



Among Friends

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To stimulate public support of the Morro Bay Branch of the San Luis Obispo County Library by fostering and establishing closer relations between the library and the citizens and organizations of Morro Bay, by focusing public attention on library services, facilities and needs and by soliciting gifts, endowments and bequests to provide financial aid for adequate facilities and needs.

TAKE TIME TODAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT THE MORRO BAY LIBRARY by Karen Robert, President

In 2007 I made the following statement that I believe still holds true today. *"The Friends are made up of a group of individuals who believe that our public library is a valuable asset to our community and deserving of support through our time, talents, and voices. Each person brings different experiences and interests to be shared and valued. While financial support of the library is a big part of what we do, Friends also have a long tradition of active citizen involvement. Each month, volunteers donate their time and energy to help Friends plan, coordinate, present special events and activities as well as organize quarterly book sales. Friends also lead advocacy efforts to ensure a first-class library for Morro Bay. Passionate citizens are always needed to remind elected officials of the critical role that libraries play in our community."*

For the last three plus years, I have had the wonderful experience of working with a very energetic and spirited Board who truly reflect all the values I mentioned above. With their support and leadership we have added and supported dynamic and exciting programs for adult readers and children; advocated tirelessly on behalf of a library lease resolution with the City of Morro Bay (still pending); presented a quarterly informative and enterprising newsletter that kept readers apprised of upcoming library events; created beautiful and exciting materials in promotion of our library; celebrated our accomplished library staff and many volunteers; as well as held successful book sale fund-raisers and membership drives that have enhanced the Morro Bay Library budget (just to name a few accomplishments).

In these difficult and tumultuous times, we recognize that there is still so much more we need to do to ensure Library services in Morro Bay. Our role in supporting and advocating on behalf of Library services becomes even more critical, especially as we work toward helping to maintain staffing levels and increased hours (just instituted this year), and resolution of the library's lease with the City.

You can *Make a Difference*

Become a Member of the Morro Bay Friends of the Library
Board of Directors for 2010

If you have:

- Concern and pride for our community
- Firm connections and affiliations in Morro Bay
- Conviction that the Morro Bay Library is uniquely important to the life of our town
- Ability to approach problems and people with an open mind
- Time and energy

...then you can make a difference Now!

To keep our library open, accessible and available to you, we need more volunteers willing to put in the time and energy to save services and ensure that this library is available to current and future users.

We need fresh faces.

We need new ideas.

We need **You**.

Consider becoming part of our 2010 Board of Directors. Complete and turn in the Nominations Form in this newsletter. Call me for more information about being involved. Take time today to make a difference at the Morro Bay Library.



Contact President Karen Robert @ 772-9268 or pres@morrobayfriendsofthelibrary.org for more information

www.morrobayfriendsofthelibrary.org



Among Friends is the quarterly newsletter for the Morro Bay Friends of the Library. It is distributed to all members. Circulation is approximately 400. Additional information about the Friends is available at <http://www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org/> or call 772 9268.

We encourage submissions of library related material. **The deadline for publication is the 6th day of each month of publication January, April, July and October.** Articles are to be submitted to Robert Fuller Davis in any of the following formats: email to news@morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org either in text or as attachments in Word or WordPerfect; CD in Word or WordPerfect, or in written form legible for transcription. Nothing will be accepted verbally. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject material. Each article is the opinion of its author and does not necessarily represent the opinion or endorsement of the Friends or the Library or the editors.

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Nicholas Elfter, Los Osos, is shown in the children's area reading aloud to 6 year-old yellow lab Hannah while owner and trainer, Penny Zenglein looks on. Hannah is trained as a therapy dog through *Therapy Dogs International* and is participating in the **Tail Waggin' Tutors Program** that provides a relaxed and "dog-friendly" atmosphere to help develop self-esteem and confidence in reading aloud.

Hannah and Penny will be in the library again on Wednesday, July 22nd from 11 a.m. to noon. Please contact the Library at 772-6394 for a 15-minute reservation

Upcoming Events

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



Reoccurring Every Month!

- 1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm - Readers' Community Book Discussion Group
- 2nd Wednesdays 10:00am-12:00 pm - Inspirational Topics Discussion Group
- 4th and 5th Wednesdays 10:00am-12:00pm - Celebration and Appreciation of Literature through local author readings, special presentations and other literary activities.(details below)

August

- 5 *The History of Love* by **Nicole Krauss** This novel spans a period of over 60 years and takes readers from Nazi occupied Eastern Europe to present day Brighton Beach
- 6 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** office hours MB Library Program Room 4 5 pm

8 Book Sale (9-10am Members Only) 10am-2pm Sale; 1-2pm \$3 bag sale

- 12 *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by **Shel Silverstein** During our special Inspirational Wednesday's program, we will explore how the author's poetry addresses self esteem, valuing others and living well, and how we can apply his "playful" messages to our own lives.
- 19 *The Sea* by **John Banville** Max Morden has reached a crossroads in his life, and is trying hard to deal with several disturbing things.
- 26 **Ice cream**-making workshop with **Cathe Olson** Join us during our 4th Wednesdays cooking adventure with Cathe*

September

- 2 *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by **Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows** the story about the island of Guernsey during the German Occupation.
- 3 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** office hours MB Library Program Room 4 5 pm
- 9 *The Secret* by **Rhonda Byrne** You hold in your hands a great Secret....this inspirational Wednesdays program will explore how each of us can use the Secret in our own lives.
- 16 *Flight* by **Sherman Alexie** This year's PREFACE, Cal Poly and SLO County Reads book selection presents the story of an Indian boy who travels back and forth through time.
- 23 *Kids Can Read! Kids Can Write!* by **Chuck Dowdle** Join this retired junior high school English Teacher as he shares his secrets to helping kids learn and love to read and write.*
- 25 Friends Board of Directors Meeting 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. in the Program Room. Public welcome bring your lunch
- 30 *The Bluest Eye* by **Toni Morrison** For this special 5th Wednesdays we begin a celebration of Toni Morrison and her first book about an eleven year old Black girl who wants blue eyes.

October

- 1 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** office hours MB Library Program Room 4 5 pm
- 7 *Sula* by **Toni Morrison** We discuss Toni Morrison's second book that explores the story of friendship between two Black women over a forty year period.
- 14 *A New Earth Awakening to Your Life's Purpose* by **Eckhart Tolle** How has this spiritual manifesto affected your life?
- 21 *Digging to America* by **Anne Tyler** Tyler presents an intimate picture of middle class family life that looks at the promises and perils of the American Dream.
- 28 *Candle in the Window Concert* with **Judy Philbin** Libraries are more than just books. Join us for a special and unique concert...during our last 4th Wednesdays program of the year.*

*Author(s) will join us.



Book Sale Report

The precarious nature of the economy has impacted libraries in a major way. Friends of the Library groups are going to be more important than ever in keeping our libraries alive and healthy.

Our May book sale was a real winner- the best May sale ever! Just over \$3,000.00 was taken in, thanks to the volunteers who always show up and work so hard. Everyone had a good time. Sometimes I think that most of us show so we can enjoy Joan Petersen's fabulous coffee cake, but maybe that's just me.

Thanks again to all those who donated books to us. We are always in need of clean volumes in good condition. If you have books to donate and can't get them to us, we can come to you. Just call the library.

We don't want to rest, stand, or sit on our laurels, so we plan a terrific sale in August.

In addition to the quarterly sales, we have been lucky enough to have new volunteer Torrey Scharton, who has been setting up a book sale table at the Morro Bay Farmer's Market every other Saturday. Maybe you've seen her there. Thanks to Torrey's efforts we are raising additional income for our library!

I hope everyone has a healthy, happy summer. We can take heart in bad economic times, knowing that our public libraries offer hours of free entertainment to everyone.

Regards,
Laurie Allen
Ways and Means

Morro Bay Public Library Mosaic Restoration

Since 1985, Cayucos artist's, Peter Ladochy's, outstanding mosaic mural has adorned the west wall of the Morro Bay Library. This 625 square foot mural depicts scenes of local history, flora, and fauna against a background of ocean waters and verdant hillsides.

Time and the elements have taken their toll and many of the 125,000 one inch square tiles that comprise the work are in disrepair. The Morro Bay Friends of the Library are pleased to announce a restoration of the mural project that will take place July 20-31, 2009.

Under the guidance of Mr. Ladochy and master tile-setter, Steve Proano along with a group of interested volunteers, the Friends look forward to returning the mural to its former glory.

Work will include refastening loose tiles, replacing missing pieces, and regrouting and resealing the mural.

When completed, the Friends hope that the art work will be an ongoing source of pride and pleasure for the community and the many visitors to Morro Bay and the Morro Bay Library.

For more information on this project, contact Joan Decker at 771-8323 or vp@morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org.



Jude's short-lived "private office" with walls built of our backlog of returned books during the migration



given to **Claudine Ainsworth, Laurie Allen, Pat Clevenger, Joan Decker, June Fluegel, Betty Forsythe, and Joan Petersen** by presenting a book in their honor to the Library. For more information about becoming a part of the Friends of the Library contact Membership Director, Jennifer Redman at 772-7398.



Morro Bay Library and Friends of the Library honored over 100 volunteers at their Volunteer Recognition Brunch during National Library Week in April.

Ric Deschler was named Volunteer of the Year 2008 for his efforts in working with the Friends of the Library by serving as Treasurer; offering outstanding support to Book Sale fundraisers; and being a skilled and effective Board member.

Special Recognition was also



Book Signing (above) in library lobby with Kathy Aulbach and Mayor Janice Peters' new children's books.



Distinguished guests (left) at our Volunteer Recognition Brunch hosted by Morro Bay Library staff included Mayor Janice Peters, Supervisor Bruce Gibson and City Councilman Rick Grantham.

Your Perpetual Legacy

Make a commitment to future generations by preserving your library. Remember the Morro Bay Friends of the Library in your will by creating an endowment. Your actions today will preserve the library you so love for tomorrow.



Contact
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Morro Bay Friends of the Library Self-Nomination Form 2010

You have the opportunity to self-nominate for any position on our Morro Bay Friends of the Library Board of Directors. Whether you enjoy working independently, or are comfortable working as a team, these qualities are appreciated and needed on our Board. Our Call To Service asks that you seriously consider a leadership position by placing your name next to

the position of interest and returning it to the Library by **Tuesday, October 20, 2009**. Call any current Board member (listed in this newsletter) to find out more about the positions or go to www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org and download the latest Bylaws and Standing Rules under **Volunteers** section for complete job descriptions. **We are looking for you to serve on our Board for 2010.**

President - is the Chief Executive Officer of the organization and presides at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Vice President - Assists the President in the fulfillment of the latter's duties and acts on behalf of the President in the event of the latter's absence.

Secretary - takes minutes at meetings and keeps records of the organization.

Treasurer - maintains adequate books of accounts for which he is responsible as well as accept donations, keep records & pay bills for the organization.

Members-at-large (6) - shall each serve as Chair of one of the following Standing Committees: Programs, Membership, Library Advisory, Newsletter, Public Relations and Ways and Means (Fund-raising).

Member-at-Large—Programs _____

Member-at-Large Membership _____

Member-At-Large – Newsletter _____

Member-At-Large – Ways & Means (Fund-raising) _____

Member-At-Large – Library Advisory/Vision _____

Member-At-Large – Public Relations _____

Please return this form to the Library staff, or mail it to: **President – Morro Bay Friends of the Library, Morro Bay Library, 625 Harbor St., Morro Bay, 93442 by Tuesday, October 20, 2009 by 4:00 p.m. at the Library.**

New Library Hours

Mon - Closed
 Thu-Fri - 10am-5pm
 Sundays - Closed

Tue - Wed 10am-7pm
 Sat - 10am-4pm
Tel. 805-772-6394

Holiday Closures -

Tuesday, September 8
 Tuesday, October 13

Friday September 18



Newsletter Advertising

Attention Business Owners—Are you a library lover? The Friends of Morro Bay Library are giving you the opportunity to advertise your product or service to other Friends Members. Each Business Member receives one free business card ad and each additional ad is \$15 per newsletter. You can encourage your business neighbors to participate as well. Even non-members of the Friends are welcome at only \$40 per issue. For more information, please call Jennifer Redman at 805-772-7938.

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*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.

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get your friends to join!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Morro Bay Friends of the Library
625 Harbor Street, Morro Bay CA 93442

Membership:

- New
- Renewal

DUES (tax deductible)

- Individual \$5/year
- Family \$10/year
- Business \$25/year
- Individual Lifetime \$100

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

- Shelving books
- Fund Raising
- Membership
- Book Sales
- Programs
- Board of Directors
- Other (specify)

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