Library Remodel is Now a Reality!

After many years of hoping, dreaming and planning (and dozens of book sales!), the Morro Bay Friends of the Library is moving forward with a complete interior remodel project for the Morro Bay Library, slated to commence in early spring 2013. What makes this project unique is the fact that it is completely funded and driven by volunteers and community supporters. More than $250,000 has been raised from hundreds of donors and thousands of purchases at the Friends’ quarterly book sales through the years.

The remodel project will encompass a complete redesign of the entire 6,500 sq. ft. interior space within the current footprint of the library building. This renovation will create a single unified space which will consolidate and centralize the circulation area to allow greater visual control over the entire space. A primary goal is to create spaces that meet the needs of a variety of age groups in ways that welcome participation by all members of our community. A better use of technology is also part of the plan. The remodel committee and architect are working toward a common vision of creating a library that is welcoming, open, flexible, inclusive, technologically current, and reflective of our community.

With the blessing and assistance of County personnel, the Friends' remodel committee interviewed several local architectural firms over the summer and selected Shana Reiss of Reiss Design Studio (Paso Robles) to design the new library.

This long-awaited project represents the fulfillment of a dream held by library supporters. The strong leadership within the Friends of the Library organization, the dedication of library staff, and the cooperation of County and City officials will culminate in an exciting, modern, forward-looking facility for all patrons to enjoy.

(The profile of architect Shana Reiss, see pg. 5.)
A Message From Our President:

Christine Johnson

(Editor’s Note: This will be the final message from out-going President Christine Johnson. In June, the citizens of Morro Bay elected Christine to a position on the City Council. The November 16th Friends of the Library Annual Meeting will be Christine’s final day as President. She will be sworn in for her duties on the City Council on December 10th. We wish Christine all the best and are immensely grateful for her commitment to the Friends these past years.)

“No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it.” Halford E. Luccock.

Dear Friends,

I look forward to gathering together with you at our General Membership Meeting on Friday, November 16 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the John Kim Room at the Library. A light lunch provided by Beach House Bistro follows the Board meeting. Please plan to attend and to celebrate with the Board an incredible year of advocacy and support for your Morro Bay Library.

This will be my final letter to you as MBFOL President. I’m pleased to report that at the November meeting, Nominations Chair, Joan Petersen, will present a full slate of volunteers who are ready to serve on the Friends’ Board for next year. We have wonderful continuity with the majority of Board members returning plus the addition of two dynamic new faces at the Board level with Trina Dougherty and Karen Lewan volunteering to join us. I hope you will confirm their commitment by casting your vote for this slate of outstanding leaders and Library advocates.

Here is the slate for the MBFOL Board of Directors 2013.

President   Robert “Red” Davis
Vice President   Trina Dougherty
Secretary   Susan McElhinney
Treasurer  Gerry Fuller
Book Sale  Laurie Allen
Fundraising  Karen Lewan
Library Foundation Joan Decker
Membership  Susan Gossard
Newsletter  Joan Browne
Program   Jan Goldman
Volunteers  Joan Petersen

I will certainly miss my day-to-day involvement with the Morro Bay Friends of the Library Board and membership. However, I’m not going very far away. I will be forever grateful to have worked with this organization and this phenomenal 2012 Board who are a group of literate, dedicated, broad-thinking, community-minded, creative individuals and each one with an individual yet wicked sense of humor. I have no doubt that the MBFOL is in the best of hands moving forward to the Library remodel….and beyond.

Very sincerely,

Christine
**Book Sale Report from Laurie Allen**

Dear Friends,

And the grand total is.....$4800.00! Yes, your eyes do not deceive you. Our August book sale made this record-smashing amount, thanks to two wonderful people who donated their libraries to the Morro Bay Friends when they relocated.

It certainly exhausted the hardy volunteers who worked so hard to get the large number of books, DVDs and CDs out and organized on the tables. In the end, everyone was tired and happy, an excellent combination.

Please remember to donate your gently used books and DVDs to the Friends, so that we can add them to the collection, or sell them to buy new materials for our Morro Bay Library.

Special thanks to Joan Petersen, Susan Gossard and the volunteers who showed up as always!

Laurie

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**NOTICE**

Update to the Bylaws: Membership approval needed

The MBFOL Board reviews the organization’s bylaws every year at this time. This year, we are asking the membership to approve a small adjustment to Article V, Section 9. The Board approved this change at its September meeting.

This change will enable the Board to be flexible as times change and the Board believes this small change in the bylaws will give future Boards the ability to create a Board that reflects the MBFOL’s purpose of fundraising and advocacy. Please review the change in advance of the vote at the general membership meeting. If you have any questions, please call Christine Johnson, President, #305-

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**ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

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 special and standing committees as designated by the President. 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. (Change the order of sentences two and three. The change is reflected above.)
New Library Acquisitions

Books
The Orchardist
The Beautiful Mystery: A Chief Inspector Gamache novel
Dear America: I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly (juvenile book)
The Unfinished Garden
Winter of the World: Book two of the Century Trilogy
The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog (juvenile book)

DVDs
The Lorax
Jeff Who Lives at Home
The Artist
Dexter, season 6
Mirror, Mirror
Man on a Ledge
The Girl Who Played With Fire
The Hunger Games
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
Being Flynn
Snow White and the Huntsman
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen
Spartacus: Vengeance, season 2

Annual Meeting:
Friday, November 16,
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
in the John Kim Room

The Beach House Bistro, 2770 Main Street, will be catering lunch for the November board meeting. Owners Liz and Gerald Bednorz will provide their famous clam chowder and some pulled pork lettuce wraps. We may even be treated to something from Lizzy’s dessert selection! Friends are invited to join us for the last board meeting of the year which will be followed by this tasty presentation. The meeting will be on Friday, November 16th, 11:30 in the John Kim Room. RSVP to pres@morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org or call #305-3759.

Please see pg. 2 for slate of Board candidates and pg. 3 for proposed update to the bylaws.

2013 Cuesta Book of the Year

The 2013 Cuesta Book of the Year selection is The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. The author will speak at Cuesta College on Wednesday, February 27 (more details to come.) Our own Book Discussion group will be reading the novel. Join our community in a shared reading experience!

Change is in the air...

Our Friends of the Library website is getting a facelift! Keep your eye on our website at www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org for a new look to be unveiled in November.

Change is in the air...

iPhone classes:
Tuesday, Nov. 27, 5-7pm
Tuesday, Dec. 11, 5-7pm

This is another opportunity for this free hands-on workshop which is both an introduction to the iPhone and an advanced class on some of the less obvious aspects of iPhone ownership. Learn about the camera and video camera: taking photos and video, editing them, and emailing both; using the App store; critical apps; saving money with an iPhone; pull-down preview; Siri; FaceTime, Skype, using Maps; Ebay, Craig’s List and Pro. Please call 772-6394 to reserve your seat.
What makes you especially suited to a project like the library?

I am driven to design projects that have a lasting impact that is greater than simply designing a structure. I strive to always have a project in “the works” that allows architecture to be a conduit for changing the world and impacting lives. I believe that the Library fulfills this requirement that I have set for myself (and Reiss Design Studio) because of the long-term and far reaching impact potential for literacy, inspiration, and resource availability to the library patrons.

I have a technical skill set that also compliments the project. I am LEED Accredited - meaning that I have been designated as being well versed in “green design.” It is important for this project to maintain high indoor air quality, natural lighting, and an overall healthy experience for the staff and patrons. I will also be focusing on spatial layouts that maintain important adjacencies and maximize the available footprint of the building.

How is this library project different from other projects you work on?

I have spent much of my career designing wineries. Wineries are typically new construction and large-budget projects. These projects, while different from the Morro Bay Library, have provided excellent experience to draw from. Spatial planning is the most important element of the library. The spaces and adjacencies are complex and if not done correctly, the building will not function correctly. This project has a limited budget, so there will be an exciting challenge of selecting materials and creating ‘wow’ elements by using creativity rather than a big pocketbook. This project is special because the end-user is the community and the project is funded with community funds - this requires the highest level of stewardship and involves resolving a multitude of concerns for a vast clientele.

What are you most looking forward to on this project?

Providing a space that the community and the MBFOL are proud of. I would like to design a space that will remain relevant for many years as a functional library and as a special experience for patrons. I have also enjoyed working with the dedicated team of volunteers on the remodel committee.

What do you enjoy about being part of the central coast community?

I was raised on the Central Coast and attended Cal Poly, which truly makes the Central Coast home to me. I really enjoy the outdoor options we have available to us... one of my favorite activities is hiking with my dog, Bode. My favorite local hikes are Cerro Alto and Blinn Ranch.

Do you have any personal connection to books and/or libraries that you’d like to share?

I grew up in Atascadero, so that was the library that I frequented. I have always enjoyed reading and felt that libraries were special. Growing up I designed two-story home libraries for my dream home - since then I have reduced the scale of my dream home library to about three bookcases. There is nothing quite like getting lost in a good book. Being able to spend a day or more entering a different world (versus a couple of hours watching it on TV) makes reading a very luxurious activity for me. I look forward to it and am delighted when I find a book that I cannot put down. I prefer fiction, but have recently embraced business-related non-fiction. My favorite books are *A Thousand Splendid Suns* and *Harry Potter*. 

Shana (center) came to shop at the August book sale.

Meet Shana Reiss, the architect who will design our new library space. We thought you’d like to know more about her background and her passion for our library remodel project.
Calendar of Events - November

**NOV 1 (Th) 10 - 11:30 a.m. Poetry Appreciation and Discussion** with Educator, Gaylyn Anderson

**NOV 3 (Sat) Friends of the Library Book Sale**
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.

**NOV 6 (T) 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Pre-School Storytime** Join us for stories and music.

**NOV 7 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon Book Discussion Group** The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson
The author chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life. We begin a two-week book discussion journey by discussing Parts One – Three this week.

**NOV 8 (Th) 10 - 11:30 a.m. Poetry Appreciation and Discussion** with Educator, Gaylyn Anderson

**NOV 13 (T) Library Holiday—Closed**

**NOV 14 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon Book Discussion Group** The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson
We continue the discussion from the previous week with Part Four through the end of the novel.

**NOV 15 (Th) 10 - 11:30 a.m. Poetry Appreciation and Discussion** with Educator, Gaylyn Anderson

**NOV 16 (F) 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. MBFOL Annual Meeting** in the John Kim Room
All Friends members are welcome to attend this Annual Meeting. Lunch will be catered by The Beach House Bistro.

**NOV 17 (Sat) 10 a.m. - Noon Writer’s Club** North Coast Writer’s Club with local author Robert Hyde
This North Coast Writer’s Club is here to lend support, accountability and encouragement for your writing projects - especially if you are interested in self-publishing. Bring your writing samples. More information: 772-2657.

**NOV 20 (T) 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Pre-School Storytime** Join us for stories and music.

**NOV 22-23 (Th-F) Library Holiday—Closed**

**NOV 27 (T) 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Pre-School Storytime** Join us for stories and music.

**NOV 27 (T) 5 - 7 p.m. iPhone Class** by Aaron Anderson
This is another opportunity for this free hands-on workshop which is both an introduction to the iPhone and an advanced class on some of the less obvious aspects of iPhone ownership.

**NOV 28 (W) 10 a.m. 4th Wednesdays at the Movies** Dead Reckoning (100 minutes)
Please join us for our last 4th Wednesdays movie program this year. A soldier runs away rather than receive the Medal of Honor, so his buddy gets permission to investigate. Love and death soon follow. This 1947 movie features Humphrey Bogart and Elizabeth Scott.

**NOV 29 (Th) 10 - 11:30 a.m. Poetry Appreciation and Discussion** with Educator, Gaylyn Anderson

_All events are held in the John Kim Room at the Morro Bay Library, unless otherwise indicated._

_Schedule is subject to change._
Calendar of Events - December/January

DEC 4 (T) 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Pre-School Storytime Join us for stories and music.

DEC 5 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon Book Discussion Group The Hypnotist by Lars Kepler
A gruesome triple homicide attracts the interest of Detective Joona Linna. The killer is still at large, and there’s only one surviving witness—the boy whose family was killed before his eyes. Whoever committed the crimes wanted this boy to die: he’s suffered and lapsed into a state of shock. Linna sees only one option: hypnotism.

DEC 11 (T) 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Pre-School Storytime Join us for stories and music.

DEC 11 (T) 5 - 7 p.m. iPhone Class by Aaron Anderson

DEC 12 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon Book Discussion Group 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.

DEC 15 (Sat) 10 a.m. - Noon Writer’s Club North Coast Writer’s Club with local author Robert Hyde

DEC 18 (T) 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Pre-School Storytime Join us for stories and music.

DEC 25 (T) Library Holiday—Closed

JAN 1 (T) Library Holiday—Closed

JAN 8 (T) 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Pre-School Storytime Join us for stories and music.

JAN 15 (T) 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Pre-School Storytime ***Teddy Bear Tea story time.

JAN 16 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon Book Discussion Group Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand by Helen Simonson
Can a relationship survive the risks of pursuing happiness in the face of culture and tradition?

JAN 19 (S) Winter Bird Festival Workshops John Kim Room, Free to the public

JAN 22 (T) Library Holiday—Closed

JAN 29 (T) 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Pre-School Storytime Join us for stories and music.

JAN 9 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon Book Discussion Group The Tiger’s Wife by Tea Obreht
In a Balkan country mending from war, Natalia, a young doctor, is compelled to unravel the mysterious circumstances surrounding her beloved grandfather’s recent death. Searching for clues, she turns to his worn copy of The Jungle Book and the story her grandfather never told her—the legend of the tiger’s wife.

JAN 28 (W) 10 a.m. 4th Wednesdays at the Movies Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (107 minutes)
When Britian’s leading fishing expert is approached by a consultant to bring the sport of fly-fishing to the desert, he thinks the project is absurd and unachievable. But when an overzealous press secretary latches on to it as a “good will” story, this team will embark on an upstream journey of faith and fish to prove the impossible, possible.

JAN 25 (F) 10 a.m. - Noon 4th Fridays Mystery Readers The Leopard by Jo Nesbo
Inspector Harry Hole must confront the darkest demons in his city—and in himself. Worse, he will soon come to understand that he is dealing with a psychopath who will put him to the test.
Nine Reasons to Save (and Support) Public Libraries

Editor’s Note: The following is an excerpt from an article by Emmily Bristol. I hope that as a supporter and lover of public libraries you will appreciate this reminder of why our libraries are integral to the success of our broader society and our local communities. (You can view the complete article at http://ivn.us/2012/08/08/nine-reasons-to-save-public-libraries/)

It was President John F. Kennedy who made this plea for the sanctity of our libraries:

“If this nation is to be wise as well as strong, if we are to achieve our destiny, then we need more new ideas for more wise men reading more good books in more public libraries. These libraries should be open to all except the censor. We must know all the facts and hear all the alternatives and listen to all the criticisms. Let us welcome controversial books and controversial authors. For the Bill of Rights is the guardian of our security as well as our liberty.”

Here are some reasons why our libraries are still the place where we as a nation will achieve our destiny:

1. The house of the 99%: The foundation of democracy is an educated electorate. When the economy is down, it is all the more vital that we the people have access to information, education, news... and now in modern times the internet, computers, and other sources of media tools as well. Libraries do that. For everyone.

2. Libraries build equity: Research shows that depressed neighborhoods and declining communities are not just culturally enriched by libraries. The institutions serve as a community focal point, like a town square, and communities that have that resource rebound.

3. Community hope chest: Libraries don’t just curate the Harry Potter series and lend copies of the latest blockbusters on DVD, they also house special collections based on the needs and unique identities of the communities they serve.

4. Renewable resource: How much do you save by being able to borrow materials from the library? How helpful is it to have this resource — especially now that even retail bookstores, movie rental shops, and record stores are closing?

5. Literacy: Studies show that children’s literacy is greatly improved by access to summer reading programs and preschool reading programs at public libraries. And children’s literacy is a building-block of adult literacy[...]

   There are very few individuals who could buy every child a book and start them on the road to literacy... [...] But all of us together can buy a kid a building full of books. That is a miracle.

6. Leveling the playing field: Libraries offer vital resources for communities that might not otherwise be served or feel integrated. People learning English (or other languages), the elderly, deaf people, the homeless... the list goes on.

7. Safe space: In some communities, the public library may be the only free space available that is also a safe space. Young victims of bullying, kids who live with domestic violence, LGBT youth, and many more can find a safe place (and often a caring librarian) at the library.

8. Cultural touchstone: Many libraries showcase art — often by local artists. Likewise, the buildings themselves are often architecturally significant and enhance the beauty and character of the communities they serve.

9. Drop in or drop out: Libraries can also be a place that means the difference between a child’s success or failure in school. Many libraries offer tutoring programs, free classes, as well as access to volumes of information and technology that a kid might not have anywhere else. Even in these modern times there are kids who don’t have computers at home who need to type their papers for school[...] Libraries can make the difference to a kid teetering on the edge.

If you are inspired to take a step further in supporting our public library here in Morro Bay, please see pg. 11 for two ways to help.
To Friends of the Library Performers (aka Volunteers)

The curtain is rapidly descending on 2012, as evidence of the Autumn newsletter being the last one this year. So:

* To the nearly 60 volunteers who work hard to make our quarterly BOOK SALES so successful,
* To the lobby MEMBERSHIP table ladies (aka Library Ambassadors) who interact with our patrons throughout each month,
* To the volunteers who help plan and set up for Friends’ sponsored SPECIAL EVENTS,
* To the volunteers who help spread the word through the NEWSLETTER and other publicity-related endeavors,
* To the volunteers who step forward to help with FUN(D)RAISING ideas and events,
* To all other volunteers who give time and talent to our library and community…….

………a well-deserved STANDING OVATION!!! Take your bow now!!!!!

Joan Petersen
FOL Volunteer Coordinator

BY THE NUMBERS

A Snapshot of What’s Happening at your Morro Bay Library

26
# of viewers who joined the 4th Wednesday at the Movies group to watch and discuss The Help.

44 & 202
# of teens & juveniles who reached their goal of reading 10 books during the Summer Reading Program

701
Estimated # of hours volunteered to the Morro Bay Library in the month of August.

Circulation statistics for AUGUST:

8,059 print material circulated
5,881 DVDs
945 Books on CD
541 Magazines
145 Video Games
1,162 Holds filled

2013

Book Sales

February 2
May 4
August 10
November 2

Mark your calendars!
THANK YOU to our New and Renewing Business Members:

- Aloha Shirt Shop
  Jennifer Redman, Edward Jones
- Morro Bay Furniture
- Nick Hall, Coldwell Banker
- Morro Bay Wine Seller
- Clayworks Pottery
- Karol M. Vogt, Attorney at Law
- Andrea R. Klipfel, AAMS, Edward Jones
- Beads by the Bay
- Kathy Hoversten, Accounting Services
- John Hesch General Contractor
- Carla’s Country Kitchen

Indicates businesses offering a Membership Benefit to current MB Library Friends.

Are you a current individual member of the Friends of the Library who also owns or works in a local business? If so, we hope you will consider switching to a business membership when your renewal time comes. You receive the same perk of early entry into our quarterly book sales. PLUS, we will run your business card in our newsletter when you first become a business member and then list your company in the newsletter for the next three issues after that. You can also offer a special Member Benefit to customers who are also members of the Friends of the Library. It’s a great way to promote your own business, thank our membership for their support and show your support of our local library. That’s a lot of visibility and goodwill for a few extra dollars!
Yes! I am supporting the Morro Bay Library Remodel Project!!

Name___________________________________
Address___________________________________ City/State/Zip ________________
Telephone___________________ Email ________________________________

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of:
☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ $250 ☐ $______________

Make checks payable to Morro Bay Friends of the Library

Please return to:  Morro Bay Friends of the Library, 625 Harbor Street, Morro Bay, CA 93442.

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……to SUPPORT the Morro Bay Friends of the Library and its programs. For 30 years, the Morro Bay Friends have been providing funds and services to supplement the Library’s resources and provide more events and materials for all library patrons to enjoy. As the library remodel project moves forward, the Morro Bay Friends will make one of its largest gifts yet to the library and the community. Many donors have already contributed, but your support is still needed! Whether you support us with your membership or with your tax-deductible charitable gift, we appreciate your contribution. Thank you for supporting YOUR Morro Bay Library!!

JOIN the Morro Bay Friends Of The Library & support your local public library!

Name___________________________________
Address___________________________________ City/State/Zip ________________
Telephone___________________ Email ________________________________
☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL ☐ Check (Payable to MBFOL) ☐ Cash
☐ Individual $5/year ☐ Family $10/year ☐ Individual Lifetime $100
☐ Business $25/year (☐ Yes, I will offer a Library Friends Membership Benefit)
☐ Donation: $ ________________ TOTAL ENCLOSED: $ ________________
☐ Yes, you may publish my name as a Morro Bay Library supporter.

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
Upcoming Book Sale:

November 3, 2012
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.

Your email is confidential and will not be shared.