Morro Bay Friends of the Library
Now on the Web!

Morro Bay Friends of the Library are pleased to announce that there is a new website, thanks to Friends Life member volunteer, Rick Gilligan. Please take this opportunity to visit it and share your thoughts.

The website is located at: http://www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org
On this website you will find important Friends and Library information that includes: dates of our upcoming book sales for the year, Friends Events and Meetings, external links like the County Library Black Gold System, and/or the Friends of Libraries USA. If you are interested in joining in for the Reader’s Community Book Discussion Group or the Study & Discussion Group for Seniors, you can download the flyers directly from the website. There is also a list of the local authors that will be joining the Friends for 2007 that you can download.

The website also includes background on the Friends organization and the purpose, a list of volunteer opportunities with the Friends, upcoming Friends events calendars for the current year, membership applications, copies of current newsletters, and the ability to contact the Friends directly with your concerns and/or comments. We are also proud to present our Donate page that gives you key information on the donations we need for upcoming book sales, as well as an opportunity for you to consider the Morro Bay Library in your estate planning. Many of you have also wanted to know more about what is happening at the Morro Bay Library. This website gives their weekly hours of operation, holiday closure dates, as well as a link to do a Black Gold library book search.

The Friends are also open for suggestions on what you would like to see on the website. Please take some time and visit us on the web at www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org and tell us what you think!

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Upcoming Events

All events occur at the Morro Bay Library Program Room unless otherwise noted.

**Recurring Every Month!**
- Readers Community Book Discussion Group • 1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30am-12:30pm
- Study & Discussion Group • 2nd & 4th Wednesday • 10:30am-12:30pm

**January**
- 21 Remembrance for Judi Horner • 2pm-4pm
- 26 Executive Committee Meeting • 1:30pm-3:30pm
- 27 Learn About the New Library • 6:30pm-7:30pm
- 31 Volunteer Recognition Dinner • 6pm-8pm

**February**
- 3 Book Sale • 10am-2pm • 9-10/Members Only, Bag Sale/1-2pm
- 13 Library Closed • Holiday
- 16 Executive Committee Meeting • 1:30pm-3:30pm
- 18 Remembrance for Gil McCann • 1pm-4pm
- 20 Library Closed • Holiday
- 21 Author Hosting • Silvio Cadenasso • 10:30am-12:30pm

**March**
- 16 Executive Committee Meeting • 1:30pm-3:30pm
- 21 Author Hosting • Roger Castle & Gary Ream • 10:30am-12:30pm
Memorial Gifts Remember Loved Ones -

One way to remember and honor a loved one is by making a donation to the Morro Bay Friends of the Library. When a donation is made, the information is given to the Library Branch Manager and appropriate materials are purchased. The loved one is recognized with a bookplate in the front of the books or materials.

During 2006 many people have made donations to remember the following loved ones.
- Betty Rideout
- Lenore Lundholm
- Carmen Fojo
- Freda Rose Chipman
- Greg Haas
- Nancy Victor

We thank all of the donors for honoring their loved ones with a generous contribution to support the Morro Bay Library. For more information about remembering loved ones call 772-9244.
Former MB Library Staff Missed -
by Jude Long

Judi Horner was a long-time (29 year) employee of our SLO City-County Library Department and will be greatly missed both as a wonderful Librarian and a personal friend to our staff. She first worked at the Library in Paso Robles, and then traveled throughout the County on the Bookmobile, she worked at Los Osos and SLO also, but spent the majority of her career here at the Morro Bay Branch where she focused on Children's Services, Programs and Outreach.

To paraphrase George Orwell, every person is unique, but some are more unique that others. There has never been anyone like Judi Horner in this world, nor ever will be. You might remember her walking to work everyday while reading a book at the same time! She was energetic and impish; she trusted and followed her flights of fancy and she became a strong advocate for children and those in need.

Her adventures were enjoyed by all her many friends and co-workers from animal rescue stories and hot air balloon flights to hanging out with the Sandhill Cranes and exploring cave dwellings in New Mexico. She had a whimsical sense of humor that led to some very entertaining Halloween costumes! I remember she would tell stories that her cat, Rascal, turned off her alarm accounting for her being late to work. I thought, "How did she obtain such a clever cat?"

At the Morro Bay Branch Judi led weekly story times, visited schools and coordinated Summer Reading Programs for thousands of children.

A few years ago, Judi was promoted to the SLO Library Reference Department where she enhanced many internet searching skills answering countless numbers of questions. Her artistic talents were expressed in ever-changing displays of interesting books. I remember her stockpiling and displaying books in a random, nimble, yet graceful fashion. Judi's favorite book trick was arranging a succession of books whose titles formed a sentence or phrase!

Away from work, she loved to travel, hike and explore all of nature. Her dream was to swim with the dolphins. This love of nature and enjoyment of animals led her to care for many injured wild animals and she was known for adopting more than one stray cat. She was actively interested in Morro Bay community concerns and expressed herself eloquently in public forums when decisions were being considered.

Judi was a Morro Bay treasure and a dedicated library worker and advocate. I always respected her views, her knowledge, her leadership and her friendship. Judi Horner was a talented, creative and giving woman who loved people and nature. She was adored by Morro Bay children and library customers and beloved and admired by her friends and co-workers. We will miss her smile, her spontaneity and her warm and caring nature.

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Join Today!

Junior Membership Application

Name ____________________________ Phone __________ Birthday __________

Name of parent __________________ Address ____________________________

City __________________________ Zip __________

Please complete and return with a $2.00 payment to:
Morro Bay Friends of the Library
625 Harbor St.
Morro Bay, CA 93442

*Child is entitled to one free children's book at any Friends of the Library Book Sale. One free book total per membership. Must present Junior membership card at checkout.
New 7-Day Express Program

After many years of a successful Rental Program of Popular Best-Sellers, the program is transitioning into the 7-Day Express Program. These books are now available to checkout for 7 days at no-cost rather than the $2.00 Rental fee. We have always wanted to upgrade this program from a fund-raiser to a Library service that is equally available to everyone. Thanks to successful 2006 fund-raisers and generous contributions from donors, this change is now possible. With the help of the Morro Bay Friends of the Library, the Library can now expand the titles available. We hope everyone will enjoy this new service.

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Saturday, February 3, 2007 – 10am-2pm –

Book Sale - Don’t Miss It!!

Come and enjoy your chance to select books, magazines, videos, cds and all sorts of treasures at the Morro Bay Friends of the Library Book Sale to be held in the John Kim Program Room of the Morro Bay Library. Members get to participate in the sale one hour early from 9 to 10 a.m. With the new hours, the Two-Buck-a-Bag sale will start at 1 p.m. and the entire sale will now end at 2 p.m. You get to fill a paper bag with all kinds of books for only $2 during that last hour of the sale. Your generous contributions of books throughout the year make these sales possible. Please remember to support your library both, with donations of books, and your purchases from the Book Sales.
now available at our library!

• Wild Harmonies: A Life of Music & Wolves
  – Helene Grinnan
• World War Z – Max Brooks
• The Goodly Spellbook
  – Oldenwilde
• Paris Hangover – Kirsten Lobe
• Elvis Presley Passed Here
  – Chris Epting
• Sex Lives of Wives
  – Holly Hollenbeck
• Planet Dog – Sandra Choron
• The Tale of Cuckoo Brow Wood
  – Susan Wittig Albert
• The Worry Cure – Robert L. Leahy
• The Penultimate Chance Saloon
  - Simon Brett
• The Glass Books of the Dream Eaters
  – Gordon Dahlquist

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New Year’s Resolutions
By Betty Forsythe

What is on your New Year’s Resolution List? Did you remember The Morro Bay Friends of the Library when you were making your goals for 2007?

• Renew membership
• Become a Life Member
• Join the Friends
• Invite a Friend to be a member
• Contact a business to join
• Tell Young Friends about membership/applications in this newsletter!

Applications available in the Library Lobby or use the form included in this newsletter. Friends of the Library Membership has its rewards...early entry to book sales or if a young friend one free book at one book sale or if a business one free advertisement in newsletter. Wouldn’t it be nice to cross one goal off the list?

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Stay in Touch with local government!

Check out local government meetings
DVD’s and Tapes Available at Morro Bay Library
courtesy of AGP Video
805-772-2715

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New Design to Newsletter

Thank you to James Erwin Estoque for donating his time and efforts into the new design for the Morro Bay Friends of the Library Newsletter. He is a graphic designer with The Coast News & The Bay News. Thank you James!
**Friends Host Local Authors!**
*By Karen Robert*

Our Reader’s Community Book Discussion Group opened its 2007 Winter season schedule by hosting local author Loren Nicholson who presented his book, “Rails Across the Ranchos.” Mr. Nicholson, who is a Journalism Professor and Department Head Faculty Emeritus at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo is also the author of four other historical novels, which cover the vast history of our county.

We continue our local author events on February 21 by hosting Silvio Cadenasso who will discuss his first book “The Bridge.” Writing has long been an interest of Silvio Cadenasso, but with business responsibilities, it wasn’t until the mid 90’s that he was able to devote time to it. After a slow start, he began finding markets for his travel and wine articles in San Luis Obispo County newspapers and magazines. From there, he progressed to online publications, and later a national magazine, Coastal Living.

His first novel, an action-thriller called “The Bridge,” evolved over several years. It is set primarily in the North Coast redwoods, and was inspired by the Oklahoma City bombing.

Cadenasso owned and operated Morro Bay True Value Hardware for twenty years. He lives with his wife, Judy in San Luis Obispo, and also part time in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. They have a combined family of six children and six grandchildren. You can learn more about the book at his Web site, www.cadenasso.com.

On March 21 we will host Roger Castle and Gary Ream, authors of “Images of America – Morro Bay.” Arcadia Publishing who initially approached the Morro Bay Historical Society released the book in 2006. Both Ream of Morro Bay and Castle of Los Osos have served as Presidents of the Society. Once charged with the assignment, the two set out to gather photos and information. Their mission created this beautiful pictorial history, which they will discuss with our group.

Our Reader’s Community meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Morro Bay Library Program Room. For more information contact 772-9268 or readers@live-now.org
Friends Member Passes Away
By Jude Long, Librarian

Our very good Library Friend, Gil McCann passed away on December 8th after nobly confronting cancer. Those who knew Gil saw his dedication, leadership and integrity on a daily basis. He served others and created positive changes in his own quiet and unassuming way.

Gil used the Library for many years before volunteering to re-shelve books and later joining and becoming a very active Friends of the Library member. From then on, there was no stopping him. He had a weekly time slot to volunteer and no returned items stayed very long on the cart. Even books that had been inside hot cars were still warm when Gil placed them back on our shelves! Whenever we were open after dark, Gil was in the building working. In fact, he became a drop-in volunteer almost everyday just stopping by to offer his help. When we closed on Mondays after Measure L, Gil even worked on those closed days and holidays emptying the overflowing book drops and arranging and stacking returned items meticulously.

At Friends of the Library meetings he always sat in the back row, but what a difference he made – establishing Saturday Farmer’s Market Book Sales; creating the Friends of the Library website to be unveiled this year; and sorting, moving, transporting and storing books for upcoming sales.

He was like one of our Library Staff – always here and available to work. I believe Gil’s dedication to Libraries came from his values and beliefs and a compelling desire to protect the rights and freedoms of all Americans. He was a spokesman and advocate for Libraries and Free Speech. He understood that an educated, informed citizenry is the cornerstone of a prospering Democracy.

Gil McCann deserves the title of Library Ambassador for all of the time, energy and money he contributed to build a strong and viable Library here in Morro Bay. His actions spoke from his heart and his passing feels like the loss of an adored family member that everyone loved.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL

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625 Harbor Street, Morro Bay CA 93442

Name(s)_________________________ ____________________________________________________________________________

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□ Business $25/year □ Lifetime $100

Volunteers are at the heart of the library's success. If you would like to be involved, please indicate your interest(s):

□ Children's Programs □ Newsletter
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□ Book Sale □ Membership
□ Finance □ Ways and Means—Fundraising
□ Other (Specify)

Attention all Members!!

Board Meetings are not just for Directors!!
All Members Welcome!!
Your input is appreciated!!

The next Morro Bay Friends of the Library Board Meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2007 from 1:30 to 3:30pm in the Program Room at the Morro Bay Library. Come and listen and be a part of your local friends organization. All input is appreciated and valued. We want you to know what your friends organization is up to! Come see how you can contribute; ideas, knowledge, skills, or just support.

Find out how you can help the Morro Bay Friends of the Library!!

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