Library Services Continue as Remodel is Under Way

A Message from Our Branch Librarian, Jackie Kinsey

Business is booming at the temporary Morro Bay Library location, 525 Harbor St. Our regular users continue to visit and check out items, and new patrons continue to apply for library cards. In August (the first full month in our temporary location) we registered 31 new Morro Bay residents for library cards. Our building has shrunk to about a tenth of our original size, yet we continue to supply the community with wanted material for entertainment and educational purposes. Our total circulation was about 10,000 items just for the month of August! We appreciate the business and genuinely enjoy getting to know our patrons even better.

Services still available at the branch include a selection of all genres to choose from: New books, Non-Fiction, Fiction, Mystery, Large Type, Biography, Science Fiction, Classics, DVDs, Blue Ray movies, music CDs, Books on CD, Game discs, Newspapers, Magazines, Children’s Books, Graphic Novels, and the Del Mar Elementary Early Readers, and available to use in the building are the Value Line Investment Reports and Consumer Reports. If you cannot find the item you are looking for, please ask the staff to check the catalog for the title and its availability to be brought to the branch for you.

Effective July 1, 2014 the $1 hold fee was eliminated and the number of holds limited to 10 items. Services we are unable to provide during this time are on-site programs, public computers and WiFi availability. However, several local businesses and area libraries are aware of our temporary situation and do offer these services. A list of these area services is available at the branch.

Our programs that do continue to meet are the Book Discussion and Mystery Readers Groups and the Writers Group. A special “Thank You” goes to the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce for providing space for these groups!

Now, what you really want to know is how the construction is going, right? I hope I don’t jinx things, but the project is on budget and on time. At this time we are looking at a completion date during mid-January 2015. If you walk by the building, don’t walk in, but peek through the large windows to watch the progress.

The MBFOL Board visits the remodel site.

The Library staff tours the remodel site.

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A Message From Our President: Robert “Red” Davis

A look at Presidential Libraries....

The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum
West Branch, Iowa

Gail and I parked next to the only other car in the parking lot of the Herbert Hoover National Historical Site and Presidential Museum at 9:30. Inside the entry door we passed through a second double glass door embossed with the seal of the President of the United States. After paying $2.00 for our admission, we entered the museum through a rotunda whose floor was an inlaid map of the world. Symbols of wheat sheaves designated the 57 countries in which Hoover conducted relief efforts during his lifetime.

Inside the small theater, we watched a 22-minute presentation of Hoover’s life and times, then made our way into the main museum. The first displays presented his birth and boyhood, his years at Stanford, the Australian Outback and the Boxer Rebellion.

Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum

Hoover was born Aug 10, 1874, in West Branch, Iowa, into a Quaker family. After being orphaned at age 10, his aunt and uncle put him on a train to Oregon where he lived with another uncle, John Minthorn. He entered Stanford University in its first class in 1891 and was 20 when he graduated. One of his classmates, Lou Henry, made a particular impression on him. She was athletic, adventurous and came from Iowa.

After graduating from Stanford, Hoover went to Nevada City, California, where he shoveled gold ore for $2 a day. In 1897, he overstated his age and experience and applied for a job as geologist for Bewick, Moreing of London. They hired him and sent him to Australia to find gold. Living on the frontier of Western Australia, he bathed in beer, subsisted on sardines and cocoa and rode a camel through the outback, which he described as a land of “red dust, black flies and white heat.”

After spending two years down under, Hoover returned to California and married Lou Henry in Monterey on February 10, 1899. The young couple set sail for China the next day. The Chinese government had hired Bewick, Moreing to develop coal
mines and to look for gold. Hoover did find gold for them, but while he and Lou were in Tientsin, they became entangled in the Boxer Rebellion. For ten weeks they were besieged with other westerners within the walled city until the U.S. Marines rescued them.

Herbert & Lou Hoover

Hoover left Bewick, Moreing in 1908 and launched his own international consultant company, employing 175,000 workers from Siberia to Peru. The American government called on him for help in 1914 after war broke out in Europe. More than 100,000 Americans were trapped in England. The U.S. ambassador asked Hoover to help evacuate them. Within 24 hours he assembled 500 volunteers and, within a few weeks, everyone was safely home. Shortly afterward, President Wilson asked Hoover to join his administration. Hoover later said, “My engineering career was over forever. I was on the slippery road to public life.”

The next display in the museum demonstrated a “decade of change,” the 1920s, a time when products and institutions that had been born in previous years suddenly bloomed: Hollywood movies, professional sports, radio, electric appliances, automobiles, the telephone, Prohibition. The 1920s were an explosion of progress–development of ideas that had first sprouted ten to twenty years earlier.

The next exhibit was entitled “Who but Hoover,” the national political question after Calvin Coolidge elected to not run for a second term. Hoover was the popular and inevitable choice and easily won the presidential election. Within 30 days of his inauguration, Hoover did the following: banished the White House stables, mothballed the Presidential yacht, expanded civil service protection throughout the federal workforce, cancelled private oil leases on government lands, directed federal law enforcement officials to focus on gangster-ridden Chicago in an effort that put Al Capone into prison, added 3 million acres to the national parks system and 2 million acres to the national forests.

Then came the stock market crash. National priorities changed as Americans lost their jobs and banks repossessed thousands of family farms. The President proposed a series of programs to battle the Depression and bring the country back to prosperity, but Congress failed to pass most of them. In 1933, those programs were dusted off, repainted with a Roosevelt brush and became the backbone of the New Deal.

The Hoovers moved to California in 1933 to a home that Lou designed. They were out of favor and out of sight, keeping a low profile during the Roosevelt years. In 1940, they moved into the Waldorf Towers on Park Avenue in New York. In 1946 Truman asked Hoover to marshal a famine relief program for starving victims of the World War in Europe and in 1947 he asked him to form a commission to reorganize the executive branch of government to make it more efficient. Hoover was grateful for this work and told Truman that he had added ten years to his life.

Lou Hoover died of a heart attack in 1949. On October 20, 1964, the Great Engineer died in his home in the Waldorf Towers. He was the first president born west of the Mississippi; first chief executive to install a telephone in his office; and the first to give away his presidential salary to charity. He and Lou are buried near his museum in West Branch within sight of the house in which he was born.

“Being a politician is a poor profession,” he wrote once to a youngster who asked for career advice, “but being a public servant is a noble one.”

Morro Bay in Bloom has been a strong supporter of the Morro Bay Friends of the Library and has volunteered hundreds of hours to beautify the landscaping around our Library building. We hope you will support them in their upcoming event…..

The Morro Bay Surfboard Art Festival is a month-long celebration in November of the popular local surf-culture art form. The works are beautiful interpretations of nature and of fantasy, and they will be displayed throughout the city. This community-sponsored event features the works of 30 renowned local artists and community groups such as the fifth-grade class of Del Mar Elementary School, students at Los Osos Middle School, and the senior residents of Bayside Care Center and Casa de Flores. Starting November 1st, 30 surfboard art pieces can be viewed at sponsoring locations throughout Morro Bay. Maps of the sponsoring locations will be available in the Bay News and at the Morro Bay Visitors Center. The surfboard art pieces will be auctioned on Saturday, November 29th at Fish Bonez Restaurant from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m., with a VIP preview starting at 1 p.m. Partial sales proceeds will benefit Project Surf Camp, www.projectsurfcamp.com, Morro Bay in Bloom, www.morrobayinbloom.org, and the arts-education programs of participating schools. To purchase admission to the auction, visit http://morrobayinbloom.org/surfboard-art-festival/auction or call 772-4685.
**Events - November/December**

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**Book Discussion Group**

**Wednesdays, 10a.m.—Noon**

Location: Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce
Conference Room, 695 Harbor St., MB

- **November 5, The Interestings** by Meg Wolitzer
- **November 12, Unbroken** by Laura Hillenbrand
- **November 19, And The Mountains Echoed** by Khaled Hosseini
- **November 26, No Book Discussion Group This Week**
- **December 3, The Burgess Boys** by Elizabeth Strout
- **December 10, The Cuckoo’s Calling** by Robert Galbraith
- **December 17, No Assigned Book & End of Year Potluck**

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: salads; M-R: appetizers & S-Z: desserts/fruit.

*Schedule is subject to change. For the comfort of those attending, please come fragrance-free to all our programs.*

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**North Coast Writer’s Club**

3rd Saturday of every month
10 a.m. – Noon
Location: Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce
Conference Room, 695 Harbor St., MB

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

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**Book Sale Report from Laurie Allen**

Our remodel project is going great guns, and we are looking ahead to 2015! Many of you have asked me about when we will be having book sales again. I really have missed seeing all the regulars and working with the world’s best volunteers. So, I’m thrilled to tell you all that the following 3 book sale dates have been scheduled for 2015.

Save the dates for the 2015 sales: the sales will once again be held at the Morro Bay Community Center!

- **Saturday April 18th**
- **Saturday August 22nd**
- **Saturday November 14th**

Just as soon as our library re-opens, early in 2015, we will be taking donations of gently-used books, audio books, music CDs and DVDs. We will also need current magazines. Thanks to all of you who have held on to your donations while the library was being updated.

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**Membership Report from Susan Gossard**

Although our library may be temporarily relocated and our book sales are on hiatus, the Friends are actively working behind the scenes for you and for our library. Despite temporary quarters, it was a busy summer around the library with MBFOL providing funding for the popular children’s summer programs, for adult book discussion groups, and for reading programs for children and teens.

As we eagerly anticipate the re-opening of our library, our efforts continue to raise funds for furnishings in the new space and for the purchase of books, CDs, DVDs and subscriptions to ensure a well-stocked and current library collection when the renovated library reopens in early 2015.

Please help us continue our work with your [membership renewal](https://mbfol.org). Your partnership in this wonderful endeavor is gratefully acknowledged.

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NOMINATIONS FOR MBFOL 2015 BOARD MEMBERS

Members are invited to run for positions on the Friends’ 2015 Board of Directors. The Board consists of four officers, six members-at-large (or more if a proposed bylaws amendment is adopted by the general membership at our November meeting) and a representative to the Foundation of SLO County Public Libraries. The officers are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please refer to the Bylaws shown on our website, mbfol.org, for a description and responsibilities of the positions.

Members-at-Large are assigned to chair particular committees as defined in our Standing Rules, to wit: Membership, Book Sales, Publicity, Fundraising, Newsletter, Volunteers, and Special Events.

Individual polling of the current MBFOL Board members’ intentions to serve in 2015 resulted in the following slate:

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Even though we already have a candidate for all but two of the Board positions for 2015, active members may apply for any Officer or Member-at-Large positions to be considered for election at the Annual Meeting on Friday, November 21. Duty descriptions for the officers and members-at-large can be found on our website: mbfol.org.

Addressing the OPEN Member-at-Large positions:

**Fund raising:** If you are someone who would like to work with a dedicated, proactive MBFOL board AND have experience with innovative, creative fund raising ideas, this could be the position for YOU! The current Board recognizes the need to continue providing financial support for Library operations in the future, just as Library Friends boards before us have done for the past 25+ years. Even though the majority of accrued funds have gone to the remodeling project; you WOULD NOT have to “hit the ground running” immediately following the election!

**SLO County Library Foundation Representative:** If you are someone who has interest in serving on the Foundation board and the MBFOL board to keep members informed of current happenings with the Foundation, this could be the position for YOU! For more information on the Foundation’s goals, please go to their website, slolibraryfoundation.org, or contact the Nominations Chair Joan Petersen; jphp@charter.net or 772.2604.

**PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT**

The Friends’ Board recommends amending Article V, Section 1 of the bylaws by adding the words "or more" so that the Section will read "SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of four Officers, six or more Members-at-Large and a representative to the Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Public Libraries and shall serve as the governing body of this organization."

The election of the 2015 Board of Directors will take place at the Annual Meeting on November 21. See pg. 4 for details.
JOIN the Morro Bay Friends Of The Library & support your local public library!

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Address____________________________________ City/State/Zip ________________________
Telephone________________________  Email ____________________________________________

☐ NEW                        ☐ RENEWAL  ☐ Check (Payable to MBFOL)  ☐ Cash
☐ Individual $10/year     ☐ Household $20/year  ☐ Patron $50/year   ☐ Sustaining $100/year
☐ Individual Lifetime $250
☐ 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

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2015 Book Sale Dates

Saturday, April 18
Saturday, August 22
Saturday, November 14

These businesses offer a Member Benefit.
Annual Meeting:

November 21, 2014

At the office of McElhinney & McElhinney
at 800 Quintana Rd., Ste 2F, Morro Bay

11:30 a.m.  Meeting followed by potluck hosted by the
MBFOL Board of Directors.

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.

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