The final months of 2013 brought good progress and many generous donations to our ongoing Remodel Campaign! Many of our Friends responded to our appeal letter with year-end donations and brought us much closer to our fundraising goal.

Two other significant events also took shape in recent months. First, the Morro Bay Friends of the Library was one of several local organizations to receive a very generous contribution from the estate of Bertha F. Shultz. The donation to our organization was $100,000. (To read more about Ms. Shultz and her bequest, please see the article on pg. 3.)

Our second pleasant surprise was a significant grant received by the County to enhance our plans for ADA-compliant restrooms. This grant will allow for more upgrades and additional space—something our patrons will greatly appreciate!

Architect Shana Reiss continues to work with the City and County as the project progresses. “Everyone involved with making this project come to fruition has been outstanding in their support, dedication, and talent for what they do - the volunteers, committees, agencies, and community. It has been a pleasure to work with such a committed team.”

As we look forward to the Remodel Project breaking ground this year, we are still in need of the final funds to reach our fundraising goal. Your gift will make a difference! Please visit our website at mbfol.org to make your tax-deductible donation.

Christopher Barnickel is the new Director of Libraries for the San Luis Obispo County Library. We welcome him and are glad to have his leadership and vision at the head of our library system.

Dear Friends,

I am excited about the many opportunities that lie before us; 2014 should be a great year for you as supporters and users of the San Luis Obispo County library system. One aspect in particular that excites me is the elimination of the $1 hold fee beginning in our new fiscal year (July 1, 2014.) Closer to home, I am pleased to announce the progress that has been made on the Morro Bay Remodeling project.

Through your collective support, the Friends continue to raise the monies needed for the construction of a newly designed library. As of this writing, we are wrapping up details with the architect, City, and County as to the time frame of the project. I expect the existing library to go offline in the Spring with construction running through the Fall of 2014. During that period, the City has graciously offered to house us temporarily in the former Morro Bay Transit Center just down Harbor Street. This facility will give locals an opportunity to pick up their holds, interact with their Morro Bay librarians, and return borrowed materials.

The newly designed library will bring with it an expanded Youth Services Department for greater programming; a more useful meeting room space; clean, updated ADA-compliant bathrooms; an enclosed patio; and a warmer, welcoming environment in which to gather. Thank you for your continued support of the San Luis Obispo Public Library.

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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.

Announcements.....

Congratulations to the Cambria Library for the opening of their new facility! MBFOL Board member Laurie Allen presented the Cambria librarians with a plant on behalf of our Friends organization. As we work on our own Remodel Project, we can appreciate all the time and hard work that went into Cambria’s big move.

Congratulations!

Have you checked out Zinio yet?!

Zinio is a collection of digital magazines that are FREE to library cardholders. You can read these magazines on your computer and various electronic devices. What a great way to access all the latest information! Check out the dozens of popular magazines (news, fashion, food, hobbies, sports)!

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New Membership Dues Structure
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FOR SALE

Electric fireplace from Library lobby

$425 or best offer

(original price $1,100)

Among Friends Newsletter

Among Friends is a quarterly publication distributed to all MBFOL members (over 500 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 & 4 is from the tile mural by Peter Ladochy that is on the west side of the Morro Bay Library.
A Message From Our President: Robert “Red” Davis

In November, the Morro Bay Friends of the Library received a $100,000 bequest from the estate of Bertha F. Shultz

Bertha F. Shultz passed away on June 6, 2013 at the age of 90. Her husband, Robert B. Shultz, preceded her, passing away on January 13, 1995. Ms. Shultz was born in Creston in 1923 and lived there with her mother until she graduated from high school. She was the youngest child of a large family. Her parents were divorced and her father lived in Atascadero while she grew up in Creston.

Ms. Shultz moved to Morro Bay after high school and worked at Camp San Luis Obispo as a telephone operator during the war. She met Robert there and married him. He was from Ohio, and the couple moved to Ohio after the wedding ceremony. Robert was a plumbing contractor, but the two of them bought elderly houses, fixed them up and sold or rented them.

In 1950 they moved back to Morro Bay to care for her father, Henry B. Humboldt, and continued their home development activities. As Robert mainly worked on his plumbing business, Bertha was the sparkplug who hired contractors to fix up the houses they bought. She also bought city lots and built new houses. This turned out to be profitable, and over the course of a lifetime, Robert and Bertha accumulated a sizeable estate. At one time they owned an entire block on Shasta Avenue. They were also instrumental in building the Masonic Lodge on Atascadero Road.

They lived on Quintana Road in Morro Bay near La Loma Street on the property now occupied by Crye Engineering. In about 1975 or 1976, Bertha and Robert moved to Atascadero where they remained for the rest of their lives.

They were drawn to the fire departments of both Morro Bay and Atascadero and were very generous in their support. They bought dozens of portable defibrillators and donated them widely.

Edith Ross, one of Ms. Shultz’ tenants and one of a few people who attended her funeral, describes her as “A wonderful person. She took care of people she cared about. Bertha kept her rents down and she really cared for her tenants.”

Ms. Shultz left generous donations to the Morro Bay Fire Department, Morro Bay Friends of the Library, Atascadero Fire Department, North County Christian School, Woods Humane Society, Rotary Club of Atascadero, Charles Paddock Zoo and Cuesta College.

“They were a beautiful couple who worked together and played together,” said Steve Maguire, the couple’s financial adviser. “I still remember seeing Bertha with a wrench in one hand and a hammer in the other.”

“If you knew them, you never forgot them,” Maguire said. “My hope is that with these gifts the community will not forget them.”

Joan Petersen and Trina Dougherty represented the Friends in a gathering on November 14, 2013 where the Schultz bequests were presented to the Morro Bay Friends of the Library and the Morro Bay Fire Department, among several others.

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Book Sale Report from Laurie Allen

Oh my, it’s that time again. Yes, the next book sale is coming up soon. It is on Saturday February 1st, so put it on your calendar!

We have an extra-large selection of cook books and plenty of children’s books as well. If you are like me, and enjoy reading books in a series, you will be pleased to know that we were given many boxes of mystery and fiction hardbacks, with long runs of some of your favorite authors.

Of course, all the other subjects are well-represented also. From Art to Zoology, the next sale will be a great one.

Just so you all know, there will only be two more sales before we close for our long-awaited remodel. The first sale is February 1st, and the final sale will be on Saturday April 26th. So start stocking up now to have plenty of reading material on hand until the end of 2014!

And, please don’t forget that we are continuing to accept donations of gently-used books and DVDs. The library is open its regular hours, and your donations will be gratefully accepted.

See you at the sale!

Laurie
**Events - Feb/Mar/April**

**Tuesday, February 18**  
Library Holiday (closed)

**Friends of the Library Book Sale**  
Morro Bay Community Center  
February 1 and April 26  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (9 a.m. Early entrance for Members only; 1—2 p.m. $3 per bag sale)

**Book Discussion Group**  
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.—Noon
- **February 5,** *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern
- **February 12,** No Book Discussion This Week – Library Holiday
- **February 19,** *Caleb’s Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks
- **February 26,** *Broken Harbor* by Tana French
- **March 5,** *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro
- **March 12,** *The Orphan Master’s Son* by Adam Johnson
- **March 19,** *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey
- **March 26,** 4th Wednesdays Mystery Readers,  
  *Elegy for Eddie* by Jacqueline Winspear
- **April 2,** *Orange is the New Black – My Year in a Women’s Prison – A Memoir* by Piper Kerman (This selection is the Cuesta Book of the Year. The author will speak at Cuesta College on April 3.)
- **April 9,** *Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan
- **April 16,** *Defending Jacob* by William Landay
- **April 23,** 4th Wednesdays Mystery Readers,  
  *The Innocent* by David Baldacci

**North Coast Writer’s Club**  
Saturday, February 15, 10 a.m. – Noon  
Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.—Noon  
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.

**iPhone Workshop**  
Cayucos Branch  
Wednesday, February 5, 5-7 p.m.  
Bring your iPhone to learn all its possibilities. Led by Aaron Anderson. Please call to reserve a seat, 995-3312.

**Pre-School Storytime**  
Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.  
Join us as we learn numbers, letters, stories and songs!

*All events are held in the John Kim Room at the Morro Bay Library, unless otherwise indicated. Schedule is subject to change.*  
*For the comfort of those attending, please come fragrance-free to all our programs.*
A Great Day at the Faire!

Thank you Friends for supporting our booth at the Morro Bay Merchants Association Street Faire December 1, 2013. We received a grand total of **$2,229** to add to the Remodel Fund.

The weather was picture-perfect and we had non-stop visitors who came by to buy raffle tickets, make donations, renew memberships, shop and voice support for the Library.

We sold 718 tickets for a variety of prizes donated by local merchants and Friends (see list below). The next time you visit one of these businesses or see one of these generous donors, please thank them for supporting the Morro Bay Library.

**Raffle Donors:**
The Skin Stop  Morro Bay House of Jerky  
Ruddell's Smokehouse  The Grill Hut  
Beach House Bistro  Coast Electronics  
Aloha Shirt Shop  Clayworks Pottery  
Debbie Abrecht  Judy Salamacha

Mayor Jamie Irons drew our winning raffle tickets.

### New Library Acquisitions

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### Your Support is Needed!

We’ve had a great turn-out of donations from our community over the last year, but we’re not quite there yet! Your gift, no matter the size, helps us get one step closer to our goal!!

“The Morro Bay Library is a safe haven that houses shelves of opportunities for personal growth, education, escape, and inspiration. The exciting thing is that the remodeled version of the Library will provide these opportunities through a wonderful visitor experience, not simply through its collections.”

Shana Reiss, Architect

Help us realize this incredible vision!!

Donate today at mbfol.org
Many thanks to Morro Bay in Bloom for all their hard work on the landscaping around the Library building! The Morro Bay Library is currently one of three adopted public spaces in Morro Bay selected by Morro Bay in Bloom for ongoing landscape improvement and upkeep. Volunteers with Morro Bay in Bloom have already done the following improvements:

- cleared dead and dying plants
- pruned existing plants to restore their vitality
- weeded regularly
- planted new plants along the western, southern and eastern sides of the library building and at the entrance to the Harbor Street parking lot

Morro Bay in Bloom has performed all of the work and has provided all of the plants free of charge to the Library. Morro Bay in Bloom seeks donations so that they can buy more plants and equipment. Morro Bay in Bloom is also planning the first Morro Bay Surfboard Art Festival in November and is seeking donations of surfboards that are no longer in use so that "canvasses" can be provided to artists for their artistic creations. Please contact them if you can donate a surfboard.

Mailing address:
P.O. Box 782
Morro Bay, CA 93443

Website:
morrobayinbloom.org

Facebook Page:
facebook.com/MorroBayinBloom

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Cuesta College 2014 Book of the Year

Piper Kerman, author of the best-selling memoir, Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women’s Prison — now a Netflix original series — will visit Cuesta college for a free reception, lecture and book signing.

Thursday, April 3, 2014, 5 - 7 pm

Cuesta’s Cultural and Performing Arts Center, SLO campus

Due to the popularity of this event, advance tickets are required (but free!)


Our Book Discussion Group will discuss this book on Wednesday, April 2.
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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 1, 2014

at Morro Bay

Community Center

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

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