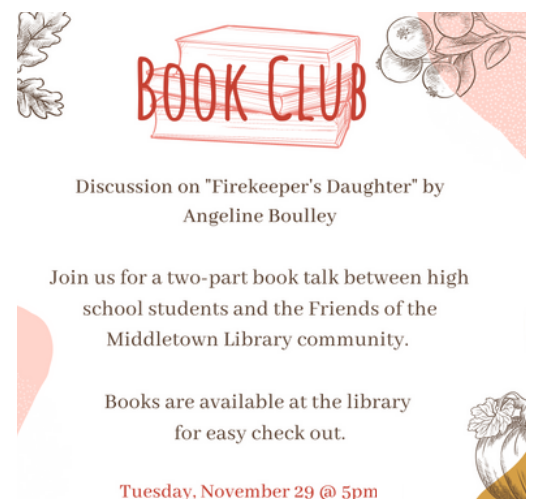
Children



Tweens



Teens



Check out our full
calendar of events [HERE](#)



We had over 80 patrons of all ages join us for our Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29th. Thank you to all and also to our wonderful teen volunteers for the good times in playing games, making crafts, and doing our storywalk with us!



This program was made possible with funding from our FRIENDS and the Middletown Rotary Club - WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Third Annual Middletown Holiday Card Art Contest 2022

The Town of Middletown is sponsoring its third annual Holiday Card Art Contest as a way of spreading seasonal cheer and promoting the beauty of Middletown in the community. The winning submission will be used to decorate our holiday card that we send out to employees, volunteers and officials who work to make Middletown a great place to live.



[FULL DETAILS](#)

MPL'S early closing and closings in November

Friday, 11/11
CLOSED
in observance of
Veterans Day



Wednesday, 11/23
EARLY CLOSING
at 5:00pm
in observance of
Thanksgiving

Thursday, 11/24
CLOSED
in observance of
Thanksgiving



Wednesday, 11/30
CLOSED
for
staff training
and development



MPL Adult Writers Club



**Thursday,
November 10th**

**5:00pm-6:00pm
in our community
meeting room**

*Short stories, essays,
poetry, novel outlines,
memoirs . . . ALL
writing styles and ALL
experience levels are
welcome to join us!*

Registration is required.



PATRON PICKS DISPLAY & RAFFLE

**With the popularity of our last Patron Pick display and raffle,
we've decided to do it again - this time with a mystery theme!**

Visit our display during the month of November and complete a Patron Pick form and recommend a favorite adult/young adult mystery book or audiobook. For every Patron Pick form you complete, you will have an entry in the drawing for a \$20 Becky's BBQ gift certificate. And, be sure to browse the Patron Picks on display and available for checkout. We hope you join in the fun!

PATRON PICKS = GREAT READS



Drawing will be on December 1st

The Friends Corner

On October 27th, the Middletown Library and our FRIENDS group lost one of our greatest supporters, artist Joseph S. Matose IV. Joe's paintings enhance the library's walls, and, over the years, he donated hundreds of notecards and prints of his drawings of local scenes to the FRIENDS which we sell to support library programs. The benefit from his contribution to the FRIENDS will continue to help the library for years to come. We extend condolences to his family and friends and want all to know that we will miss him, too.

Book Lovers & National Authors Days

Book Lovers Day is celebrated the first Saturday in November (this year on November 5) and National Authors Day is November 1. These celebrations honor the many authors who write the books that we book lovers love to read. The Friends Bookstore has the works of both well-known authors, past and present, and those less well known. Stop in and pick up a book to read from our collection.



Buy 2 packages of cards and receive a raffle ticket to win this beautifully framed Joseph Matose print!

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The bookstore will be selling cookbooks and history books **half price**, November 1-21.

The Friends of the Middletown Library is an organization that supports the programs of the Library. **To join the Friends**, pick up an application in the Library or the Bookstore or email FriendsofMiddletownRILibrary@gmail.com. **For those who are members**, November is the month to renew your membership, so please do when you receive a reminder letter.

Connect with us!



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Library Hours:
Monday - Thursday 10 am - 7 pm
Friday - 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday - 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday* - 12 pm - 5 pm
*Sunday hours begin on the Sunday following Labor Day and end on the Sunday before Memorial Day
Library closed on Sundays preceding Monday Holidays