



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.

Dear Friends,

With this edition of Among Friends, we bid farewell to our dedicated newsletter editor, Red Davis. Fortunately for us, Red will not go far. He is committed to staying on the MBFOL Board but will take on a new responsibility next year. Many thanks to you, Red. You have edited our newsletter with professionalism, accuracy and attention to detail.

As fall arrives in Morro Bay, the MBFOL turn toward electing new officers for 2012. All Friends members are encouraged to attend the November Membership Meeting where we'll vote on the slate of Officers and Members-at-large for 2012 as well as vote on minor changes to the bylaws (more details inside the newsletter). Also, the November meeting is a little bit of business and a little bit of a party!

Mark your calendar to attend the MBFOL Membership Meeting & Election on Friday, November 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Library.

Have some free time? We'd love to have you share it with us! Here's a short list of volunteer opportunities. What interests you? Contact me and let's talk about it!

- Web Master
- Facebook Page Management
- PR/Outreach
- Book Storage Room Volunteer
- Book Sale Volunteer
- Farmers' Market Book Sale Booth Volunteer

Finally, a poem I rediscovered while reading *The Bill Martin Jr. Big Book of Poetry* with my first-grader. It seems timely with the lingering gloom this fall in Morro Bay?

Fog
The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbor and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.
-Carl Sandburg

See you at the Library!
Christine Johnson



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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Annual Morro Bay Friends of the Library Membership Meeting
Voting for changes to Bylaws & Election of Officers for 2012

All MBFOL members are invited!

Friday, November 18, 2011

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

John Kim Room, Morro Bay Library

Brief business meeting followed by a special presentation and a light lunch.

FREE FOOD!

Come and hear the story of Morro Bay's Sunshine Health Foods and Shine Café.

Lunch provided by Shine Café.

RSVP to pres@morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org by November 11.

...from inside the library

by Jackie Kinsey,
Morro Bay Branch Library Manager

Dear Friends,

Is it really mid-September already?! The library continues to be a place to come to in Morro Bay. We seem to be constantly in motion assisting people and managing the material.

Our Summer Reading Program was successful with 365 children (pre-school thru 5th grade) and 76 teens (6th-12th grade) signed up. As of Sept 9th, 183 juvenile and 39 teens have completed their reading goal and received prizes of local business coupons, a free book and a canvas book bag. Everyone seems very pleased with being able to choose a free book to keep and taking home other goodies!

In August we showed the movie *Rango* and the Marine Mammal Center came to the library. Both events had a nice gathering of kids and adults. We had three local book author presentations : Dorothy Cutter, (*Our World Underwater*), Berta Parrish (*Wise Woman's Way*) and Jodi Compton (*Thieves Get Rich, Saints Get Shot*).

We've had lots of interest in the display "Art of the Book" which will be in the library until September 16th. Some items will be for sale at the SLO Book & Author Festival Sunday September 18th.

I hope you will be able to come to the current display in the John Kim Room titled "The Catch." It is an informational display including black and white photographs by Thomas Halls, fishing artifacts and tools owned by Morro Bay residents, and facts and stories of Morro Bay fishing compiled by Morro Bay resident, curator and fisherman Barbara Stickel. She will be telling her story Tuesday September 13th at 5:30p.m.

In September we look forward to a two-day meditation workshop with Ruth Cherry, presentation by author & musician Sharine Borslien, and celebration of Banned Books Week (Sept 24th - Oct 1st) . In

addition, we will begin another Poetry workshop and discussion group.

October doesn't slow down much for the staff at Morro Bay Library. Watch for information about Oct 6th's Read for the Record. We will see how many young people we can have either read or listen to, one book. This year the book is *Llama Llama Red Pajama*, by Anna Dewdney. If you read this to a child on that day, let me know and I'll include you in our submission to the national count.

Melissa Greene returns on Oct 13 to entertain at our story time. Author Barbara Wolcott comes to the Book Group on Oct 26th. And on Oct 29th we will have a kids Harvest Festival featuring guest author Adrian Hurtado (book: *AcroBat*) Hope to see you at the library!

Jackie Kinsey
Morro Bay Librarian

PURCHASED IN AUGUST 2011

DVD

- Dexter: The Fifth Season

BOOKS

- *Caleb's Crossing*
- *Paris Wife*
- *Hit List*
- *Now You See Her*
- *Greater Journey*
- *State of Wonder*
- *In the Garden of Beasts*

OTHER

- 3 outlet covers
- Snacks for programs
- Stamps

Library Hours

Mon - Closed

Tue - Wed 10am-7pm

Thu-Fri - 10am-5pm

Sat - 10am-4pm

Sundays - Closed

805-772-6394



Upcoming Events

Schedule may be subject to change...

All events occur at the Morro Bay Library's John Kim Room unless otherwise noted.

For the comfort of all attending please come fragrance-free to our programs.

For more information go to: www.morrobaybookdiscussiongroup.org or contact

karen@morrobaybookdiscussiongroup.org or 225-3131.

Reoccurring Every Month!

- 1st & 3rd Wed 10:00am-noon- participants will have a chance to read and discuss anything from the latest bestsellers, classics, traditional literature, and historical fiction, mysteries or non-fiction books.
- 2nd Wednesdays 10:00am-noon- ("Special Topics" day) we will discuss books that make us think! The expectation is not that you will read the book cover to cover (although you are certainly encouraged to), but that you will consider the essence of the message of the book and be ready to discuss that message.
- 4th **Fridays Mystery Readers** group meets most 4th Fridays of the month from 10 a.m. - noon. We read and discuss a wide spectrum of mysteries, thrillers and suspense novels.

November

- 2 *The Winter of Our Discontent* - **Steinbeck's** last great novel focuses on the theme of success and what motivates men towards it.
- 3 **Children's Storytime** 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
- 3 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** - Open Office Hours with the Community 4-5 p.m. No appointment is necessary to meet with Supervisor Gibson in the John Kim Room.

5 Book Sale NEW LOCATION! Morro Bay Community Center, 1001 Kennedy Way (9-10am Members Only) 10am-2pm Sale; 1-2pm \$3 bag sale

- 9 *The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer* by **Siddhartha Mukherjee** For 4,000 years, cancer has stalked us. The author plunges us into a sweeping history with a colorful cast of renegade scientists, their patrons, and patients. What can we learn?
- 10 **Children's Storytime** 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
- 11 **Library Holiday - Closed**
- 16 *Skipping Christmas* by **John Grisham** Ever get so fed up with the holidays that you'd like to skip the whole thing?
- 17 **Children's Storytime** 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
- 18 **Morro Bay Friends of the Library Membership and Elections meeting 11:30-1:30 - Refreshments Provided FREE FOOD All members please attend and make your voice and vote count.** The November board meeting of the Friends of the Library will feature a lunch catered by Shine Café in Old Town, Morro Bay. The café is located inside the Sunshine Health Food store at 415 Morro Bay Blvd. The program will include a short history of the local business. As usual, the public is welcome, so join us for lunch and learn what is happening at your library and in your town.
- 23 No Book Discussion this Week
- 24-25 **Library Holiday - Closed**
- 30 *U is for Undertow* by **Sue Grafton** "...there are more ugly twists in the human heart than there are letters in the alphabet..." *Entertainment Weekly*. With the 4th Fridays Mystery Readers group on hiatus for the rest of the year, let's have fun by reading and discussing a mystery on a Wednesday!



December

- 1 **Children's Storytime** 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
1 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** office hours – John Kim Room 4-5 pm
7 *Night over Water* by **Ken Follett** On a date that will live in infamy, why not discuss a story that resonates in the early days of World War II.
8 **Children's Storytime** 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
14 **No Assigned Book** Discussion of non-reading list books to share with the group. Also, join us for an end of the year alphabet potluck – if your last name begins with the following letter please bring that dish which feeds 8-10 people A-F: meat/vegan; G-L: desserts/fruit; M-R: appetizers S-Z: Salads.
15 **Children's Storytime** 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
27 **Library Holiday - Closed**

January

- 3 **Library Holiday - Closed**
5 **Children's Storytime** 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
5 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** office hours – John Kim Room 4-5 pm
11 *The Book Thief* by **Markus Zusak** Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.
12 **Children's Storytime** 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
17 **Library Holiday - Closed**
18 *Spies of the Balkans* by **Alan Furst** As war approaches northern Greece, the spies begin to circle--from the Turkish legation to the German secret service. In the ancient port of Salonika, Costa Zannis, a senior police official, head of an office that handles special "political" cases, risks everything to secure an escape route for those hunted by the Gestapo.
19 **Children's Storytime** 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
26 **Children's Storytime** 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
27 Join the Author **Marcos M. Villatoro** in Discussion about his book: *Blood Daughters: A Romilia Chacón Novel* at the Library (*Special Note: since we typically read the book before our discussion date - this will be a special opportunity to read and discuss the book with the author present. Reminder: the book will only be available at the Morro Bay Library for check-out.*) Join us as we have the opportunity to discuss with the author his latest book about a child that dies on the border between California and Mexico. We will learn more about how his main character, FBI Agent Romilia Chacón follows this case into a world that swallows her with its horror.





August Book Sale Report

Our second book sale at our new digs at the Morro Bay Community Center was fun from start to finish. For those of you who came, thanks for the many kind words about the way the room was set up. It made for easier and less crowding browsing, and we had such a great variety of books that everyone found something to love! The other new thing people enjoyed were the signs that Julie Larsen created for us. Her sense of design really stood out, and the new signs were so easy to see.

The grand total for our Morro Bay branch was \$3959.00, second largest sale ever! Our wonderful and knowledgeable volunteers made it all happen. The balloons gave the room a festive air, and, as always, Joan Petersen provided goodies for the workers (just another perk for volunteering).

Please keep donating your gently used books. We can't have a sale without books, DVDs and CDs to sell. See you on Saturday, November 5th, for our final sale of this year.

Laurie Allen

Book Sale Coordinator

Membership Report

We in Friends' membership have been enjoying a busy and productive year with 120 new members added since the year began.

Thanks to all who have told a friend, neighbor, family member or business colleague about Morro Bay Friends of the Library.

Thank you to those who have become new members. We welcome you and look forward to your involvement.

And with great appreciation, we acknowledge the on-going support from the many members who renew each year, year after year.

Our success would not be possible without our dedicated membership volunteers: Josie Hyde, Adriana Galloway, Jan Goldman, Carole Wallace, Karen Lewan, Jackie Smalley, Donna Stoll, and Bill Carlson. You have seen them in the library lobby, at book sales, at Spencer's or Saturday farmers' markets, or at a children's program or book discussion group. They've given many hours of service to our organization.

How can you help? Encourage the people you know who love books and libraries, especially our local Morro Bay library, to join. Renew your membership. It saves money and volunteer time if you regularly renew. There is renewal form in this newsletter for your convenience.

If you are interested in becoming a membership volunteer, we would love to have you! Please contact me at members@morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org or 550-1930.

Susan Gossard

Membership Director



Volunteer Coordinator
Joan Petersen
interviews book sale volunteers....

Julie Larsen, who, at the most recent book sale, in collaboration with Book Sale Chair Laurie Allen, made new signs for the tables at the sale.

Q. How did you first get involved and how long have you been volunteering for Morro Bay FOL book sales?

A. As a retired high school teacher, I knew I needed to be involved with books. The Morro Bay Friends of the Library book sale has always fascinated me with its fantastic organization, the range of books and of course, the friendliness of the volunteers. So when three years ago, Joan Petersen asked me to volunteer, I said "Yes!" I have been involved with the Cayucos Library for 14 years, as chair of their annual Fourth of July book sale and doing various projects for the librarian Shera Hill. Hey, I love libraries, don't you?

Q. What keeps you coming back to volunteer sale after sale?

A. I enjoy working with people who read and use their libraries. Good people! I also enjoy doing challenging and very rewarding projects like the table signs for the last book sale. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the new look!

See you at the next book sale on November 5th.

Pat Howell, one of our "muscle men" who helps tote containers out of the library storage room, load them in his trailer, transport them to the Community Room to be unloaded the day before the sale and helps set up the tables.

Q. How long have you been volunteering for the Morro Bay FOL book sales and how did you first get involved?

A. Gee, time goes by so fast I don't really know. I became a lifetime member 8 or 10 years ago and I think it was probably you who brought me in a few years ago.

Q. What keeps you coming back to volunteer sale after sale?

A. I believe strongly in the library system as a value to our community. I just want to continue what little I can do to help. I am happy to say that I'm privileged to be a part of this. There are a lot of great volunteers. And it starts at the top – that would be Laurie Allen!

Interviewer's note: These are just two of the many, many wonderful Friends of the Library volunteers





FEATURING.....

**The Fabulous
Friendly Morro Bay
Library Friends'
Book Sale
Volunteers of
2011.....**

It's not neon lights
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thing...your name in
print!

To show how much
your efforts are
appreciated in
helping to make our
book sales so
successful!

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Barbara Cady
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Bev Maul
Bill Carlson
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Carole Wallace
Christine Johnson
Cordelia Roberts
DeDe Alexander
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Donna Stoll
Ed Musolff
Eric Johnson
George Sheffield



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Jude Long
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daughter
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Sharon Farrell
Susan Fishman
Susan Heinemann
Susan Gossard
Susan Fruchier
Thelma Gillmore
Tim Crowley
Tom Wilzbach
Tony Toomey
William Graham



November Board Meeting *Please Be Our Guest for Lunch*

The November board meeting - November 18, 2011 - of the Friends of the Library will feature a lunch catered by Shine Café in Old Town, Morro Bay. The café is located inside the Sunshine Health Food store at 415 Morro Bay Blvd.

The program will include a short history of the local business.

As usual, the public is welcome, so join us for lunch and learn what is happening at your library and in your town.

Jan Goldman

Director of Programs



More Photos from our Book Sale



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 Gerry Fuller Treasurer at treasurer@morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org



Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Christine Johnson, President

Like all good organizations, MBFOL has a strong set of bylaws to help us govern. In order for these bylaws to be living documents and not dusty tomes, it is healthy to review the bylaws in advance of each November's General Membership Meeting.

We are extremely fortunate to have the knowledge and experience of Karen Robert and Red Davis serving us as advisors to the bylaw review process.

This year at the November Membership Meeting, you will be asked to vote on the following amendments to the bylaws excerpted below. These amendments were approved by the MBFOL Board of Directors on September 16, 2011. It is our hope to streamline the nomination process as reflected in Article V, Section 6 and 8. And, we need to add a Member-at-large position to the Board in Article V, Section 9. The current bylaws are available on the website as part of the Volunteer Handbook or at the Library.

Questions? Please do contact me. Proposed amendments are shown below as ~~strikeout~~ (to delete) or **bold** (to add).

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

SECTION 6. The President shall appoint the chair of the Nominating Committee, ~~who shall be either a past president or a current Board member.~~ The chair may appoint additional committee members. ~~Members of the Nominating Committee shall not be eligible to nominate themselves for Board positions.~~ The Committee shall solicit and propose candidates to the Board to fill vacancies to complete unexpired terms as they may occur and shall solicit and present to the membership nominations for Officers and Members-at-Large at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee may hold an open meeting not less than 30 or more than 90 days prior to the annual general membership elections meeting for the purpose of soliciting Board candidates from among the membership.

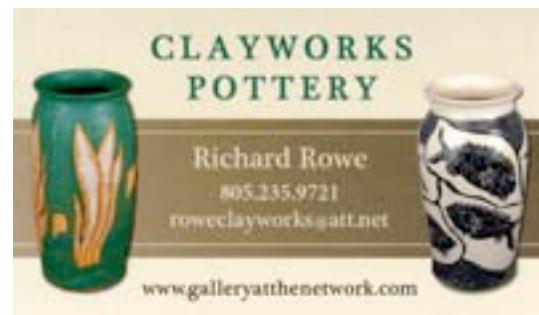
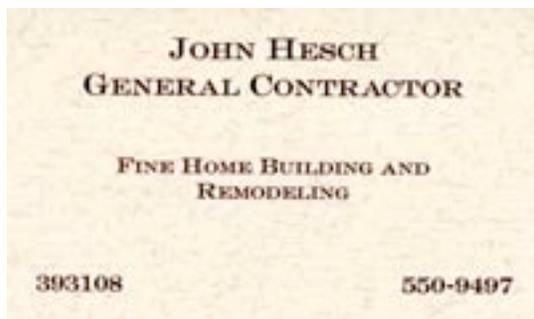
SECTION 8. Active members may apply for any Officer and Member-At-Large position for consideration for election at the annual membership meeting **or** by presenting their name to the Nominating Committee Chair at least one month before the elections. The Nominating Committee Chair shall be responsible for presenting those names for consideration for the election.

SECTION 9. Members-at-large shall each serve as Chair of one of the following Standing Committees: Programs, Membership, Fundraising, Volunteers, Newsletter and Book Sales. **One Member-at-large may serve as a representative of this organization on the Board of Directors of the Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Public Libraries.** The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee.

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 as a privilege of membership.

For more information, please call Susan Gossard at 805-550-1930



friends members

get your friends to join!

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I'd like to receive my Newsletter: Email *saves \$5/year/member* U.S. Mail.

YES! CONTACT ME TO VOLUNTEER: Book Sale Fundraising Committee work Membership

Newsletter/PR Children's/Teen activities Book Discussion Groups Local Authors Programs

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at Morro Bay Community Center

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