‘Tis the Season of Both Thanks and Giving

We all know that this time of year is about “Giving Thanks,” and in this issue of the Among Friends newsletter, we certainly take the time and space to give thanks for our incredible donors (see pgs. 3-4). But simplified even more to its core, this season is about “Giving.” As we reflect on the many things in our lives to be thankful for, we feel drawn to give back, to pay it forward, to do our part. Many of our members (and non-members too!) have felt called to support the Morro Bay Friends of the Library with their financial gifts. Our beautifully remodeled library space is a testament to such generosity. However, now that the building is finished, the need for your support does not go away. The Friends continue to pay for special events, summer reading programs, collection acquisitions (new books and DVD’s), Express Books, equipment and furniture. Member dues cover barely 20% of the budgeted expenses each year. We are blessed with volunteers like Laurie Allen, whose commitment to our Book Store and Book Sales brings in a large percentage of our operating budget, but we still depend on the generosity of people like YOU to continue to make our Library vibrant, current and accessible to all. In the spirit of GIVING, as well as a desire to GIVE THANKS for the important role that your public library plays in your life and in the fabric of our community, we ask that you thoughtfully consider making a year-end, tax-deductible donation to YOUR Morro Bay Library. Thank you!

GIVE today at mbfol.org

or drop off your donation at the Morro Bay Library (checks payable to MBFOL).

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**Book Sale Report**  From Joan Petersen

Our Book Sale on Saturday, September 24, 2016 was wildly successful, with sales totalling almost $4,300!

A HUGE THANK YOU:

….. to the TREMENDOUS effort of our Valued Volunteers who worked tirelessly prior to the sale, during the set-up, day of the sale and tear down at the end of the sale.

….. to the MOST COOPERATIVE Library staff who allowed us to nearly take over the Library.

….. to the SUPPORTIVE shoppers who came out and

….. to the GENEROUS donors of materials to sell...

it was a WONDERFUL COLLABORATIVE EFFORT!!!

Please continue to donate your gently used books and current magazines AND to shop in our Friends of the Library Store during Library hours.

**For 2017 Book Sale Dates, see pg. 2**
Among Friends

Friends Board of Directors

President—Trina Dougherty
Vice President—Susan Gossard
Secretary—Susan McElhinney
Treasurer—Gerry Fuller
Programs—Jan Goldman
Membership—Susan Gossard
Book Sales—Joan Petersen
Newsletter—Joan Pedersen
Volunteers—Joan Petersen
Publicity—Jude Long
Foundation Rep.—Jane Heath

Our Mission:

To benefit the public by providing financial and volunteer support to the Morro Bay Library.

2016 Committee/Program Chairs/Support

Website Coordinator—Rhonda Crowfoot
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karen@live-now.org
Branch Manager—Mary Blair 772-6394
mblair@slolibrary.org

Library Information

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805-772-6394
Hours: Tues. 9am—6pm
Wed. 10am—6pm
Thurs.-Sat. 10am—5pm
Sun/Mon—Closed

Among Friends Newsletter

Among Friends is distributed to all MBFOL members (over 500 households). We encourage submissions of library-related material. Please contact Joan Petersen, Editor, for deadlines. 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 of the Library or the editors.

Note: The artwork used in the header of pg. 1 is from the tile mural by Peter Ladochy that is on the west side of the Morro Bay Library.

MBFOL Annual Membership Meeting

Friday, November 18
11:30 a.m. at the Morro Bay Library

Please join us for our Annual Membership Meeting, followed by a light lunch. The meeting will include:

- President’s Report of 2016
- Vote on proposed new MBFOL bylaws
- Election of new 2017 Board members/officers

The current slate of candidates for the 2017 MBFOL Board of Directors is as follows:

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* Once elected, the new President will appoint Committee Chairs. The Committee Chair appointments listed are the anticipated appointments for 2017.

The position of Treasurer is yet unfilled, and we do have space available for additional Member-At-Large positions. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Joan Petersen at 805-772-2604 or jphp@charter.net.

BOOK SALE

2017 DATES

January 28
May 20
September 23

Members Only Sale (Join at the door!)
9 a.m.-10 a.m.
Public Sale
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
$3/Bag Sale
12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Back by popular demand !!! So many people expressed interest in bringing back the $3/Bag Sale, so we listened and it’s back!
With the arrival of fall, and the holiday season soon to follow, it is naturally a time of reflection and gratitude. This past year has been one of change and one of success here at our fantastic Library. We have exciting and innovative ideas coming from our new Branch Manager, Mary Blair, and wonderful library staff, we had great programs all summer long with plenty more on the calendar, we had two fabulous in-library book sales, the Friends Book Store is doing better than we could have imagined, and Friends membership is up! We have an incredibly vibrant community hub, which is evident each and every time we step inside our beautiful Library.

It is our dedicated Board, our hard-working volunteers, our new and renewing members, and our generous donors who really make it all happen. A tremendous note of gratitude goes out to all of you whose efforts help make our Library such a valuable resource for everyone.

As a Free Public Library, we know, of course, that it always takes funding to provide services. Besides volunteer efforts, The Friends are focused on financial support to meet the needs of the Library that may not be covered by public funds. In this season of giving, please know that your contributions, whether it is book donations, membership renewal, shopping in the Book Store, or straight financial donation, are appreciated beyond measure. Huge heartfelt thanks; we could not do it without you!

Please join us at our Annual Meeting on November 18th for yummy food, upcoming plans, and ways to become involved. Here's to many more fun and interesting programs, new resource materials, awesome bargains in the Book Store, and another big Book Sale in January! See you in the Library!

Trina

Thank you to these donors who have supported the Morro Bay Friends of the Library with a donation in the past year. Your support is greatly appreciated!

We continue to be grateful to the many donors to our Remodel Project! Thanks to these generous individuals and organizations, our community and visitors continue to enjoy this beautiful space and the many services it provides.

**Benefactors ($5,000+)**
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The Bob Keller Family
Jerry Lane
Jude Sanner Long
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In Memory of Linda and Nancy Minear
In Memory of Martha and Pete Moloney
Morro Bay Chiropractic and Body Works
Carol and Eric Olsen
Pacific Gas and Electric
Joan Pedersen
Pete and Addie Pedersen
Marlene D. Peter
Harvey and Joan Petersen
Rabobank
In Memory of Barbara G. Riddell
Rite Aid Foundation
Karen Robert
John and Nancy Severson
William and Belinda Turner
Rosalie Valvo
Ena Zeiler
On display this fall......

Come by the Library to see the Fishery display starting October 22, and check out the surfboards on display as part of the Morro Bay Surfboard Art Festival.

Saturday, October 22, 1:00pm — Family Movie: *The Jungle Book*

Wednesday, October 26, 10:00am — Meet the Author: Berta Parrish, author of *Wise Woman’s Way: A Guide to Growing Older with Purpose and Passion*

Saturday, October 29, 1:00pm — Bat Lady in the Library
We have the “Bat Lady” coming to give an educational talk on bats. She will hopefully be bringing some of her bats to show and tell! All ages welcome.

Saturday, November 5, 3:00pm — Allegria Winds Quintet Concert. Enjoy the beautiful instrumental music of this popular quintet including flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and French horn.

Saturday, November 12, 1:00pm — Ann-Teres Barket, Food Archivist
Based on the California Central Coast, Ann-Terese Barket is on a mission to preserve family recipes. She developed the Food Archivist to help families save and preserve ancestral recipes that historically have been passed down through the oral tradition.

Monday, November 14, 7:30pm — David Sedaris at the Performing Arts Center. An event sponsored by the Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Public Libraries. Tickets available at pacslo.org

Friday, November 18, 11:30am — MBFOL Annual Member Meeting. All members are welcome! Meeting followed by a light lunch (see details on pg. 2)

Friday, December 9, 3:30pm — Winter Concert with MBHS Choir

Saturday, January 21, 1:00pm — Tidepools on Tour (from Central Coast Aquarium)

Saturday, February 11, 1:00pm — Animal Ambassadors Program (with Pacific Wildlife)

Thank you for your interest and support. Follow MBFOL news, join our membership, and donate online at: mbfol.org
Arts & Crafts:

- Friday, November 18, 1:00pm — Art workshop (contact Library for details)
- Saturday, November 19, 1:00pm — Craft time with BethAnn (ages 5+)
- Saturday, December 10, 1:00pm — Winter craft time with BethAnn (ages 5+)
- Saturday, February 11, 1:00pm — Sweetheart craft time with Mary (ages 5+)
- Saturday, March 11, 1:00pm — St. Patty’s Day craft time with BethAnn (ages 5+)

Holiday Shopping at the MBFOL Book Store

Come stock up on gifts for the holidays. Our inventory rotates frequently, so shop often!
The Book Store is open all Library hours.
Coming soon: Book Store gift certificates!

Use your Library card to make cool stuff at SLO Makerspace (81 Higuera St., SLO)
SLO Makerspace is an open, collaborative machine/wood/electronics shop and craft center where you can build projects, teach and take classes.

Library Cardholder Hours:
- Tues – Fri: 4pm-7pm & Sat: 10am-1pm
- For details, visit: slomakerspace.com

Shop through AMAZON-SMILE using smile.amazon.com and search for MBFOL. Naming the Friends as your charity will give us a percentage of every purchase you make. Just one more way to support your local Library!

MB Library Hours:
- Tues 9 - 6
- Thur –Sat 10 - 5
- Wed 10 - 6
- Sun/Mon - Closed

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

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. and Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 p.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 bertsilvabypseagmail.com
What Do You Mean “Planned Giving?” I Never Give By Accident.

Marina Bay Friends of the Library (MBFOL) Board Member Jane Heath explains the process and benefits of making a planned gift to a non-profit such as the Morro Bay Friends of the Library.

The term “planned giving” refers to major financial gifts given to a charitable organization, over time during a donor’s lifetime or after their death, as part of their overall financial and estate planning. In most cases, a planned gift allows the donor to give a larger gift than would otherwise be possible, not knowing how long the assets accumulated will need to last to meet lifetime needs. Planned gifts typically require more thought and preparation to execute than the average donation. Planned giving is a way to address a worthy cause’s needs into the future, allowing the donor to continue the work they believe in even after they are gone.

Planned giving has several important components. First, the particular cause or charity must be identified. The charity may approach potential donors with planned giving programs as a way to make the gift go further. The charity must respect the benefactor’s interests and have, or be prepared to develop, adequate processes to use the gift in ways that are consistent with the donor’s intent and also the agency’s mission.

Second, the charity and the donor must take the time to discuss the non-profit’s needs and determine if the donor has particular interest in aspects of the agency’s work. The donor may be interested in making a specific bequest for a particular, one-time purpose, such as the construction of a building or purchase of a particular piece of equipment to enhance the work. The donor may want to see their gift last for a particular period, funding operations over time. The charity may also have restrictions on its activities that the donor needs to be aware of in designating uses for the funds.

Third, the mechanism of the gift must be identified. There are many options. For example, a planned gift may be a simple one-time cash bequest by will or trust, expressed as a fixed sum or a percentage of the value of the estate remaining at the death of the donor. It could be a gift of securities or real property. Such gifts may be particularly advantageous to larger estates as ways of avoiding capital gain or inheritance taxes (with the appropriate advice of financial and legal professionals, of course). It may even be a gift of a funded trust where the income generated by an asset is provided to the charity; or the opposite, where the assets provide an income for one or more lifetimes while the assets themselves go to the charity upon the death of the income beneficiaries.

Fourth, the donor should obtain expert assistance before and during the planned giving process. Even a simple bequest is best discussed with trusted legal and financial advisors. For a complex one, such assistance is essential. Depending upon the value and timing of the gift, the non-profit may assist the donor by providing information and proposals that allow efficient use of professional assistance.

Though planned giving can be complex or simple, it is not critical that the charity have an elaborate program in place in order to solicit or accept bequests. Public libraries have long benefitted from the generosity of patrons, both through bequests and memorial gifts. The longevity of libraries, the variety of needs they fulfill and the clarity of their mission makes libraries an especially favorable benefactor for planned giving.

The San Luis Obispo Foundation for Public Libraries administers several bequests that continue to provide funds to stretch public dollars, benefitting all patrons. These include the Barbara Baltimore grants, annual grants that fund special acquisitions not otherwise attainable within the library budget. Those funds are made possible by a testamentary gift from a former County library employee. Recently, a generous bequest by Bertha Schultz to the Morro Bay branch put the Morro Bay Friends over the top in raising funds for the spectacular library renovation.

A planned gift to your San Luis Obispo County Library System ensures access to quality materials for generations, and a magnificent legacy for donors to promote literacy in their communities.

If you are interested in learning more about making a planned gift to the Morro Bay Friends of the Library, please contact our President, Trina Dougherty at 805-801-4826, tkdough@gmail.com.
Membership Report  From Susan Gossard

Hello MBFOL members. Thank you for your renewals and welcome to new members in 2016! With 500+ members strong, we are one of the largest Friends groups in the county. Your membership dues directly support the Morro Bay library through the purchase of new books, CDs and DVDs, equipment and furnishings, and to help provide free adult and children’s programs.

Did you know that MBFOL offers business memberships? If you work for or own a business in Morro Bay and believe as we do in the value of the vibrancy of a community library to our city, please consider a business membership. Your business name will be printed annually in our newsletter. Membership forms are available in the library or on the website at www.mbfol.org.

We hope to see you at the Annual Membership Meeting in November!

Susan Gossard  Membership Renewal Form on page9!!

News from the Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Libraries
Jane Heath, Foundation Rep

The Foundation welcomed two new Board members in recent months, Juliane McAdams and Barbara Radovich, who are already making important contributions. The Foundation Board continues working through its strategic planning initiative and is in the process of revising its by-laws to reflect the 21st Century view of the Foundation’s mission.

The biggest news is the closing of the downtown San Luis Obispo branch for renovation on October 1, 2016, with reopening in January. The collection space will expand to three floors, consolidating professional and administrative areas and taking into account the changes in the way modern library use has evolved. There may also be some pleasant surprises for patrons, so stay tuned for that. Except for a small pick-up and drop-off area, the SLO library building and collection will be mostly unavailable until January.

The Foundation is once again partnering with Cal Poly Arts for the 2016/2017 season. David Sedaris will join us on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Performing Arts Center, followed by T.C. Boyle on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 3:00 pm. If you want to see David Sedaris, you’d better hurry as he usually sells out. There will be multiple opportunities for meet and greet with T.C. Boyle, details to follow. The final installment in the series will be a free or low-cost event featuring a local author. The date and author are pending, but the Foundation is considering holding this one at a north county library, possibly on a weekend afternoon.

Barbara Baltimore grant proposals have been solicited from library administration. Friends groups are encouraged to submit their own proposals through their branch librarians. Proposals with matching funds are especially welcome to stretch grant dollars.

Implementation of full automation of the collection system-wide has been funded and approved by the County, which will increase efficiency and access to materials, freeing our most important resource, library staff, for the important work of substantively assisting patrons rather spending most of their time book-handling. We are moving toward a truly 21st Century library experience!

For more details, visit slolibraryfoundation.org
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With your Library card, you can instantly borrow digital movies, music, eBooks and more!! Stream titles immediately or download them for offline enjoyment later.

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3. **Select “San Luis Obispo County Library”**
   ![Select library]

4. **Enter your email, create a password & enter your library card #**
   ![Enter account information]

5. **Start to watch, read and listen!!**

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

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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
Next Book Sale:

January 28, 2017

at the Morro Bay Library

9-10 am Members Only (join at the door)
10am-1pm Public Sale
$3/Bag Sale 12pm-1pm

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 mbfolinfo@gmail.com.

Your email is confidential and will not be shared.