Two Steps Forward for the Friends

The Morro Bay Friends of the Library organization is already picking up momentum in the first few weeks of 2013! We have a few new faces among our Board of Directors and volunteers, and we are pushing forward with new plans. Committees are busy working on the Remodel Project, the new website and the business of community relations and fundraising. You will be hearing a lot more about these areas in the coming months, but here's the latest news on two of our big projects.

Website Update

The new Morro Bay Friends of the Library website is up and running! We are still in the process of adding new material and features, but you can already visit us at our new address: mbfol.org. You will find past issues of the newsletter, information about the library and the Friends organization, and updates on our Remodel Project. Need to renew your membership? You will find the form on the website. Want to look up a special event at the library? Check the calendar online. Feeling the urge to make a donation to the Friends’ Remodel Project? You will soon be able to do that on the website as well.

The initial design and set-up of the website was done by Nancy Loe (and thanks to a generous donation from one of our Friends members!) The site is now being maintained by volunteer website coordinator Rhonda Crowfoot.

Rhonda moved here six months ago from Long Beach when her husband took a new job at Cal Poly. She was eager to volunteer her time and talents and saw the request in one of our past newsletters for someone to help with the new website. Rhonda is a certified library technician and has been an active volunteer with the Long Beach Public Library and the Long Beach Shakespeare Company. Her book club sponsored the All-City Book Club Extravaganza as part of the “Long Beach Reads One Book” program. And she was a theater technician for the Long Beach Shakespeare Company (and also dabbled in maintaining their website.) She is, of course, an avid reader (with a leaning toward murder mysteries and British humor.) She also enjoys running, and one of her favorite things about living in Morro Bay is being able to walk to the library, grocery store and movie theater from her house. We’re lucky to have her enthusiasm and experience onboard. If you have any questions or suggestions for the website, please email them to info@mbfol.org.

Remodel Project Update

On the remodel front, excitement is rising as we get ready to unveil the first renderings and floor plan of the new interior of the Library, which will be available by the end of February. Fundraising for the remaining money will kick into high gear as well. Keep your eye on our web page (mbfol.org) and the Library lobby for all the latest news!

The next book sale is on February 2

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The Adult Winter Reading program began on January 15th.

- Register at the library information desk.
- Read 9 books.
- Turn in your list by April 16th.
- Win a free book and other goodies!!!!

Looking for a book to read for the Winter Reading Program? Look for these and other new titles on the Express and New Book shelves.

New Library Acquisitions

**Books**

- *Life of Pi* (Yann Martel)
- *Black Box* (Michael Connelly)
- *Barefoot Contessa: recipes you can trust* (Ina Garten)
- *Gone Girl* (Gillian Flynn)
- *A Wanted Man* (Lee Child)
- *Racketeer* (John Grisham)
- *Flight Behavior* (Barbara Kingsolver)

**Did you know......?**

**2012 was a year of growth for the Morro Bay Library. The library registered 387 new patrons in 2012!!**

**Our Mission:**

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.

**Library Information**

625 Harbor Street, Morro Bay, CA 93442
805.772.6394
Hours: Sun/Mon - Closed, Tues 10-7, Wed-Sat 10-5

**Among Friends Newsletter**

Among Friends is a quarterly publication distributed to all MBFOL members (over 475 households). We encourage submissions of library-related material. Please contact Joan Browne, Editor, for deadlines and formats. 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.

**Note:** The artwork used in the headers of pgs. 1, 6 & 7 is from the tile mural by Peter Ladochy that is on the west side of the Morro Bay Library.
Free Public Libraries

Libraries contain books, magazines, audiovisual and internet resources. They are places where people gather and they are a refuge from stormy weather. Free public libraries are also the foundation of liberty and democracy.

During World War II the American Library in Paris was the only public institution in Occupied Europe where English-written books circulated freely. Chief Librarian Clara de Chambrun made the library “a haven for historians, philosophers, journalists and students.” To her this was a more meaningful defiance of dictatorship than the assassinations and bombings carried out by partisan resisters.

The American Library held more than 100,000 volumes, the largest collection of English books on the European continent, and it promoted democracy through literature. It grew out of the collection of books donated to doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force in France in 1917 and 1918.

After Paris fell to the Nazis in 1940, the American Library remained open and German officials paid regular calls. Madame de Chambrun enjoyed “an exceptional position in European letters.” Books were distributed to prison camps and military hospitals. A special circulating library supported British civilians interned in concentration camps at Besançon and Vittel.

When the Germans forbade Jews to enter the Library, Madame de Chambrun delivered books to their homes. Wehrmacht officials began gathering up Americans in 1942 and took them to the Paris Zoo for internment. As each bus arrived, the French Red Cross distributed chocolate, biscuits and English books.

The first institution that American internees established in their Frontstalag was a lending library. Throughout the war, no matter the location, circulating books supported democracy and kept freedom alive.

Our free public libraries continue this tradition and deserve our unqualified support. Treasure your library and love it as you love freedom.

(quotes from Americans in Paris by Charles Glass)

Holidays in the Library

In December, the library was filled with holiday merriment. Our own library Elf was seen causing mischief in the shelves, and the Morro Bay High School Chamber Choir filled the library with holiday melodies.
Among Friends  mbfol.org

iPhone workshops are growing in popularity. Our local volunteer Aaron Anderson offers his expertise and enthusiasm of using an iPhone during a 2 hour workshop every month. In February he will be at the Morro Bay Library on Tuesday the 26th, 5:00-7:00pm. He will also be offering a workshop at the Cayucos Library on Thursday’s beginning February 6th, 2:00-4:00pm. Please call the library if you wish to attend to reserve a seat.

iPhone class:
Tuesday, Feb. 26th  5-7 p.m.

North Coast Writers will have author Tony Piazza visiting and offering advice on publishing and writing.

Guest Author Tony Piazza
Saturday, Feb. 16th  10 a.m.-12 p.m.

His books include:
* Bullitt Points, Curse of the Crimson Dragon, and Anything Short of Murder.

www.authortonypiazza.com

Women’s History Month
March 2013

During the month of March several County Libraries will be highlighting Women’s History Month. Check the library website www.slolibrary.org and watch for posters advertising upcoming programs and events.

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Mindy-Body Techniques for Living with Chronic Illness
Saturday, March 9  2-4p.m.

In this 2 hour workshop, you’ll learn how to use: * Applied Meditation * Guided Imagery * Self Hypnosis to work with pain, fatigue, stress and depression. Taught by Devin Wallace, Regional Programs Manager for the National MS Society, certified clinical hypnotherapist, and meditation instructor. Please call the library to reserve a seat.

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Poetry discussion is also continuing at the library but in a more informal arrangement. If you would like to discuss or share your work with other poetry lovers, call the library to find out when the next meeting is scheduled. Watch for other poetry related programs in April, National Poetry month.

National Poetry Month April
The Board of Directors and members of the MBFOL met on November 16 to update bylaws, report on the great progress made in 2012, elect new officers, say farewell to outgoing President Christine Johnson and enjoy a delicious lunch from Beach House Bistro.

Right: Seth Whidden, Gerald Bednorz and Liz Bednorz of Beach House Bistro treated the Friends to their award-winning food. You can try it yourself at 2770 Main St. in Morro Bay.

Above: The new 2013 Board of Directors is ready for action!

Right: The Friends honored outgoing President Christine Johnson. We are deeply grateful for her commitment, service and passion for the Morro Bay Friends of the Library.
FEB 2 (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.

FEB 2 (Sat) **11 a.m. - Noon** **The Language of Flowers and Plants** (see details on pg. 8)

FEB 5 (T) **10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.** **Pre-School Storytime** Join us for stories and music.

FEB 6 (W) **10 a.m. - Noon** **Book Discussion Group** *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett
As Dr. Marina Singh embarks upon an uncertain odyssey into the insect-infested Amazon, she will be forced to surrender herself to the jungle. Charged with finding her former mentor Dr. Annick Swenson, she will have to confront her own memories of tragedy and sacrifice.

FEB 12 (T) **Library Holiday—Closed**

FEB 13 (W) **10 a.m. - Noon** **Book Discussion Group** *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

FEB 16 (Sat) **10 a.m. - Noon** **Writer’s Club** North Coast Writer’s Club — Guest Author Tony Piazza
This The 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: Bert Silva @ 771-9803 or bertsilvabythesea@gmail.com.

FEB 19 (T) **Library Holiday—Closed**

FEB 20 (W) **10 a.m. - Noon** **Book Discussion Group** *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
In partnership with Cuesta College’s Book of the Year program, we will discuss how the language of flowers is a gift possessed by the main character, Victoria that helps her through the trials of life. Will this unexpected gift give her a second chance at happiness?

FEB 22 (F) **10 a.m. - Noon** **4th Fridays Mystery Readers** *Secrets to the Grave* by Tami Hoag
Marissa Fordham is dead, but her daughter is found at the crime scene, injured but alive. Now detective Tony Mendez and child advocate Anne Leone begin to peel back the layers of Marissa’s life. What they discover puts them directly in the sights of a killer with a stunning secret to keep; because Marissa Fordham never existed.

FEB 26 (T) **5-7 p.m.** **iPhone Class—Basics & Advanced Functionality** (see details on pg. 4)

FEB 26 (T) **10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.** **Pre-School Storytime** Join us for stories and music.
A story of love lost and perhaps once again found.

FEB 27 (W) **10 a.m.** **4th Wednesdays at the Movies** *The Artist* (100 minutes)
This will be our last 4th Wednesdays @ the Movies program. Please help us fill the room! Hollywood 1927. George Valentin is a silent movie superstar. The advent of the talkies will sound the death knell for his career and see him fall into oblivion. For young extra Peppy Miller, it seems the sky’s the limit - major movie stardom awaits. *The Artist* tells the story of their interlinked destinies.

FEB 27 (W) **5-7 p.m.** **Meet Author Vanessa Diffenbaugh—The Language of Flowers**
At Cuesta College SLO Campus (see details on pg. 4)

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*Schedule is subject to change.*
## Calendar of Events - March/April

### MAR 5, 12, 19, 26 (T) 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. **Pre-School Storytime** Join us for stories and music.

### MAR 6 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon **Book Discussion Group** *In the Garden of Beasts—Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler’s Berlin* by Erik Larson

Berlin, 1993 - when William E. Dodd becomes America’s first ambassador to Hitler’s Germany. As that first year unfolds, the Dodds experience days full of excitement, intrigue, romance—and ultimately, horror.

### MAR 9 (Sat) 2 - 4 p.m. **Mind-Body Techniques for Living with Chronic Illness** (see details on pg. 4)

### MAR 10 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon **Book Discussion Group** *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman

This novel explores the strengths of female friendship and a young girl who loses a mother and finds many others.

### MAR 15 (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.

### MAR 16 (Sat) 10 a.m. - Noon **Writer’s Club** North Coast Writer’s Club (see February calendar for details)

### MAR 18 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon **Book Discussion Group** *The Leftovers* by Tom Perrotta

What if your life was upended in an instant? What if your spouse or your child disappeared right in front of your eyes? How would you rebuild your life in the wake of such a devastating event? These are the questions confronting the bewildered citizens of Mapleton.

### MAR 22 (F) 10 a.m. - Noon **4th Fridays Mystery Readers** *Bonnie* by Iris Johansen

When Eve Duncan gave birth to Bonnie, she experienced a great love. Nothing would stand in the way of giving Bonnie a wonderful life—until the unthinkable happened. The truth has evaded her for years. Is she ready to face it?

### APR 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (T) 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. **Pre-School Storytime** Join us for stories and music.

### APR 3 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon **Book Discussion Group** *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland

It’s 1893, and at the Chicago World’s Fair, Louis Comfort Tiffany makes his debut with a luminous exhibition of innovative stained-glass windows. But behind the scenes is the freethinking Clara Driscoll who conceives of and designs nearly all of the lamps for which Tiffany will long be remembered. Ultimately, Clara must decide what makes her happiest—the professional world of her hands or the personal world of her heart.

### APR 10 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon **Book Discussion Group** *I Remember Nothing and Other Reflections* by Nora Ephron

A hilarious look at the past, the present, and the future, bemoaning the vicissitudes of modern life, and recalling the author’s signature clarity and wisdom.

### APR 17 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon **Book Discussion Group** *Chasing Harry Winston* by Lauren Weisberger

Three best friends. Two resolutions. One year to pull it off.

### APR 20 (Sat) 10 a.m. - Noon **Writer’s Club** North Coast Writer’s Club (see February calendar for details)

### APR 26 (F) 10 a.m. - Noon **4th Fridays Mystery Readers** *Fatal Error* by J.A. Jance

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In Your Own Words....

We’ve come across two library-related opportunities for you to share your story and thoughts about libraries in general and/or about Morro Bay Library specifically.

1. The first way is by sharing your pleasant library story for a video PSA being created for our local libraries. Do you have a fond memory of libraries from your youth? Has a library made a big impact at some point in your life? If you’re willing to share your story with the public, please contact Brian Reynolds (County Library Director) at 781-5785.

2. The second opportunity is the “My Favorite Library” contest hosted by bestselling author Carla Neggers. This is a great way to share your story and win $1,000 for the Morro Bay Library.

PLUS: Share your 100-word entry with us and we can feature it in an upcoming newsletter! Even if you decide not to enter the contest, we’d love to hear why you think the Morro Bay Library deserves support. You can email your 100 words to info@mbfol.org.

“My Favorite Library” Contest

New York Times bestselling author Carla Neggers volunteered at her local, small-town library when she was a teenager. She continues to have a soft spot in her heart for local libraries, even making the heroine in her new novel, THAT NIGHT ON THISTLE LANE, a small town librarian.

To celebrate the publication of her new book, Carla has announced the Thistle Lane “My Favorite Library” Contest, inviting readers to tell her, in 100 words or less, why a local library deserves to win $1,000. The author will select the most compelling entry, awarding the cash prize to the specified library to spend however they deem most appropriate in addition to a selection of Carla’s books. The winning entrant will also receive a selection of Carla’s books as well as a gift basket of New England products, personally selected by the author.

Each entry (one per reader) into Carla Neggers’ “My Favorite Library Contest” should tell Carla in one hundred (100) words or less why a particular library deserves to win the prize. There are two ways to enter the “My Favorite Library Contest.” 1) Readers may email entries to cneggerscontest@tbtpr.com or 2) may submit entries via postal service. To enter via postal mail, hand-print (or type) on an 8 ½” x 11” plain piece of paper, full name, mailing address, telephone number, the 100-words-or-less copy and mail to: Carla Neggers’ “My Favorite Library” at Truth Be Told, 183 Madison Avenue, Suite 1201, New York, NY 10016. Entrants are encouraged to submit, by email or postal service, photo(s) of the library they’re nominating for the Contest prize, but said photos will not affect, in any way, the chances of winning the Contest. Emailed entries must be received between 12:01 AM (ET) January 1, 2013 and 11:59 PM (ET) on April 1, 2013. Entries submitted via postal service must be received by April 1, 2013. See carlaneggers.com for more details.

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 at 5 p.m.

Reception, lecture and book signing at Cuesta’s Cultural and Performing Arts Center SLO Campus. Parking $2.00.

Special Event at Morro Bay Library

Saturday, February 2
11:00 a.m. - Noon
"The Language of Flowers and Plants"

Adam Hegg, Owner of Coastal Landscapes
Katie Finley, Owner/Photographer of Dunes Street Photography and Co-Owner of Sojourner Shop

Join us as we have the opportunity to learn about how flowers and plants influence the beautiful landscape designs presented by Coastal Landscapes. With over ten years experience in providing landscape construction, landscape maintenance services and creating personal outdoor living spaces designed for the Central Coast, Adam Hegg, will provide insights into landscape gardens and how they impact not only the individual, but the neighborhood. Katie Finley’s photography will be displayed in a background, stunning powerpoint presentation that will showcase the impact that flowers and plants have on all of us.
Book Sale Report from Laurie Allen

Dear Friends,

The final book sale of 2012 helped see the year out with a bang! We raised $3580, thanks to all of the dedicated volunteers. As you know, we are in the midst of raising the rest of the money for the wonderful Library Remodel, and hope you will donate your books, DVDs and audiobooks to the upcoming sale to help us towards our goal. A happy 2013 to all library lovers!

Laurie

A Message from your Librarians

MBFOL volunteers are seen every day in the building, always with a friendly smile and welcoming conversation, doing a variety of tasks -- shelving, sorting, packing boxes, hosting a program or meeting, or recruiting new Friends in the lobby. Thank you for your dedication and sharing your love of the Morro Bay Library!

Jackie Kinsey and the Morro Bay Library Staff.
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JOIN the Morro Bay Friends Of The Library & support your local public library!

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☐ Individual $5/year  ☐ Family $10/year  ☐ Individual Lifetime $100

☐ Business $25/year  (☐ Yes, I will offer a Library Friends Membership Benefit)

☐ Donation: $ _______________ TOTAL ENCLOSED: $ _______________

I’d like to receive my Newsletter:  ☐ Email saves $5/year/member  ☐ U.S. Mail.

YES! CONTACT ME TO VOLUNTEER:

☐ Book Sale  ☐ Fundraising  ☐ Membership  ☐ Publicity  ☐ Special Events

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

MBFOL is a 501c3 nonprofit organization.
Upcoming Book Sale:  
February 2, 2013  
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 info@mbfol.org.

Your email is confidential and will not be shared.