New Youth Services Manager

The Morton-James Public Library would like to introduce Amanda Winkler as our new Youth Services Manager.

Hello everyone! I am tremendously honored to be taking on the role of Youth Services Manager here at the Morton-James Public Library. I’ve lived in the Nebraska City area since 2002 and I am so excited to be serving my community in such a meaningful way.

I’m looking forward to getting to know families better in the upcoming months and years. Please feel free to stop in and let me know what you like to read and things you’d like to do at the Library in the future. I have so many ideas for fun story times and family events, and I can’t wait to share them with you.

As the Youth Services Manager I am also looking to enthusiastically tackle tween and teen resources and programming. If you have a young adult in your family looking to get involved, please send them my way!

I fell in love with libraries when I slipped out a worn down copy of “The Wizard of Oz” from a Children’s Library shelf when I was a child. It is my greatest hope that I can bring that magical moment to children, teens, and parents that visit Morton-James—with books, programs, and events. Let’s see what memories we can make together!

-Amanda

Stop by the Children's Library and extend a warm welcome to Amanda the next time you visit the Library.

The Library will be CLOSED Wednesday, February 27 so the Library can be moved to the basement of American National Bank. The Library will reopen at 9:00 am at 920 Central Avenue.
Library Lovers' Month

A month-long celebration of libraries of all types. This is a time for everyone to recognize the value of libraries! Celebrate Libraries!

Stop by the Library and let Library staff know what you love about your library.

See you at the Library!

FEBRUARY 14TH 3:30-5:30

FAMILY VALENTINE'S DAY AT THE LIBRARY

Decorate cookies, make Valentine's and share why you love the library!

DID YOUR FAMILY ENJOY THE BLOCK PARTY? COME SEE WHAT'S NEXT!

Join us at the Library on Saturday, February 23rd from 2:00-4:00 in the Kimmel Gallery for an open house to try out our new table top sized creative construction sets. We've got Squigz and Toobz, Offbits and Dado Cubes. Stop in and see what you can make!

Free Event. All ages welcome to attend.
The Morton-James Public Library is joining public libraries nationwide in offering free strength training workouts for older adults. Come try one out this month. Two introductory sessions will be offered:

Tuesday, February 19 at 11 am
Thursday, February 21 at 2 pm

Both sessions will be held in the Library’s Kimmel Gallery, and will last approximately 45 minutes. If you have questions please contact Denise Davis at the Library 402-873-5609.

Geri-Fit Lifestyle Change Program Helps…

- Increase Muscular Strength
- Improve Balance and Coordination
- Boost Motor Skills and Reaction Time
- Enhance Flexibility and Gait
- Lessen Arthritic Conditions
- Manage Chronic Disease

What is Geri-Fit? It is a 45-minute evidence based strength training exercise class for older adults. Most of the bodybuilding exercises are performed seated in chairs with a set of light dumbbell weights. As you become stronger, you can advance to using heavier dumbbells in order to challenge yourself even more.

There’s no dancing, aerobics, or choreography to learn and you never have to get on the floor. The program is open to older adults of all ages and fitness levels…simply work out at your own pace!

You can bring a set of 2 or 3 pound dumbbells, a stretch band, and water to drink. Classes are taught by a Certified Geri-Fit Instructor.

FEBRUARY IS STOCK UP ON USED BOOKS MONTH!

The Library will not be accepting used book donations from March-May 2019 while we are at our temporary location in the basement of the American National Bank. However…. 

February 2019 is a perfect time to stop by the Library and stock up on used books. Freewill donation, no set prices.

On the lower level there are two used book tables in the main lobby, one used book table in the Children’s Library, the used book store and the over flow shelves in the north room. There is an additional book table in the fiction section on the main level.
You are invited to join the Morton-James Public Library Book Club.

NOTE: Book Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 2:00 pm.

The following books will be discussed in the coming months. Some of the titles are available in both print and CD. They may also be available as an ebook through OverDrive.

February 19, 2019

Rainwater
by Sandra Brown

Discussion Leader:  
Gladys Jones

Ella Baron runs her Texas boarding house with the efficiency of a ship’s captain and the grace of a gentlewoman. She cares for her ten-year-old son, Solly, a sweet but challenging child.

The respected town doctor brings Ella a new boarder—the handsome and gallant Mr. David Rainwater—but Ella is immediately resistant to opening up her home to this mysterious stranger. Dr. Kincaid tells Ella in confidence that Mr. Rainwater won’t require the room for long: he is dying.

Soon, this strong-minded, independent woman will realize that the living that she has eked out for herself is about to change.

This is the story of a woman who will be forced to reckon with the chaos of her historical circumstances.

March 19, 2019

The Woman in the Window
by A. J. Finn

Discussion Leader:  
Sue Miyoshi

Anna Fox lives alone—a recluse in her New York City home, unable to venture outside. She spends her day drinking wine (maybe too much), watching old movies, recalling happier times and spying on her neighbors.

Then the Russells move into the house across the way: a father, a mother, their teenage son. The perfect family. But when Anna, gazing out her window one night, sees something she shouldn’t, her world begins to crumble—and its shocking secrets are laid bare. What is real? What is imagined? Who is in danger? Who is in control?

In this diabolically gripping thriller, no one—and nothing—is what it seems.

INVENTORY UPDATE

Missing DVDs

The Library staff is sad to announce that forty-eight (48) DVDs came up missing from inventory on the main level. Last year there were only three (3) DVDs missing at inventory time.

Due to the extreme number of DVDs missing from the shelves, the Library staff will have to reevaluate what DVDs are purchased in the future and if we will have to go back to removing them from the cases.

Going forward we ask you to check out DVDs on the floor where you find them and not carry them between floors.
**What Is It?**
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a 60 volume set of books beginning with the children's classic *The Little Engine That Could*. Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. Best of all it is a **FREE GIFT**! There is no cost or obligation to your family.

**Who Is Eligible?**
Preschool children ages birth to five who are residents of Nebraska City.

**What Are My Responsibilities?**
1. Be a legal resident of Nebraska City.

2. Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by parent or guardian. (Form must be approved and on file with Morton-James Public Library.)

3. Notify Morton-James Public Library any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address listed on the official registration form. If the child's address changes, you must contact the folks at the address on this card in order to continue receiving books.

4. Read with your child.

**When Will I Receive Books?**
Eight to ten weeks after your registration form has been received, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue until your child turns five or moves out of Nebraska City.

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**Sign up your child today!**

Simply fill out the above form and mail to:

**Morton-James Public Library**
923 1st Corso
Nebraska City, NE 68410
(402) 873-5609
Be a 2019 Morton-James Public Library Sponsor!

It is time to send in your annual sponsor donation and form for 2019. Annual sponsor donations will be used to fund Summer Programs for children and teens, special adult programs and educational exhibits. Fill out the form below and return it to the library with your donation. Your support of the library is always appreciated!

Morton-James Public Library Annual Sponsor Form

Annual sponsor donations will be used to fund Summer Programs for children and teens, special adult programs and educational exhibits. Thank you for supporting your library!

☐ $10 Novel
☐ $20 Notable
☐ $25 Classic
☐ $50 Best Seller
☐ $100 Award Winning
☐ OR
☐ $500 Lifetime Gift

Name ____________________________________________________________
Address ___________________________ Phone ____________________
City ___________________________ State ______ Zip _____________
E-mail Address _____________________________________________

Remit Check To: The Morton-James Public Library - 923 1st Corso
Nebraska City, NE  68410

Individual gifts of more than $500 will be recognized with a plaque on the donor wall located in the Grace Moller Technology Center.

2019 Morton-James Public Library Sponsors

**Lifetime Sponsors:**
Carol and Tim Crook
Ruth McMaster
Nancy Baragary
*In Memory of Karen Tilson*

**2019 Annual Sponsors:**
Bill & Betty Davis
Sharon Hersemann
Mary Jane Kellogg

**2019 Annual Sponsors:**
Jerry & Suzi Martin
John & Teresa Schlortholtz

IRS Tax Forms

The Morton-James Public Library will once again be an IRS Tax Forms Outlet.

For Tax Year 2018, you will **no longer use** Form 1040A or Form 1040EZ, but instead will use the redesigned Form 1040. Many people will only need to file Form 1040 and no schedules.

The public can visit IRS.gov/orderforms or call 1-800-829-3676 to order tax products to be delivered by mail. NOTE: Availability will be subject to IRS shipments.

Free Tax Help @ the Library

Wednesdays
10 am to 2 pm
By Appointment Starting
February 6, 2019
Call 402-873-5609

Note: No Appointments on February 27

The Library in conjunction with AARP, will be offering free tax preparation assistance and electronic filing for both federal and state tax returns.

The return preparation is not limited by age or income and is open to all. There are some restrictions on the types of returns that can be done. Returns that include things like rental property, business depreciation and farm income are not considered within the AARP volunteer scope by the IRS.

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You may reserve a book online, in person, or over the phone.

♦ The key to providing Library members with the best possible customer service during the time the Library is at the Temporary Location will be using the reserve feature in the Library Catalog.

♦ Log in to your library account in the upper right hand corner of the library card catalog screen: https://mortonjames.biblionix.com/catalog/

♦ From there you can search for items and place them on reserve.

♦ The Library will notify you when your items are ready to be picked up at the Temporary Location.

♦ You have three days to pick up your reserved items from the day you are notified.

♦ Library staff can also put the items on reserve for you in person and over the phone.

♦ We want to provide you with all your Library resources in a timely manner.

♦ Please keep in mind it may take Library staff a minimum of 2 days to fill your reserve request while we are in the Temporary Location.

Library Agenda for 2019

February 26: Last Day for Library Service at 923 1st Corso
February 27: Closed for Move to American National Bank Basement
February 28: Open for Library Service at 920 Central Avenue

March — May:
The “Library” will be moving to a temporary location during the months of March through May while HVAC (Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) work is being done throughout the building. The temporary Library will be located in the basement level of the American National Bank at 920 Central Avenue. Library staff will have access to the Library building to pull books and other library material that members put on reserve.

At the Temporary Library Location members will be able to:
♦ browse new library books and DVDs
♦ pick up reserved library materials
♦ read the newspapers
♦ play in the designated Children’s area
♦ attend activities and programs

June — July:
Summer Reading and Programs:
The 2019 theme is “A Universe of Stories”

October 2019 — March 2020:
The Library will host the Library Innovation Studio Project (Makerspace). The Morton-James Public Library is one of 30 rural and small libraries to receive the grant through the Nebraska Library Commission. More details to come in future newsletters.