

# AMONG FRIENDS

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The Mission of the Morro Bay Friends of the Library: To establish and maintain an association of persons interested in books and libraries, to focus attention on library services, facilities and needs, to support and cooperate with the Library to enhance library services and facilities for the community, and to stimulate gifts, endowments and bequests.

## SLO County Library Budget Passes

*By Jude Long*

The newly adopted budget will allow for the hiring of 9.5 additional Administrative Assistant Aides system-wide. This will help avoid emergency closures (70 closures county-wide last year) and allow for adequate staffing during open hours. Here at Morro Bay we have operated the past 4 months with only two staff people in the building during 22% of our open hours. This is an unacceptable level of staffing. Morro Bay Library is allocated one full-time (40 hour) Administrative Assistant Aide. We hope to start the hiring process and have a talented new staff person on-board by September.

## A HUGE FIRST at Morro Bay... Book Discussion Group

We are thrilled to have the Reader's Community Book Discussion group, sponsored by the Friends, meeting for the first time ever at the Morro Bay Library. Karen Robert, Vice President, Membership Chair of Friends of the Library, is doing a magnificent job of selecting titles and leading community dialog. This is a win-win-win enriching the Community, the Library & the Friends! Please join us. The complete schedule is at [slolibrary.org](http://slolibrary.org)



## Volunteer Reception & Volunteer of the Year

*Contributed by Betty Forsythe*

All volunteers are invited to attend a Volunteer Reception to be held on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> to thank all volunteers for their valuable support of the Morro Bay Library and the Friends of the Library. The reception ...Coffee, Tea and Library will be held in the program room at the Morro Bay Library from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. At the reception the Volunteer of the Year will be announced. **Nominating forms will be available at the July 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.**



## Continuing to Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Morro Bay Library!

*Submitted by Grace Melton, Parliamentarian*

What a better way to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Morro Bay Library than with a new logo for the Friends! Thanks to Karen Roberts, Second Vice President for our new logo which will be a part of the design on the next order of book bags with the help of Friends of the Library Ways & Means Committee, under the direction of Betty Forsythe. The past 20 years will be remembered many ways by those who took part in the planning and fundraising but no one will forget that it took the whole community to make it happen. Never too late to say thank you and that will be done with an appreciation event scheduled for October 25th at the Library. Helping Hands will be needed! Volunteer to be a part of the future!



## The Financial Picture

By Ric Deschler, Treasurer

**T**he Morro Bay Friends have been working hard to raise money to support your library. We are meeting and exceeding our budgeted goals thanks to some special projects this year.

First, Joan Petersen has raised over \$2,600 with her "Biking For Books" project. She pedaled hard to raise those funds.

Next we have Gil McCann running a stand at the Saturday Farmer's Market. He and his volunteers have brought in over \$1,500 in extra book sales. His table not only sells books but also keeps the Morro Bay Friends of the Library out in the public view. That is very important for our organization.

Gil usually needs at least one volunteer to help operate the table. If you would like to volunteer for one or two Saturdays from 2 to 4, please contact Betty Forsythe at 772-0792 to arrange a date.

Lastly, it is important that you attend the various FOL board meetings. There are always decisions on financial matters that need to be reviewed by the membership. Your input on how we spend the money we raise is critical to maintaining a healthy non-profit organization. You must keep us on track to support the operations of your library.

### Best Seller Authors on the Rental Shelves!

Robert B. Parker  
Janet Evanovich  
Lee Child  
Patricia Cornwell  
John Sandford  
James Patterson  
Michael Connelly  
Sue Grafton  
Stuart Woods  
Harlan Cobin  
Tami Hoag  
Earlene Fowler

Suggestions and Donations Welcome!

## Ways and Means-

by Betty Forsythe

**R**aising money for books has focused on the Fun in Fundraising. Ways and Means has been focusing on raising money for books for the library. Joan Petersen with her "**Biking for Books**" during the month of April earned \$2700 for books. Wow! She rode 700 miles...Great!!! This with the wonderful community attendance and outstanding sales at the Book Sales chaired by Mo Bradley, got us off to a great start in 2007.

New addition to Ways and Means is the selling of books at the Saturday Market on Main Street in Morro Bay. Thanks to D. Smith the Market Manager for the Morro Bay Saturday Market, the Morro Bay Friends of the Library can sell books at this event. Friends of the library members, Gil McCann and Karen Bloomquist deserve accolades not only for the idea of selling books at the Saturday Market but also for its organization and structure. Gil and Karen are looking for some helpers that can donate at least one Saturday a month from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The books are offered for a free will donation so the handling of money is minimal. Call Gil to sign up... 772- 1510.

Other Ways and Means Events

Saturday, August 5....Book Sale - No Saturday Market

Saturday, August 12 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at 299 Bradley Ave, Morro Bay

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> ..... 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Books and Collectibles Sale.

Remember all proceeds from these events go towards buying books for the library. Be there and bring a friend.

### Memorial Books

**T**he library received \$1000 to purchase Large Print books for Morro Bay. Fred and Bev Powell presented this gift "in loving memory of their son, Michael Powell, who helped make our world a happier place. 1951-2005". Many new titles will be on our shelves thanks to this memorial gift.

## Summer Reading at the Library

*Submitted by Mary Blair*

It seems to happen so fast; you look forward to summer coming and next thing you know you find yourself smack in the middle of it! Luckily, we are prepared and thanks to the **Morro Bay Friends of the Library**, our children have some great summer programs to look forward to. Entertaining magician Shawn McMasters led us off and by the time you read this puppeteer Tom Knight will have amused our young readers. There are more performers to come so mark your calendar for the following dates:

July 7- Karen Garmen- Features interactive dance and storytelling.

July 13-Blues for Kids- These great musicians play some jazzy blues and a bit of music history.

July 27- Inner Voice- This is geared for little ones to let their own music and dance abilities shine as Angela leads them in song and movement activities.

August 3- Zoo to You- A puppet show featuring some of the animals found at the Atascadero Zoo will be visiting us.

On a date still to be determined Judy Brown a Cuesta College art instructor will be here to help our young artists fashion their favorite animal or creature from clay.

This ties in with our summer reading program themes. Paws, Claws, Tales and Scales is the theme chosen for our lap readers through those children entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Creature Feature is the lure for readers that are attending 6<sup>th</sup> grade on up.

There are great incentives this year the best one being that after reading 10 books at their reading level, kids get to choose a book to keep thanks to the **Foundation for SLO County Public Libraries**. There's also a book bag with a variety of coupons for **Round Table, Papa Murphy's, Home-town Buffet, Jamba Juice & In-N-Out Burger**. Other nice surprises await, so encourage your family, friends and neighbors to come read @ the Library this summer.

## Christmas in July – July 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Submitted by Betty Forsythe*

Santa's helpers/friends invite you and your friends to attend "Christmas in July." This event will be held on Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Program Room at the Morro Bay Library. Christmas in July will feature Thomas Kincaid ornaments, Holiday dishes/ platters, framed art, and a variety of lovely items for your friends, neighbors or yourself. There will be a raffle for a table size, lighted Christmas tree and a silent auction of selected items that will include but not limited to three large Santas by Thomas Kincaid, framed Art and a Holiday Basket. Call Betty Forsythe for more information 772-0792.

### Successful April 1st Event!

*Contributed by Barbara Riddell*

Thank you to and applause for the Friends that worked hard to make April 1st the success that it was. In alphabetical order, these folks are Nancy Bruke, Mary Clapp, Joan dexter, Bernice Glinski, Helen Hileman, Marlene Peter, Joan Petersen, Karen Robert, Hank Roth and Leabah Winter. Thank you to Baron's Orchids and Rock Espresso Bar for their generous support. Please let these businesses know how much they are appreciated.

### SELF CHECK OUT @ the Library

So how is self-check working? It's all about training our users. Luckily, we have an easy system and even reluctant technology users are relieved once they try it. Staff members are always present to assist or to offer "full-service". The most common error is using the retail instead of the library barcode. Overall, people are taking to Self-Check and are eager to learn how to use it. We reassure patrons who have expressed concern that we will not lose staff due to Self-Check. Instead, staff will be more available to interact with customers, answer more reference questions and to train them on our on-line services.

Hours of the Library  
Tuesday 11am to 8pm  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
11am to 5pm  
Saturday 11 pm to 4pm

Coming Up!  
Christmas in July - Saturday, July 22nd  
Seventh Annual Books, Things, Collectibles  
- November 18 -

***Among Friends***, Published in March,  
July and November by  
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**Book Sales**  
Program Room 10am - 3pm  
August 5 and November 4

Program Room 1:30pm  
Board of Director Meeting  
Every Member is Invited!  
~ July 21st ~



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