April 14th Open House: Come See Our Plans!

Come join us for a SNEAK PEEK of our Remodel Project! The Friends of the Library is hosting a Morro Bay Library Open House on Sunday, April 14th from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. The event will offer guests the chance to see pictures and take a tour of the future library space. Shana Reiss, from Reiss Design Studio in Paso Robles, is the architect for the project, and she will be available to talk about the design. The Open House will include entertainment, a variety of unique raffle prizes, food and children’s activities. Kids can participate in a Storybook Character Scavenger Hunt (on-going throughout the afternoon) and enjoy a sing-along at 2:30 p.m. Join us at the library on April 14th and BE PART OF IT!

Sneak Peek! 🎟️
More info at mbfol.org
Free BOOK for the first 100 kids!!!

• Tour the future library space
• See pictures of the new interior
• Meet our architect, SHANA REISS
• Exciting RAFFLE items!!!
• Entertainment & Food
• Kids’ Crafts & Scavenger Hunt

MBFOL Membership Passes the 500 Mark!

We are proud to announce that the membership of the Morro Bay Friends of the Library is now over 500, making us one of the largest Friends organizations in the county! We continue to grow and are so thankful for all the support of this wonderful community of Friends. This growth is due largely to the dedicated work of Susan Gossard and her amazing membership volunteers. A big thank you to all the volunteers who keep this organization running smoothly and ensure the future of YOUR Morro Bay Library.

In APRIL the Library celebrates:

National Library Week (April 14-20)
The Month of the Child
Poetry Month
Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 21-27)

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**Friends Board of Directors**

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**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.

**2012 Committee/Program Chairs/Support**

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**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.

**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.

**New Library Acquisitions**

**DVDs**

- Looper
- The Sessions
- Anna Karenina
- Argo
- The Intouchables
- Chasing Mavericks
- Life of Pi
- Seven Psychopaths
- Late Quartet
- Skyfall
- Robot and Frank
- I Wish
- Flight
- Rock of Ages
- Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2
- Rise of the Guardians
- The Hunchback of Notre Dame (Disney)
- Anastasia (Disney)
- Hans Christian Andersen’s Thumbelina
- The Brave Little Toaster
- Let’s Learn 123
- Let’s Learn ABC
- The Perks of Being a Wallflower
- Wreck-It Ralph
- Downton Abbey Season 3
- The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey

**Food for Fines**

**Tuesday, April 16 - Saturday, April 20**

Bring in your non-perishable food items to the Library in lieu of paying your library fines (for fines and hold fees only).

**One item = $1.00 off your fines.**

All food received will go directly to the **Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County.***

*** The Food Bank Coalition wish list includes canned vegetables or fruit, pasta, soup, beans, peanut butter, dry soup, and other non-perishable items.

**Tango in the Library**

**Saturday, April 27th, 11 a.m.**

Join us for a multimedia presentation on the history of the tango, followed by a special live demonstration on the Argentine Tango. Don’t miss it!!
A Message From Our President: Robert “Red” Davis

Jude put him in touch with the Morro Bay Friends of the Library and they reached agreement over a handshake – Mr. Kim told Don and Jane Bailey that if they raised $125,000, he would build them a library.

Grace Melton took charge of raising the money and arranging for pro bono contributions from local businesses. The Baileys provided public relations and coordinated political support from Mayor Warren Dorn and the City Council.

Mr. Kim bargained with business owners and contractors to have labor and materials supplied at the least possible cost, for free if possible. Local restaurants brought hot lunches to the worksite and barbers cut workers’ hair for free. Morro Bay gas stations discounted their prices for anyone who worked on the project. Members of the California Conservation Corps donated free labor to do rough framing. The entire city participated – our Library has always been a community treasure.

District 2 Supervisor Bill Coy made sure that the County supplied all the finishing touches that turn an empty building into a Library.

The John Kim room was added to the original plans as a community meeting room. Jane Bailey and Grace Melton insisted that Mr. Kim’s name be attached to it.

In the end, Mr. Kim brought the project in on time and on budget, 6,500 square feet at a cost of $19.23 per square foot, a tribute to inventive and persistent cost-cutting efforts.

Grant Writer Needed!

We are in need of an experienced grant writer who is willing to volunteer their time and expertise helping us pursue one or more grants for the Remodel Project. If you have experience in this field and are willing to lend your services to this exciting project, or if you can recommend someone to us, please contact President Robert Davis at info@mbfol.org.

Book Sale Report from Laurie Allen

Dear Friends,

I guess the news about needing more money for the Remodel Project must have spread around Morro Bay because we had another wonderful, memorable and exciting sale in February. We raised a whopping $4475.00 for our library, and continue to be grateful for all the beautiful books you donate to us.

The atmosphere at the sale is always so upbeat. People really like finding treasures they once read or authors they always wanted to read. People chat, browse and simply enjoy themselves. Come join us on May 4th for our next sale, and please support the Remodel Project with as much as you can afford. After all, it’s our library!

Laurie

(Editor’s Note: President Robert Davis recently sat down with Mr. John Kim to learn the history behind his support of the Morro Bay Library building.)
MAY 1 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon  Book Discussion Group  *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery

Renee is the concierge of a grand Parisian apartment building, home to members of the great and the good. What will we learn about them – and what will happen that will alter Renee’s young life?

MAY 4 (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.

MAY 7 (T) 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.  **Pre-School Storytime**  Join us for stories and music.

MAY 8 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon  **Book Discussion Group**  *Moonwalking with Einstein – The Art and Science of Remembering Everything* by Joshua Foer

Foer introduces us to people whose memories are both astonishing, and frightening. He explores various ways in which we test our memories and train ourselves to have better memories. What can we learn from his research?

MAY 14 (T) 5 - 7 p.m.  **Free iPhone Class—Basics & Advanced Functionality**

Join Morro Bay resident Aaron Anderson of Rock View Realty 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.  *Please call 772-6394 to Reserve your Seat.*

MAY 14 (T) 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.  **Pre-School Storytime**  Join us for stories and music.

MAY 15 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon  **Book Discussion Group**  *The Marriage Plot* by Jeffrey Eugenides

Are the great love stories of the nineteenth century dead? Or can there be a new story, written for today and alive to the realities of feminism, sexual freedom, prenuptial agreements, and divorce?

MAY 17 (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 18 (Sat) 10 a.m. - Noon  **Writer’s Club**  North Coast Writer’s Club

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 bertsilvabhesea@gmail.com.

MAY 21 (T) 10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.  **Pre-School Storytime**  Join us for stories and music.

MAY 22 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon  **4th Wednesdays Mystery Readers**  *A Trick of the Light* by Louise Penny

Chief Inspector Gamache, the head of homicide at the Sûreté du Québec, is called to the tiny Quebec village and there he finds the art world gathered, and with it a world of shading and nuance, a world of shadow and light. Where nothing is as it seems.

MAY 28 (T)  **Library Holiday—Closed**

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*Schedule is subject to change.*
**Calendar of Events - June/July**

**JUN 5 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon** Book Discussion Group  *The Eyre Affair* by Jasper Fforde  
Welcome to a surreal version of Great Britian, circa 1985, where time travel is routine, cloning is a reality, and literature is taken very seriously.

**JUN 12 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon** Book Discussion Group  *The Age of Miracles* by Karen Thompson Walker  
This novel tells the haunting and beautiful story of Julia and her family as they struggle to live in a time of extraordinary change.

**JUN 15 (Sat) 10 a.m. - Noon** Writer’s Club  North Coast Writer’s Club  (see May calendar for details)

**JUN 19 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon** Book Discussion Group  *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins  
In the ruins once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by 12 outlying districts where annually they participate in the Hunger Games. Winning means fame and fortune. Losing means....  
Come join us for the **End of Spring Alphabet Potluck**. If your last name begins with the following letter please bring that dish which feeds 8-10 people – A-F: appetizers; G-L: salads; M-R meat/vegan; S-Z: desserts/fruit.

**JUN 26 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon** 4th Wednesday Mystery Readers  *Feast Day of Fools* by James Lee Burke  
Holland is a quintessential Burke hero—deeply moral, tortured by past sins, appalled at the depravity of our fallen world, and firmly committed to justice.

**JUL 3 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon** Book Discussion Group  *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart  
"Are you a gifted child looking for special opportunities?" Welcome to the Mysterious Benedict Society.

**JUL 4 (Th) Library Holiday—Closed**

**JUL 10 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon** Book Discussion Group  *Heading Out to Wonderful* by Robert Goolrick  
It is the summer of 1948 when a stranger, Charlie Beale, shows up in the town of Brownsburg, Virginia. All he has with him are two suitcases: one contains a fine set of butcher knives; the other is full of money.

**JUL 17 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon** Book Discussion Group  *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Steadman  
Tom Sherbourne is a lighthouse keeper on a tiny island off the coast of Western Australia. When a baby washes up in a rowboat, he and his young wife Isabel decide to raise the child as their own. What trouble will this bring?

**JUL 19 (F) 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.** Morro Bay Friends of the Library Board of Directors Meeting  
Members and guests are welcome to attend and listen to Board business.

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

**JUL 24 (W) 10 a.m. - Noon** 4th Wednesday Mystery Readers  *V is for Vengeance* by Sue Grafton  
Private detective Kinsey Millhone puts a stop to a shoplifting spree in a local Nordstrom. For her trouble she nearly gets run over by one of the fleeing thieves—and later learns that the one who didn’t get away has been found dead in an apparent suicide.

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THANK YOU to our New and Renewing Business Members:

Other Current 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
- Carla’s Country Kitchen

The Skin Stop
Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF)
Bay Rock Lodge #300
Rabobank—Morro Bay Branch
Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce
Nancy E. Loe, MA MLS
Holistic Movement Center
Pedersen Realty & Property Management
Jim’s Automotive

Membership Benefit: Businesses marked with this star are offering special discounts or perks to Friends members. Just show them your card and ask about their Membership Benefit. Thank you for supporting all these businesses who support your Morro Bay Library!!
Summer Reading Programs!!

Registration for the 2013 Summer Reading Program will begin June 1st and the program will run through August 3rd. This year’s themes are "Dig Into Reading" (children) and “Beneath the Surface” (teen). Summer events include a Stuffed Animal Sleepover, duct tape crafts, a magician, jugglers, Taiko drumming, a puppeteer and much more!

See our website for a full list of events: mbfol.org

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

Yes! I support the Morro Bay Library Remodel Project!!

Name__________________________________________
Address________________________________________
City/State/Zip ________________________________
Telephone_________ Email ________________________

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of: ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ $250 ☐ $500 ☐ $_________

Make checks payable to Morro Bay Friends of the Library (MBFOL is a 501c3 nonprofit organization.)

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

Donate by credit card on our website at mbfol.org
Open House

Sunday, April 14
2-4 p.m. (see more details on pg. 1)

Upcoming Book Sale: May 4, 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.