Ribbon-Cutting at the MBFOL Book Store

On April 21, 2016, the Morro Bay Friends of the Library Book Store was officially welcomed to the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce at a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Members of both the MBFOL Board and the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce Board were in attendance. Since the remodel and reopening of the Library, the Book Store has become a popular place for patrons to purchase used books and magazines. It provides a steady stream of revenue for the Friends, which in turn helps fund resources and programs for the Library. Rather than waiting for a quarterly book sale, patrons can now browse and purchase books any time during Library operating hours. The Friends will continue to hold periodic Book Sales throughout the year, but the inventory at the Book Store is constantly being refreshed, so you can always find new items each time you stop in.

Welcome to our New Branch Manager Mary Blair

We are pleased to announce that Mary Blair has been promoted to Morro Bay Branch Manager, following the promotion of Jackie Kinsey and her move to the Atascadero Branch (see pg. 3 for a farewell message from Jackie). Mary grew up in this county and has been with the library system for 20 years, with the last 18 of those years being here in Morro Bay. Needless to say, she is a familiar face to most of us, and our patrons already know how helpful, friendly and knowledgeable she is. The MBFOL Board is excited to have someone with Mary’s experience and strong rapport with our community take the reins and continue to move our branch forward. We look forward to supporting her and the rest of her staff during this transition. Congratulations, Mary!

A Message from Mary Blair

Dear Friends,

I am so excited and grateful to be chosen as the Branch Manager for the Morro Bay Library. I am fully aware that I am getting the best library and the best patrons in the system. The Morro Bay Community, led by our fantastic Friends group, has been so supportive of the library and its needs. Moving forward, I plan on continuing the great service that the library is known for and working with the Friends group and the community to keep our library as the community hub it is. I am looking forward to all the future holds for our happy Morro Bay Library.

Mary Blair
2015 Volunteer of the Year

On April 14, the Morro Bay Library Staff honored and thanked the many volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents. The staff hosted a lovely morning coffee. Each year the staff chooses a volunteer who has gone the extra mile to assist them or enhance the library in some way. The 2015 Volunteer of the Year award was shared by volunteers Susan Gossard and Pat Winstanley. Susan Gossard is a dedicated Board member who serves as both the vice-president and the chair for membership. She played a large part in the success of our Remodel Project and has done an outstanding job in growing the membership of the MBFOL. Pat Winstanley has been an in-house volunteer for approximately 17 years, spending many hours efficiently shelving and arranging books and assisting with book sales. Thank you to these two dedicated volunteers and all our volunteers who continue to make Morro Bay Library a great place to visit!

Book Sale Volunteer Appreciation

Chris Broome, Julie Larsen, Alyce Broome and Carole Wallace (pictured above) were among the dozens of Book Sale volunteers who were honored at a reception at the Library on March 4, 2016. The event was catered by Blue Skye Bistro (on the Embarcadero). The Library staff, MBFOL Board Members, SLO County Library Director Chris Barnickel and Assistant Library Director Chase McMunn were all in attendance to give a warm “thank you” to our volunteers, as well as celebrate the one-year anniversary of the re-opening of the library after our big remodel.
A Message From Our President:  Trina Dougherty

Dearest Friends,

As I thought about writing this letter, I sat and pondered exactly what it is that draws me into our Library, what exactly do I feel every time I walk through those doors. Is it the welcoming staff, the vibrant colors that instantly inspire creativity? Is it the spark of curious minds and passionate hearts that permeate the energy of this beautiful space? Yes, it is all of that, and much more! It is the powerful essence of aliveness, the immediate wonder of what I will discover today, who I will get to talk to, what new author will intrigue me, what I will experience that might just change my life!

Our Morro Bay Library is a thriving hub of community engagement. It is truly an exciting place of learning and tapping into the wide world around us. Everyone has equal opportunity to enrich their lives through the benefits of informative, entertaining and thought-provoking programs. New books, materials and electronic resources arrive daily to enhance our knowledge of any subject on earth and beyond. And, as an incredible bonus, our Library cards allow us to take adventures, make dreams a reality, and experience the past, present and future in the comfort of our own homes.

As we say “so long” and huge thanks to Jackie as she embarks on her new journey, and welcome Mary in her new role as Branch Manager, I am reminded how change, while sometimes challenging, is what life is all about. We transform as a result of change, just like our Library has transformed as a result of our fantastic remodel. The efforts of Morro Bay Friends of the Library are evident in each nook and cranny, and your membership and generous donations, along with the proceeds from our well-stocked Book Store, help make it all possible. We look forward to many more good things to come!

So as I walk through those doors once again, I am grateful to all of those who have come before me, the wonderful staff who welcome me, the volunteers who make sure I can find everything I am going to discover today, all of our MBFOL members and deeply dedicated Board, and for the freedom of access to knowledge that people from all walks of life can enjoy right here in our own corner of the world. Thank you for making our Library a true community treasure!

See you there!

Trina

A Farewell Message from Jackie Kinsey

Dear Friends,

It is bittersweet news I share with you - I began my new position as Regional Librarian at the Atascadero Branch on Thursday, May 25th. I am the new manager of Atascadero, Simmler, Shandon, San Miguel, Creston and Santa Margarita branch libraries. Long time Morro Bay Library staff, Mary Blair, has applied and been promoted to Branch Manager and has already begun her new duties. There are a lot of good new things coming to benefit all of SLO County’s communities. I truly value my friendship with you and many others in Morro Bay. Together we have accomplished some impressive goals. We should all be proud of this gem by the sea and continue to share the joy of reading, learning and growing. Thank you so much for a wonderful 7 years in Morro Bay!

Sincerely,

Jackie Kinsey
I am happy to announce that our next book sale will be held at the Morro Bay Library on Saturday, September 24th. It will be our last sale of the year, so be sure to stock up on all the wonderful bargains we have waiting for you.

**Sale hours:** Members Only sale 9:00 a.m.; Public sale 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

We have an amazing selection of fine art and pictorial books, a large selection of cookbooks, crafts, home remodeling, and all the other subjects you love to browse. From American History to Zoology, from Cars to Children’s books, it will all be there.

We will also have a Holiday book collection, with ideas for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Don't forget that between now and September you can always find great bargains at the Friends Book Store in the library. The selection changes daily and we will be displaying lots of travel and beach reading books in the coming months.

Please continue to donate your gently-used books and current magazines to the Library, so that we can continue to provide our friends and patrons with great reading in 2017 as well!

Thanks to everyone for your continuing support of our book sale and store. The money we raise provides programming and materials for everyone!

Laurie Allen
Book Sale Coordinator

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**“Thank You” To Our Book Sale Volunteers** Joan Petersen

We raised $2,390 at our March 5 MBFOL Book Sale! A HUGE THANK YOU TO:

**VALUED VOLUNTEERS** who helped make our first book sale back at the Morro Bay Library so successful. It took some monitoring and adjusting during set-up and day of sale, but they took it in stride with smiles on their faces!

**SUPPORTIVE LIBRARY STAFF** who went out of their way to help us use every possible space to set up, creating some cozy corners...perfect for a rainy day!

**APPRECIATED PATRONS** who came out on a rainy Saturday to browse and buy at our sale. What better way to spend a rare rainy day in Morro Bay!

**HATS OFF TO ALL!!**

Joan Petersen

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**Book Discussion Group 10-Year Anniversary**

Join us for a 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Morro Bay Book Discussion Group, on Wednesday, June 8th from 10 a.m. - Noon. There will be cake and prize drawings for Karen’s Favorite Things from some great businesses/co-sponsors of the event, including The Neighborhood Acai and Juice Bar; Integrative Healing Arts Massage Therapy and Reiki; Coalesce Bookstore; Yoga Center of Morro Bay; Central Coast Body Therapy Center; Inner Workings; Health with Integrity; A.I.M. Personal Training; A New Leaf 4 You Life Coaching; and, our very own Morro Bay Friends of the Library.
Summer Programs

Summer Reading Program
June 11th - August 6th

New this year: Adult Summer Reading!

Children age 0—5th grade
Teens in 6th-12th grade

Saturday, June 11th, 12:00pm — Local Author of Baseball Book, Joel Pace. Hear this local author of A Youngster’s Guidebook of How to Play Baseball talk about the fundamentals of baseball. Bring your own glove to practice some drills.

Saturday, June 11th, 1:00pm — Lego Workshop.
Kick-off for the Summer Reading Program. Call to reserve a spot at the table and to ensure we have enough Legos. Come by the Library on this day or any day after to register for the Summer Reading Program.

Saturday, June 18th, 1:00pm — Charles Paddock Zoo Animal Show. Informative program about conservation and the role our local zoo plays in keeping animal populations healthy and alive. Live animals and their handlers will be here.

Saturday, June 25, 1:00pm — Stories and Songs with Nina Ryne. Guitar, banjo and viola are just a few of the instruments used in this interactive performance of songs and stories from many cultures. For all ages.

Saturday, July 2nd, 11:00am — Street Cycling safety and bike decorating. Presented by SLO Bike Coalition. Any age bike rider or auto driver. Learn about bicycle safety and decorate your bicycle for the Fourth of July! Call the library to register.

Saturday, July 2nd, 1:00pm — Omnipresent Puppet Theater. Top notch puppet theater from Kern County presents amazing puppet shows.

Saturday, July 9th, 1:00pm — Snail Olympics. A 4-H, hands on Science program for tweens. Ages 7-13.

Thursday, July 21st, 2:00pm – Taiko Drumming. Get ready to rock with the Central Coast’s greatest Japanese Taiko drumming troupe, Ichimi Daiko. A concert that music fans of all ages will love.

Friday, July 22nd, 11:00am—SLO County Public Health presents “Nutrition: Fact or Fiction”. Eating healthier and discovering the truth behind dietary trends.

Saturday, July 23rd, 1:00pm – Gerald Joseph Magic Show. This Bay Area magician returns to the Central Coast to amaze audiences with his laugh out loud funny magic act.

Saturday, July 30th, 1:00pm—Light Sabers by SLO MakerSpace. Create lightsabers using electric circuitry with the experts from SLO MakerSpace. Ages 10-17. Pre-registration required.

Thursday, August 4th, 2:00pm – Imagination Playground. Hands on program from the SLO Children’s Museum. Children are given enormous blocks and given the ability to build whatever they want. Recommended age is 3 years and older.

Thank you for your interest and support. Follow MBFOL news, join our membership, and donate online at:

mbfol.org
Kids Free Summer Lunch Program

Tuesday, Wednesdays & Thursdays
June 21—July 21
at Morro Bay Library

Food is provided by the SLO Food Bank & served by MB Library volunteers.

Breakfast Bags
The Food Bank will also provide breakfast bags this summer. We will be distributing the bags on Tuesday, July 12, and they will contain a month’s worth of breakfast items to take home. These items will come in a re-usable bag with a nutritional handout about how to combine the breakfast items.

Local Authors Program

Wednesdays, 10am—Noon

The Morro Bay Book Discussion Group hosts a series featuring discussions with local authors:

June 29—Rev. Don Welsh & Rev. LaVonne Andrews Welsh
July 13—Patty Blue Hayes
August 10—Barrie Bartulski
August 31—D. J. Adamson
September 14—Sue McGinty
October 12—Berta Parrish, Ed.D.
November 9—Kendra Aronson

More details about these authors and their works at morrobaydiscussiongroup.org

An Event Calendar for the entire San Luis Obispo County Library system can be found at slolibrary.org

George Cotkin (author of Feast of Excess: a Cultural History of the New Sensibility)
Tuesday, June 21
7pm—8:30pm
SLO Library Community Room, 995 Palm Street, SLO

Cotkin will discuss his newly-released work, an inventive and jaunty narrative which captures the excitement of liberation in American culture.

A free event sponsored by the Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Public Libraries.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

FOR KIDS
*Preschool Storytime - Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
*Paws to Read - Kids read with Berkeley the dog—Thursdays, 3:00 p.m.

FOR ADULTS
*E-Device Class - Thursdays, 8:30-10:00 a.m. (reservations required @ (805) 772-6394).
*Book Discussion - Every first, second and third Wednesday at 10:00am
*Mystery Readers - Every fourth Wednesday at 10:00am

More details on our book groups at: morrobaybookdiscussiongroup.org

*North Coast Writers - Every third Saturday of the month at 10:00am. More information: Bert Silva, (805) 771-9803 or email bertsilvabythesea@gmail.com
The San Luis Obispo County Library has teamed up with SLO MakerSpace to offer a unique opportunity to library cardholders. SLO MakerSpace is a community resource dedicated to education and creativity. It is an open, collaborative machine/wood/electronics shop and craft center where you can build projects, teach and take classes, and build networks connecting with local people and resources. Their 5,000+ sq. ft. facility is located in the Pacific Coast Center at the intersection of Madonna Rd. and South Higuera in San Luis Obispo.

As a library cardholder, you can schedule up to 15 hours per week at SLO MakerSpace (kids 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

Access for library cardholders is:
Tuesday-Friday, 4pm-7pm, and Saturday, 10am-1pm.

A few of its many resources include: a pottery studio, 3D printing machines and 3D scanning, an electronics lab, woodworking tools, metalworking tools, power tools and hand tools of all shapes and sizes.

This is an incredible resource for library patrons, and we are thankful to both the SLO County Library and SLO MakerSpace for this collaborative program.

More info on SLO MakerSpace at slomakerspace.com.

The 2016 MBFOL Board of Directors reached 100% participation in giving to the Friends of the Library. Although the campaign for the Remodel Project was successfully completed and we continue to generate revenue from our Book Store and Book Sales, monetary donations to our operating fund are still a vital source of support for the many ongoing programs funded by the Friends. Even though our Board members already volunteer hundreds of hours each year, they are also committed to leading the way in annual giving to the Friends. 100% of our Board members have generously made contributions to the Friends this year. We hope that you will join us!

Two Ways to Give:
1. Make a donation when you renew your membership (see the form on pg. 9).
2. Visit our website and use PayPal to donate: mbfol.org (click on the “GIVE” tab).

Many thanks to the many Friends who have already made donations this year!

Black Gold Mobile App

The new Black Gold Public Mobile app gives patrons access to the library catalog, events and programs, digital downloads, digital library card and many more features! It's like having the library at your fingertips.

To view all events in the Morro Bay Branch, click on “Events” and enter “Morro Bay” in the search bar.
**Body Thrive Book Club**

"In Person" Body Thrive Book Club:
Thursdays from 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Align your body with the future body you desire in 10 weeks, with the support of others in this special Body Thrive Book Club. If you are looking for better energy, deeper sleep and a better diet, this is the place you want to be! Space will be limited to 10 people willing to commit to their habit evolution.

You will need the book *Body Thrive: Uplevel Your Body and Your Life with 10 Habits from Ayurveda and Yoga* by Cate Stillman.

Pre-registration is essential. Reserve your place early for this amazing free program. For more information, contact Karen Robert at karen@live-now.org.

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**A Three-Part Joyful Workshop**

With Educators: Barb Minogue, M.S. and Karen S. Robert, M.A.

**Three Fridays: September 16, October 7 & October 21, 10:00 a.m.—Noon**

Are you ready to:
- Experience more joy
- Savor each moment
- Explore new heights of personal happiness
- Open your eyes & heart to the wonders of the world
- Love your life

The series is bursting with engaging, fun and creative activities that will open your heart and shift your perspective to one of abundance, well-being and genuine gratitude.

No drop-ins. Space is very limited. Pre-registration is essential. Contact: Karen-joy@live-now.org or 805-772-9268 or the Morro Bay Library Front Desk by Friday, August 26.

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**News from the Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Libraries**

**Jane Heath, Foundation Rep**

Jane Heath is a new MBFOL Board Member this year. She is our representative to the Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Libraries.

The Foundation is finishing up a successful year of Book & Author events with a FREE event (donations gratefully accepted, of course). Local author and Cal Poly Professor Emeritus George Cotkin will discuss his latest book, *Feast of Excess*, the story of liberation in American culture, featuring the personal narratives of iconic figures of the ’50’s, ’60’s and ’70’s. Please join us on **Tuesday, June 21 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm** in the SLO Library Community Room (995 Palm St., SLO) for this interesting presentation. Refreshments will be available and attendees will be eligible for a drawing for VIP tickets for next year’s events at Cal Poly.

The Foundation board has some new(ish) members and all have been working hard (with help from SPOKES Resources for Non-Profits) to refine the mission and set goals for the next several years. The Foundation remains committed to providing support for programs and materials to enhance patrons’ library experiences. We want to concentrate in areas not currently being addressed by either public funding or the great work of Friends groups and hope for more collaborations by way of matching funds with Friends and others to stretch available dollars system-wide.

We are also excited to announce the extension of the successful collaboration with Cal Poly Arts that brought Jeanette Walls (*The Glass Castle*) and Frank Warren (*Post Secrets*) to San Luis Obispo this year. Two highly regarded, nationally known authors will be joining us in November of this year and spring of 2017 at the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center, plus some wonderful opportunities for VIP contact, brought to you by the Foundation. Stay tuned for details. You will not be disappointed!
New Acquisitions

Books
Little Red Chairs, by Edna O’Brien
Endangered, by C.J. Box
The Bitter Season, by Tami Hoag
Road to the Little Dribbling, by Bill Bryson
Big Magic, by Elizabeth Gilbert
My Name is Lucy Barton, by Elizabeth Strout
Revenant, by Michael Punke
Fates & Furies, by Lauren Groff
When Breath Becomes Air, by Paul Kalanithi
Dark Money: the hidden history of the billionaires behind
the rise of the radical right, by Jane Mayer
Spark Joy: an illustrated master class on the art of organizing
and tidying up, by Marie Kondo
Body Thrive: Uplevel Your Body and Your Life…,
by Cate Stillman
Field Guide to Manzanitas
2016 Good Sam RV Travel & Savings Guide

Movies
Joy
The Revenant
The Game of Thrones, season 5
Concussion
The Hateful Eight
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2
Our Brand is Crisis
The Peanuts Movie

MBFOL provides ongoing funds to help acquire new materials for
the Library. The following movies and books are just some of the
new items in the Library. Come check them out!!

Straight Outta Compton
Mi-5
The Martian
Kahlil Gibran’s The Prophecy
Steve Jobs
The Danish Girl
Everest
Bridge of Spies
Suffragette
The Keeping Room
Secrets of War
Grandma
Ant-Man
Masterpiece: Downton Abbey Season 6
A Girl Like Her

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☐ NEW     ☐ RENEWAL    ☐ Check (Payable to MBFOL)    ☐ Cash
☐ Individual $10/year  ☐ Household $20/year    ☐ Patron $50/year    ☐ Sustain
☐ 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

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

mbfol.org

Form 1/2014
Next Book Sale:

September 24, 2016

at the Morro Bay Library

9-10 am Members Only (join at the door)

10am-3pm Public 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.