Do You Know Your Librarians? True Morro Bay Treasures

How well do you know the library staff who keep our library running smoothly? With hundreds of items circulating in and out daily, these six women are busy helping patrons with research, caring for the library collection, trouble-shooting, staffing special programs, and keeping the library a safe and enjoyable place to visit. Between the six of them, they have over 90 years of library experience! You’ve probably been helped by one or more of them during your library visits, but do you really know much about who they are? We are truly lucky to have such a dedicated and caring staff in our Morro Bay Library! Take a look inside this issue to learn more about the women at the heart of our library.

Bike to the Books! May 5th Book Sale

Kids and Adults! Ride your bike to the Morro Bay Friends of the Library Book Sale on Saturday, May 5th at the Morro Bay Community Center and receive a Bike Buck for $1 off your total purchase of books on that day. (Remember: most books are priced at only 50 cents!) By riding your bicycle to the book sale you are helping our environment, enjoying the outdoors in our beautiful community and saving money on both books and gas! Rideshare is sponsoring this event as part of Bike Month (May). Early Bird shopping for Friends members begins at 9 a.m. (Join at the door!)

The public sale starts at 10 a.m. $3 a Bag Sale is from 1-2 p.m.
Don’t forget your helmet!

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For more Bike Month events in SLO County, visit www.rideshare.org/BikeMonth2012

2012 Book Sales are May 5, August 18 & November 3

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A Message From Our President:

Christine Johnson

Our Morro Bay librarians are absolutely fabulous! The Friends are happy to feature each one in this issue of our newsletter to help you get to know them a bit better and to help you put names to faces.

Did you know that your Morro Bay Library ranks 4th in circulation of materials in all of the SLO County Library system? The top three circulating libraries are SLO City, Atascadero and Arroyo Grande—cities with much larger populations than Morro Bay. Our incredible librarians and the customer service they provide are a large part of what keeps people visiting time and time again. Have you thanked a librarian today? Now you can do so by name!

I’d like to draw your attention to our Friends of the Library Business Members in this issue. These local businesses have chosen to support your Morro Bay Library, so we are asking Friends members to support their businesses, too. We all play a role in the economic vitality of our city. Our patronage as residents helps to keep people in business and keeps our dollars circulating in Morro Bay. The next time you go in to a business or call for a service, tell them the Friends of the Library sent you.

Finally, I can’t stop celebrating our record-breaking February Used Book Sale fundraiser—over $4,500 raised one fifty-cent book at a time! How to keep up the momentum, you ask? In celebration of Bike Month, the May 5th Used Book Sale fundraiser is encouraging people to Bike to the Books! Ride your bike to the Book Sale and receive a Bike Buck! Funds for this event are provided by a mini-grant from Rideshare.

See you shopping, biking or at the Library!

Christine

Your 2012 Morro Bay Friends of the Library Board of Directors
Jackie Kinsey

What's your favorite part of your job?
My favorite part of my job is meeting new people and learning new things myself all the time. I enjoy learning what information needs are popular and being able to assist someone with their information or entertainment requests. Best of all is sharing all the possibilities of the library with people of all ages and hearing them say, “Wow, I didn't know all that was at the library for free!”

Book recommendations?
The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver, Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life by Wendy Maas, and the Sookie Stackhouse series by Charlaine Harris.

What book has influenced you the most in your life?
Books by Anne Tyler and Barbara Kingsolver have always made me rethink what I am doing in my life.

What's your favorite children's book?
My favorite picture books right now are by Kathryn Otoshi: One and Zero. Both have wonderful messages delivered with bold colorful pictures and simple text. Favorite chapter books would be the Clementine books by Sara Pennypacker.

What do you wish more people in the community knew about the Morro Bay Library?
In the month of February 2012 the Morro Bay Library circulated 21,925 items! Not only can you pick up a newly released book or DVD, but over 5,000 electronic books are available. You can also search the databases for out-of-state phone numbers (Reference USA), automobile repair (All Data), grant research (Grant Station) or genealogy (AncestryLibrary). Give them a try sometime.

What might people be surprised to learn about you?
My husband is also a librarian.

Beth McKenzie

What's your favorite children's book?
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'dell. It’s a good story about survival and resilience. It’s based on a true story about Juana Maria, a Nicolenno Indian.

What do you wish more people in the community knew about the Morro Bay Library?
The variety of services that we offer in today’s 21st century library is so different from the library I was familiar with as a child. We lend DVDs, music CDs, Ebooks, books on CD, and have fantastic database resources. Also, I don’t think the community realizes how much the library is used, especially during the past economic downturn.

What might people be surprised to learn about you?
I like to paint older furniture, play games on Facebook (like Atlantis Fantasy), search on the internet family history & research on the internet on subjects such as the Human Genome Project, history, mythology, anthropology and geology. I also like trivia (aka useless knowledge). I attended Blackburn College in Carlinville, IL, where both of my parents and Grandma attended. I have been to Mexico, Canada, Belgium, Great Britain and many states throughout the US. I prefer “arm chair” traveling by watching foreign films to real air travel. I own two cats and have been a huge fan since childhood.
The True Treasures of the Morro Bay Library  - Your Library Staff

Michele Gorey

Background

I have lived in Morro Bay since 1981. In the 1980s I began the Library Technology program at Cuesta College. In 1996, I started working for the San Luis Obispo branch and was able to transfer to the Morro Bay branch in 2003. I am lucky enough to walk to work.

What's your favorite part of your job?

I love learning something new every day. It's also fun to help people find things—a recipe, historical information or a new way of looking at the world.

Book recommendations?

Currently, my top books are: The Tower, the Zoo, and the Tortoise by Julia Stuart, Tattoos on the Heart by Greg Boyle, and The Beekeeper’s Apprentice by Laurie King.

What book has influenced you the most in your life?

Besides Jane Austen’s Pride and Prejudice, I would say The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth Speare. It taught me the lesson of responsibility, hard work, shared work and the need for a quiet place to go if only into your self—a lifetime endeavor.

What's your favorite children's book?

The Story of Ferdinand by Leaf Munro. There’s nothing like sitting in a beautiful field smelling the flowers.

What do you wish more people in the community knew about the Morro Bay Library?

I hope people will know us as a central part of the community, a meeting place, where they can come to relax, learn, grow, and feel welcomed and acknowledged.

What might people be surprised to learn about you?

I like baseball, especially the San Francisco Giants - Go Giants! I play golf, sometimes very bad golf. I love to read (big surprise), walk, kayak and spend time with my family. My mom and I especially like watching our English shows, Keeping Up Appearances (that Mrs. Bucket, pronounced "Bouquet", ahem), As Time Goes By, and Doc Martin.

Mary Blair

Background

I grew up in this county and currently live in Atascadero. If I could pick my favorite place to live it would be Cayucos. I have been with the library system for 16 years, starting in SLO, with the last 14 being here in Morro Bay. I grew up in libraries starting in 4th grade when I would wait in the SLO library for my mom to get off her job for the county. So... libraries have always felt like home to me and when I realized I didn’t want to be an elementary teacher, I applied for a library position and lucked out and got one. It has been a good fit.

What's your favorite part of your job?

I love working in a place that I consider the “dessert” of county services. I love the positive environment that is the library and the great people I get to meet with and help when they give me the chance. (Please note: You are never interrupting staff with a question. You are the main priority for us.)

Book recommendations?

Currently, my top books are: The Once and Future King by T.H White, Rain of Gold by Victor Villasenor, and Lost Boys by Orson Scott Card.

What book has influenced you the most in your life?

There isn’t one book for me. It’s the compilation of all of them and the ones yet to be read. I use them to escape, to learn, to open up different parts of the world and to extend my boundaries. I need my stories.

What's your favorite children’s book?

The Story of Ferdinand by Leaf Munro. There’s nothing like sitting in a beautiful field smelling the flowers.

What do you wish more people in the community knew about the Morro Bay Library?

I wish they knew how many things we have to offer, in materials, programs, etc. and that they are all for FREE. There is so much that they have access to that could enrich their lives.

What might people be surprised to learn about you?

I love to snorkel in warm ocean water. It is something I wish I could do every day. It’s like entering another world and so calming and beautiful that I want to retire to a place where that can be part of my everyday life.
Dear Friends,

The quarterly book sale on February 11th turned out to be the biggest ever, both in numbers of books and in money coming in. $4516.55 was the grand total, and it was grand! A good time was had by all.

The volunteers were wonderful, as always. I cannot think of another Friends’ group that has such a large core of return volunteers, who show up each and every time and work so cheerfully.

The muscle men ought to be nominated as Volunteers of the Year. You can’t imagine how much heavy lifting they do in such a short time, and with such good humor.

Please remember to bring your gently used books and DVDs to the Morro Bay Library for our next book sale, which is coming up on May 5th. Don’t forget to “Bike to the Books” on May 5th to earn your Bike Bucks!

See you at the book sale!
MAY 2 (W)  10 a.m. - Noon  **Book Discussion Group**  *A Visit from the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan

Bennie is an aging former punk rocker and record executive. Sasha is the passionate, troubled young woman he employs. The inner lives of a host of other characters whose paths intersect with theirs will be introduced.

MAY 3 (Th)  10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.  **Pre-School Storytime**  Join us for stories and music.

MAY 5 (Sat)  **Friends of the Library Book Sale - “Bike to the Books”**

Morro Bay Community Center. Members only will be admitted to the sale from 9 to 10 a.m. with the public sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A $3 per bag sale will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Ride your bike to the Book Sale and earn a “Bike Buck” to apply toward your book purchase.

MAY 9 (W)  10 a.m. - Noon  **Book Discussion Group**  *Outliers – The Story of Success* by Malcolm Gladwell

Join us during our special topics Wednesday discussion as we review Malcolm Gladwell’s provocative question in *Outliers*: Why do some people succeed, living remarkably productive and impactful lives, while so many more never reach their potential?

MAY 10 (Th)  10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.  **Pre-School Storytime**  Join us for stories and music.

MAY 12 (Sat)  11 a.m. - Noon  **Special Program**  "Swingin with Dean" '40s - '70s Music Extravaganza!

Dean Ratzman, the hardest working one-man band in show business, is bringing his highly polished act - "The Swingin With Dean Show" - to the library for a concert. Dean will sing and play "Hits from the Great American Artists" including Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Cole Porter, Ray Charles, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Buddy Holly, The Beatles, The Beach Boys, The Young Rascals, Neil Diamond, The Temptations, Santana, and Gary Puckett.

MAY 16 (W)  10 a.m. - Noon  **Book Discussion Group**  *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls

So begins the story of Lily Casey Smith, Jeannette Walls’s no-nonsense, resourceful, and spectacularly compelling grandmother. By age six, Lily was helping her father break horses. At fifteen, she left home to teach in a frontier town—riding five hundred miles on her pony, alone, to get to her job. She learned to drive a car and fly a plane. Learn more about her incredible life’s journey.

MAY 17 (Th)  10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.  **Pre-School Storytime**  Join us for stories and music.

MAY 18 (F)  11:30 - 1:30 p.m.  **Morro Bay Friends of the Library Board of Directors Meeting**

Friends members and guests are welcome to attend and listen to Board business.

MAY 23  22 (W)  10 a.m.  **4th Wednesdays at the Movies**  *Queen of Hearts* (82 minutes) French with English subtitles

Thirty-something Adele is devastated after a painful breakup. With no close friends or family, her distant cousin, Rachel, reluctantly takes her in and aggressively attempts to salvage Adele’s personal and professional lives. Rachel finds her a job and suggests that Adele sleep with other men to get over her heartbreak. Adele bounces from one lover to the next in search of her perfect companion but can’t escape the visage of her ex.

MAY 24 (Th)  10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.  **Pre-School Storytime**  Join us for stories and music.

MAY 25 (F)  10 a.m. - Noon  **4th Fridays Mystery Readers**  *The Silent Spirit* by Margaret Coel

In 1923, Charlie is recruited to appear as an extra in a silent film, but he never returns home. Years later Charlie’s great-grandson, goes to uncover the truth behind his great-grandfather’s disappearance, but he is murdered. Now they must find the connection between two deaths separated by nearly a century.

*All events are held in the John Kim Room at the Morro Bay Library, unless otherwise indicated.*
JUN  6 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon  Book Discussion Group  *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier

On the windswept, fossil-strewn beaches of the English coast, poor and uneducated Mary Anning learns that she has a unique gift: "the eye" to spot fossils no one else can see. When she uncovers an unusual fossilized skeleton in the cliffs near her home, she sets the religious community on edge, the townspeople to gossip, and the scientific world alight. A voyage of discovery, two remarkable women, and an extraordinary time and place.

JUN  13 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon  Book Discussion Group  *The World is Flat – A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century* by Thomas L. Friedman

The World Is Flat is an account of the great changes taking place in our time, as lightning-swift advances in technology and communications put people all over the globe in touch as never before. It is also an essential update on globalization, its successes and discontents, powerfully illuminated by one of our most respected journalists. During this special topics Wednesday discussion, what can we learn from the author's observations?

JUN  20 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon  Book Discussion Group  *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

As the townspeople grapple with their problems, mild and dire, Olive is brought to a deeper understanding of herself and her life—sometimes painfully, but always with ruthless honesty. The novel offers profound insights into the human condition—its conflicts, its tragedies and joys, and the endurance it requires.

JUN  21 (Th) 2 p.m.  Special Program  Taiko Drumming - Family event

Listen to authentic Japanese drumming performed by local Oban Festival performer, Ichimi Daiko.

JUN  22 (F) 10 a.m. - Noon  4th Fridays Mystery Readers  *Worth Dying For* by Lee Child

There’s deadly trouble in the corn country of Nebraska…and Jack Reacher walks right into it.

JUN  27 (W) 10 a.m.  4th Wednesdays at the Movies  *I AM* (70 minutes)

*I AM* is an engaging and entertaining film which asks luminaries from the worlds of science, philosophy, academia, and faith two questions: what's wrong with our world, and what can we do to make it better? Bring your completed Assignments from above with you for the Discussion following the film.

JUN  28 (Th) 2 p.m.  Special Program  Gerald Joseph, Magician - Ages 3 and up

Gerald keeps the laughs going from start until finish. Amazing sleight of hand magic and outrageously funny sight gags. Audiences of all ages will be sure to be entertained.

**Coming this summer**  Summer Reading Programs for children and teens.  Sign up begins Saturday, June 9th and goes until Saturday, August 4th.  Join the summer reading fun at your Morro Bay Library with entertainment, story times, music and, of course, lots of great books! Reach your reading goal and you receive a book bag, prizes and can pick a book to keep. It’s a great way to enjoy reading over the summer.
JUL 4 (W) Library Holiday—Closed

JUL 11 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon  **Book Discussion Group**  *House Rules* by Jodi Picoult

We are suspending the “Special Topics Wednesday” to read and discuss this powerful novel about Jacob Hunt, a teen with Asperger’s syndrome with a special focus on one subject – forensic analysis. He always shows up to crime scenes and tells the police what to do, and he’s usually right. So, when a terrible murder occurs the question becomes: ... does that mean Jacob’s guilty?

JUL 12 (Th) 2 p.m. **Special Program**  Craig Newton, Musician - All ages

Craig brings an entertaining and educational program that combines historical themes with music and a wide variety of instruments. (Ages 4 and up)

JUL 18 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon **Book Discussion Group**  *Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen

Flipped is a romance told in two voices. The first time Juli Baker saw Bryce Loski, she flipped. The first time Bryce saw Juli, he ran. That’s pretty much the pattern for these two neighbors until the eighth grade. How these two teens manage to see beyond the surface of things and come together makes for a comic and poignant romance. Join us next week (July 25) as we watch and discuss the movie – beginning @ 10 a.m.

JUL 19 (Th) 2:30 p.m. **Special Program**  Tom Knight, Musician & Puppeteer - All ages

As a singer, songwriter, puppeteer and videographer he brings a totally delightful, engaging, and artistic performance for all ages to enjoy. As one parent shared, "Tom appeals to the child in all of us, while effortlessly teaching manners, science, musical styles and more."

JUL 25 (W) 10 a.m. **4th Wednesdays at the Movies**  *Flipped* (90 minutes - Rated PG)

Juli Baker believes in 3 things: the sanctity of trees, the wholesomeness of the eggs she collects from her backyard flock of chickens and that someday she will kiss Bryce Loski. This is a movie about the perfect introduction to the adolescent war between the sexes. Join us this month for the first book to movie discussion experience.

JUL 27 (F) 10 a.m. - Noon  **4th Fridays Mystery Readers**  *Edge* by Jeffery Deaver

Some nifty new tricks are unveiled in this edge-of-your-seat thriller that pits two worthy antagonists against each other.

Program Note:  The Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Public Libraries regrets to announce that the 2012 Central Coast Book and Author Festival has been cancelled, but please check www.slolibraryfoundation.org to donate in support of reward books for the Summer Reading Program presented countywide by your public libraries. Last year more than 5,000 children read over 33,000 books! You can help the Foundation provide reward books for our young readers.

It’s not always quiet in the library! These young performers from Bucket Busters made toe-tappin’ music in the John Kim Room on April 7. To learn more about them, check out drumschool101.com/bucketbusters.html
Irene & Tony Toomey, long-time MBFOL involved members who can usually be found working together at the cashier’s table.

Q. How long have you been volunteering for the book sales & how did you first get involved?

Irene: My family first became involved with MBFOL through Jean Abderhalden (then book sale chairperson) in 1989. Our son, Matthew (then 13 years old) and a friend helped Jean set up the tables at 6 am on the Friday before the sales and take them down after the sales for two years. In 1990 Jean asked me if I would help sort magazines for the rack in the lobby and the sales. Before I knew it, I had taken over the responsibility for the magazines. In 1992 I started shelving in the library, which I so enjoyed. After 14 years I had to give it up due to hip issues. It’s something I still miss and I just loved working with the staff. I continue with the magazines and have three wonderful volunteers (Jane, Josie and Nancy) and my husband, Tony, helping me. Tony and I cashier at the sales; can’t remember how many years—a lot! We have been handling the sale fliers for many years.

Tony: I’ve been a member of the Friends for 15+ years. I began by helping my wife, Irene, with magazine sorting and sales, and later started working the book sales. For several years Irene and

Betty Gong, long-time volunteer and usually cashiersing with Jean Goodrich at the sales.

Q. How long have you been volunteering for the book sales & how did you first get involved?

A. I have been volunteering with MBFOL for a long time- I think maybe since the late 1990’s? I started because I wanted to get involved with our great community and to meet great people. I really believe in libraries, in general, as important places to exist for information for future generations.

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

A. I keep on volunteering at the MBFOL book sales because I get to meet new people and I find the work during the sale a light challenge for my brain. Also, it is a lot of fun!
New Library Acquisitions

**Books**
- Catching Fire
- Hunger Games
- End of Illness
- That Woman
- Taken
- Kill Shot
- Defending Jacob
- Behind the Beautiful Forevers
- Girl Child
- Lone Wolf
- Thinking Fast and Slow
- Weeds
- Lost in Shangri-La
- Rome 1960: the Olympics that Changed the World
- Aleph
- Age is Just a Number: achieve your dreams at any stage in your life
- Eyes Wide Open

**DVDs**
- The Descendants
- Sarah’s Key
- The Adventures of Tintin
- Nurse Jackie: Season Three
- Downton Abbey: Season Two
- The Muppets
- Thinking Fast and Slow

Friends Membership Benefit Program

The Morro Bay Friends of the Library has a new perk! Business members may opt to offer a Membership Benefit to current Morro Bay Friends of the Library members. The benefit will vary according to the business, but be sure to ask about it when you do business with these business members. We hope this program will benefit our individual and family members with savings and also benefit our business members with greater exposure and more customers. The MBFOL newsletter reaches over 475 households! If you are a current business member and would like to offer a Membership Benefit, please contact Christine Johnson at pres@morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org or 305-3759.

THANK YOU to our New and Renewing Business Members:
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Jonathan Robbins  
Ruth Robbins  
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Swimwear Fashions & accessories  
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Morro Bay, CA 93442  
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Web: www.Joselle-Ariel.com  
E-mail: sales@Joselle-Ariel.com

Carla Borchard  
213 Beach St.  
Morro Bay, CA 93442  
(805) 772-9051  
Morro Bay Country Kitchen

Indicates businesses that are offering a Library Friends Membership Benefit. Be sure to ask about it when you shop with them.

Other Current Business Members:
Kathy Hoversten, Accounting Services  
John Hesch General Contractor  
Clayworks Pottery  
JDR Electric  
Gardens by Gabriel  
Coalesce Bookstore & Garden Chapel  
Morro Bay Drug & Gift  
The Skin Stop

Eckles Wealth Management, Inc.  
Pedersen Realty & Property Management  
Leah Cowley, Realtor - Bayshore Realty  
George G. Ross, CPA PFS CFP  
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Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Bay Rock Lodge #300

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☐ Yes, you may publish my name as a Morro Bay Library supporter.
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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
☐ Website/PR  ☐ Children’s/Teen activities  ☐ Book Discussion Groups

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Form 4/2012
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May 5, 2012

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at Morro Bay

Community Center

9-10 am Members Only (join at the door)
10am-2pm Public Sale; 1-2 pm $3 bag sale

Please keep us current with addresses and email changes. If you have an email and would prefer to receive newsletters online, please let us know. Choosing the email option for newsletters saves the Friends $5 a year per membership! Send changes to members@morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org.

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