



# Among Friends

Morro Bay Friends of the Library newsletter

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## **GOOD NEWS!**

On behalf of the Friends of the Library Board, thank you to all of you who took the time to write and call the Mayor and City Council. Your active support of your Library and willingness to take action made the difference! According to Rob Schultz, City Attorney for Morro Bay, in his report from closed session at the Monday, February 22, 2010 City Council Meeting: "... **Council did direct staff to negotiate a transition plan for the use of the Program Room to Library use.**" Because of you, we can now look forward to an expanded Library with the new lease.

A special "**Thank You**" to the City Council who listened to their community!

Board member, Ric Deschler shared, "*Nothing conclusive has been shared with the public yet. The details of the lease and room transition are still subject to negotiations between the City and County. But we are hopeful that all parties have turned a corner and will be looking for a different solution tomorrow than they were driving towards yesterday.*" Please go to the Friends website often ([www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org](http://www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org)) as we will continue to keep you posted as more information becomes available as to what that transition plan looks like. Way to go Friends!

## **...Be That Person!**

What a wonderful year it has been, and we have hardly gotten started. We can now look forward to the resolution of the lease between the City and the County that will provide expanded Library Services. We had a great celebration of the dynamic 34-plus year career of our retiring Branch Manager, Jude Sanner Long. We dedicated a Peace Pole in her honor, which will create a lasting message for those who visit our Morro Bay Library. We also welcome our new Branch Manager, Dani Porter this month. What more could we possibly want?

Well, as it turns out – we do want more. We want you to be part of the new direction our Library will be heading in by taking on a more active role in the Friends. The Friends leadership for the most part have become a seasoned, well-established, motivated, dynamic board – even with new members, we have a working board to be proud of. That is the good news. But as with any great organization, change occurs when veteran members decide it is time to move on. The hardest challenge is letting them go.

Having served this organization for five years, I am one of those individuals who is ready at the end of my term to pass the baton to an aspiring leader. By doing so, it opens up the opportunity for someone else to inject their energy, ideas and interests into leading this phenomenal organization in an exciting new direction with the pending expansion of Library Services. Recognizing that everybody has a learning curve, I am willing to provide mentorship and assistance to the new President, as needed.

Please think seriously about being a part of this passionate and active Board, and recognizing what an important opportunity this will be for you, the Friends organization, the library staff, our community, and our incredible Morro Bay Library. Help me to pass the baton to the right person. Better yet...**be that person.**

To learn more about the business we conduct as a Board, please go to [www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org/members/](http://www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org/members/) and consider how you can get involved! The Volunteer Handbook has our bylaws and standing rules at: [www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org/volunteers/](http://www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org/volunteers/)

Thank you for being a Friend and considering this opportunity seriously!

–Karen Robert, President



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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](mailto: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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Please welcome our New Board Member:

#### **Christine Johnson**

Originally from the East Coast, Christine grew up in a small town in central Pennsylvania, which feels very much like Morro Bay—minus the ocean. She earned a BA in Speech Communications from Penn State University and an MA in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

She has worked as the Director of Student Development for a two-year college in Center City Philadelphia and as the Assistant Executive Director at the Girl Scout Council of Greater Long Beach, California. Past volunteer activities included Junior Achievement, Habitat for Humanity and the Junior League.

In 2001, Christine had the chance to relocate overseas when her husband was transferred with his company. Since then, she's lived in Chile, South Korea, Panama and Brazil. Settled permanently now in Morro Bay, Christine and her

husband, Lee, have a son, Nicholas, who is *almost* five years old.

Currently a stay-at-home mother, Christine is excited to be a member of this year's Leadership San Luis Obispo class. In addition to her library activities, she is a member of the Morro Bay 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee.

Christine enjoys practicing yoga at the Holistic Movement Center in Morro Bay, trying new recipes with local produce received weekly from Clark Valley Organic Farm in Los Osos and camping with family and friends *anywhere* in California!

Christine joins the Friends Board as Member-at-Large, Library/Advisory Vision Committee. Her leadership background will help the Friends connect with our community as we plan expanded Library Services with the new lease. We are honored to have Christine as a welcome addition to our 2010 Board of Directors.

## Upcoming Events

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



### Reoccurring Every Month!

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 10:00am-noon- Readers' Community Book Discussion Group
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays 10:00am-noon- Inspirational Topics Discussion Group
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 10:00am-noon- Celebration and Appreciation of Literature through local author readings, special presentations and other literary activities.

### May

- 5 *Blue Shoe* by **Anne Lamott** Meet Mattie Ryder, a neurotic, well-intentioned, funny, religious, sarcastic, tender, angry and broke middle-aged woman who learns about her life.
- 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 *All I Really Needed to Know I learned in Kindergarten* by **Robert Fulghum** We will explore “uncommon thoughts on common things” and how we can apply them to our lives.
- 19 *Fire in the Blood* by **Irene Nemirovsky** A novel about life in a small French Village in the years before Word War II. What is in store for its main character, Silvio?
- 21 **Friends – Board of Directors Meeting** – 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Public welcome.
- 26\* *Norman Clyde - Legendary Mountaineer of California's Sierra Nevada* – **Robert C Pavlik\*** Local author and Caltrans Historian - Share an exciting slide show to places that legendary explorer Norman Clyde pioneered in the beautiful Sierra Nevada

### June

- 1 **Holiday - Library Closed**
- 2 *A Reliable Wife* by **Robert Goolrick** Set in 1907 Wisconsin, the story starts with an advertisement for a “reliable wife.” Catherine Land responds.
- 3 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** office hours – MB Library Program Room 4-5 pm
- 9 *Some People say that... God is No Laughing Matter – An Artist's Observations and Objections on the Spiritual Path* by **Julia Cameron**
- 16 *The Girls Guide to Hunting and Fishing* by **Melissa Bank** The story maps the progress of Jane Rosenal as she sets out on a personal and spirited expedition through her life.
- 23\* *Journey to Mythaca* – **Eva Baumohl Neuhaus\*** During this month's 4th Wednesdays program, we will “Journey to Mythaca”, a fantasy adventure written by this local author.
- 30\* *K.O'd Mystery Series* – Workshop: “Adding suspense to your Fiction” as well as “Quick Fix for Writers” – **Victoria Heckman\*** Meet the Author and experience a free workshop.

### July

- 1 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** office hours – MB Library Program Room 4-5 pm
- 6 **Holiday - Library Closed**
- 7 *A Shooting Star* by **Wallace Stegner** This classic author tells the story of Sabrina and how she comes to terms with her life.
- 14 *The Difference A Day Makes* by **Karen M. Jones** Learn how your compassionate instincts can take your time and energy and turn them into powerful action.
- 16 **Friends – Board of Directors Meeting** – 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Public welcome
- 21 *The Magicians* by **Lev Grossman** Mixing the magic of children's fantasy classics with the sex, excess, angst, and anticlimax of life in college - a modern-day fantasy for grownups.
- 28 *Eating Animals* by **Jonathan Safran Foer** The author explores answers about meat: Where does it come from? How is it produced and does that matter?

\*Author(s) will join us.



**Jude Sanner Long  
Peace Pole Project**

We would like to thank all of the following people for their donations to establish the Peace Pole to honor Jude Sanner Long for her nearly 35 years of service at our library.

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Retiring Branch Manager Jude Sanner Long and her husband, Gordon, proudly present the Peace Pole to the people of Morro Bay and the Central Coast community.



**Beth McKenzie, Beth Ann Stanovich, Mary Blair, Michele Gorey, April Kluver (front)**

## Staff Introductions

Hola. My name is Beth McKenzie. I have worked at this branch for 11 years. I am a third generation graduate of Blackburn College in Carlinville, IL. This is next door to Jude's hometown of Mattoon, IL. My interests include genealogy, Western European history and genetics. I also enjoy creating crafts using desktop publishing software and painting old furniture using stencils and oil paint to create intricate designs. Currently I waste a lot of time on Facebook playing YoVille (a virtual game where one works, shops, decorates their home and interacts with other friends) and watching DVDs from our library.

Greetings! I'm Beth Ann and I've just had my sixth anniversary with the Morro Bay Library. I'm currently busy with remodeling projects at home, but my true passion is the time I spend with my animals: dogs, cats, and turtles. I am a true animal lover! A few years ago we found six orphaned baby skunks under our shed and we managed to save five of them. My dream is to become more involved with rescue groups like Pacific Wildlife.

Hi, I'm the "tall one with long brown hair" or Mary Blair. I have the honor of having worked here the second longest, (after Jude). You may not know that I have two sons - one who was in the Peace Corps in China for

two years and is now teaching English in South Korea; the other currently at Cuesta

and studying toward a teaching degree. I love reading mysteries and suspense and my favorite authors are Connelly, Tannenbaum, Child and many more. I also love chocolate and baking.

Hi, I'm Michele and I've been employed with the SLO County Library system for 14 years. When I'm not having tea with Jane Austen, watching a quidditch match with Ron and Hermione or improving my tracking skills with Joe Leaphorn, I'll be at the Morro Bay Branch where I've enjoyed working for the past seven years. I am fortunate to be able to walk back and forth to work and spend my day with terrific people. Outside of work, I can be found dining with my Mom, who, at 80 plus, still plays golf; with my brother, who lives for golf; or kayaking with my husband Patrick, the sailing enthusiast. It's a very good life! I've always enjoyed reading and *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* brought reading alive for me with its magic. Recently I've enjoyed reading *Blue Zones* and *The Great Hedge of India* along with my current book: *Four Corners of the Sky* by Michael Malone.

Hello, my name is April. I'm the newest employee. In the past, I've had the pleasure of substituting at the Morro Bay Branch. So, now I feel fortunate to be a full-time member of the staff. As a patron, I always thought of Morro Bay as a nice library with many services and a helpful staff. I fondly remember bringing my daughter (now 21) to storytime. Today I still enjoy all that the library has to offer but now I not only check out items for myself, I check in the items too!



### Library Hours

Mon - Closed	Tue - Wed 10am-7pm
Thu-Fri - 10am-5pm	Sat - 10am-4pm
Sundays - Closed	<b>805-772-6394</b>



## Book Sale Report

Hello Friends,

We had another successful book sale in February. I hope you were there and saw the wonderful response to all the hard work of more than 50 volunteers. Even though it was raining we took in just over \$3000.00 for the library.

Were you aware that some of the most requested books, those with long waits, can be found on the Express book shelves (near the check out kiosks)? The Friends purchase these books specifically for Morro Bay patrons. They can only be checked out in person, and cannot be sent to other locations like other requested books.

We do the same thing for DVDs. We now have Express DVD service. Come in and browse in your Morro Bay library for newer films that cannot be held or reserved. It means that there is always something new at our branch!

See you on May 8<sup>th</sup> for our next big book sale. Donations of clean, lightly read books are always appreciated, and can be brought into the library anytime.

- Laurie Allen

Ways and Means

### **HELP US TO PRESERVE MORRO BAY LIBRARY HISTORY**

Volunteers are needed to help with preserving our library history - simple tasks, fun research, whatever you can do to help is appreciated. Would you like to get involved? Learn more by contacting Joe Carotenuti (his email is: [jacjs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jacjs@sbcglobal.net) ) or call 805.545.0628.

## Treasurer Needed for 2011

by Ric Deschler

This is my fifth year as your treasurer. It is time for me to find a replacement for next year. Though it has been a great time serving as treasurer, I believe it is important that some new blood be injected into this position. It is also good for the health of a community organization like ours to periodically replace officers to ensure that we don't start getting into routines that can lead to mistakes.

Even though I plan to step down from the treasurer's position, I will still be available to help the new person transition into the role. I will still be an active member of the Friends and can be called upon to assist the new treasurer. The financial books are easy to manage. We generally write fewer than a hundred checks per year. I will have a Treasurer's Handbook available detailing how to do the job.

If you are good with figures and would like to help your Friends of the Library in an important way, contact me (772-9244) and we can discuss the position of Treasurer. The position is an elected office of the Board of Directors. Anyone wishing to serve will need to submit his/her name during the nomination process in the coming months.

**You can help Morro Bay Friends** a lot simply by choosing to receive this newsletter online. It costs Friends \$380 to print and mail 310 newsletters. You can save Friends \$1.23 per issue, almost \$5 a year, if you elect to look at your copy online. Call our Membership Director, Jennifer Redman, at **772-7985**, if you want to save the Friends some money. More money means more books, films, CDs for our library.



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

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- New  
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