Morro Bay Library Volunteers Rock!

Dozens of Morro Bay Library volunteers gathered at the Library on April 27th for the annual Volunteer Recognition Event. Every year, the Library staff hosts a beautiful event to thank all the volunteers for their many hours of hard work. This year, volunteers were treated with a lovely breakfast spread which they enjoyed out on the patio on a beautiful spring morning. The good folks at Rock Espresso Bar in Morro Bay donated the coffee. As a “thank you” gift to all the volunteers, the Library staff gave each volunteer a potted succulent.

This year, the Volunteer of the Year Award was shared between two highly deserving recipients: Gerry Fuller and Julie Larsen. Gerry Fuller served as the MBFOL Treasurer for over five years and got us through the remodel process with patience, humor, and great bookkeeping skills. Gerry was travelling in Panama and was unable to attend the event, but she was praised and appreciated despite her absence. Julie Larsen is known by all the staff and many in our community for her happy and positive outlook, which she shares with everyone on a daily basis. She is a pleasure to have around in any circumstance, but the fact that she is helping to earn us money for more materials as she shares her sunshiny personality is an extra bonus! She lugs in books, she lugs out books, she straightens, she cleans, she sorts, she displays….she rocks! Both of these dedicated women have their name added to the Volunteer of the Year plaque in the Library. If you see them around, please congratulate them and thank them for all their hard work!

On pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter, you will find the names of the dozens of volunteers who help our Library function and who help raise funds through the MBFOL Book Sales throughout the year. In this issue, we have also profiled three volunteers who joined the MBFOL Board of Directors in 2017: Astrid Brown, Betsy Kinter, and Alaine Steuk. You can read about them on pages 3 and 4. Thank you to all our volunteers for your dedication and enthusiasm! And if you’re not a volunteer yet but would like to be, please speak with the Library staff or contact our MBFOL Volunteer Coordinator, Joan Petersen.

Upper Left: Susan Gossard, Laurie Allen, Julie Larsen, Joan Petersen.
Upper Right: Volunteer of the Year recipient Julie Larsen
Lower Left: Volunteer of the Year recipient Gerry Fuller
Lower right: Volunteers Jeff Odell and Susan Morasca with their succulent gifts

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New Library Acquisitions

These are just a few of the new books and DVDs made available at the Library by funds from the Friends of the Library:

**BOOKS**

*Mississippi Blood* by Greg Iles  
*Song of the Lion* by Anne Hillerman  
*Burial Hour* by Jeffery Deaver  
*Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck  
*Tea Girl of Hummingbird Land* by Lisa See  
*Our Short History* by Lauren Grodstein

**DVDs**

*Sing*  
*Lion*  
*Storks*  
*Passengers*  
*Arrival*  
*Manchester By the Sea*  
*Hidden Figures*  
*Lala Land*  
*Sully*  
*Fences,*  
*Moonlight*  
*Hacksaw Ridge*  
*Moana*

Del Mar Elementary Field Trip to the Library

On May 31, the Library will host a visit from the 3rd grade classes from Del Mar Elementary School. They will travel to the Library on the trolley, get a tour of the Library, and learn about all the great resources available at the Library. Library staff will also show the students information in the collection about the Salinan tribe, and will share information about the upcoming Summer Reading Program. The 3rd graders’ field trip will also include a visit to Morro Rock to learn about the natural history of Morro Bay. This program is just one of the many special events sponsored by the Morro Bay Friends of the Library.

Because You Asked....

We recently asked San Luis Obispo County Library Director Chris Barnickel how the county library system would be affected by the closure of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. Mr. Barnickel said, “We are still waiting to hear the findings of the Public Utilities Commission which should be made public in the fall of this year. If they decide to move forward with the proposed agreement the County and PG&E came to, then we’ll likely be set for the foreseeable future. If they should decide against that agreement, we’ll lose around 11% annually of our ~5% budget over the next nine years. Even with that loss we should be able to work out a solution to stay well above water.”
A Message From Our President:  Trina Dougherty

Dear Friends,

Here we are with the year almost half over; time really does fly when life is busy, or if you happen to love reading! We hope all of you have been able to visit our fantastic Book Store to pick up some bargains while at the Library. And…have you checked out the new stock of Book Bags?? Back by popular demand, they come in lots of GREAT colors and are only $10. I mean, you must have a sturdy bag to carry all of your finds, right?

And speaking of super great bargains, our next BIG Book Sale is May 20th. Laurie Allen, our Book Sale Coordinador Extraordinaire has been busy, busy, busy sorting and packing up gazillions of wonderful books for your shopping pleasure. Kudos to her and the Book Room Team for making sure we have the very best selection around! We thank all of you for continuing to donate your gently used books, cds and dvds. We couldn’t do it without you!

So, as summer approaches, the Summer Reading Programs, and all of the other fun and informative activities and presentations on the calendar, are yet even more reasons to visit our incredible Library! It is surely THE place to be, a true Community Hub with the best Library staff ever!

See you at the Library!

Trina

Meet Our New Board Members

MBFOL welcomed three new Board Members to the 2017 Board. Alaine Steuk is our new Treasurer, and Astrid Brown and Betsy Kinter are both new Members-at-Large. We thought you’d like to know a little more about these three wonderful volunteers, so we asked them to share a bit about themselves with our readers.

Astrid Brown (Member-at-Large)

What is your history here in Morro Bay? We vacationed here while we were living in LA (1967-71) and then in 1990 and 2000 when on sabbatical in Santa Barbara. We moved here from Albuquerque, NM upon retiring.

What is your history with the Morro Bay Library? Both my husband and I are avid readers, and I have been involved as a volunteer and library user both here and in our little village library near Albuquerque.

Can you share with us your history as a reader? I was always reading. My parents had an extensive library (mostly German classics, biographies, history and philosophy texts). Unfortunately, books in communist Yugoslavia were difficult to come by. Libraries were for adults, and very few books could be checked out. In grades 1-4, each child was allowed to check out one book per semester. I always checked out books about animals. My favorite author was Ernest Thompson Seton. Coming to the US at 16, I discovered public libraries and spent hours reading - classics, autobiographies, biographies, mysteries, etc.

What books are on your nightstand/ table right now? Currently I am reading A Quilt of Words by Sharon Niederman, Camilla Läckberg’s The Lost Boy, and The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks.

Is there any particular book that has been the most meaningful in your life? There are so many! Perhaps one, a biography of M. Curie, influenced me the most.

What do you enjoy doing outside of volunteering at the library and reading? Gardening, traveling, walking, exploring the Central Coast.

What hope/vision do you have for the Morro Bay Library as look into our future? Increase relevance to the younger generation and to people of other ethnic and cultural backgrounds (e.g. Hispanics).
Alaine Steuk  (Treasurer)

What is your history here in Morro Bay? My husband, Rich, and I first visited Morro Bay in 1998 and we both fell in LOVE with this little town. After that initial visit, we started coming every summer and eventually bought a second home here. After 42 years in Arizona, we made the big move to MB on a permanent basis in 2010 and as seniors down-sized into our condo. Since then we acquired another passion, we bought a Catalina 36 sailboat (our first one) and joined the MB Yacht Club.

What is your history with the Morro Bay Library? When we were here for the summers, I spent a lot of time at the Library. I asked Michele Gorey if I could be a summertime book shelver. I found it was a great way to peruse the collection to find books that interested me. I continued with shelving for many more years but eventually a bad elbow put an end to that position. When the Friends were looking for a new Treasurer, I thought that would be a way to be useful again and I was accepted for the position.

Can you share with us your thought about the importance of public libraries? Even in this day of electronic books, I feel the library is still a viable, almost living thing. Our library in particular has always been a wonderful gathering place and with all the help and interaction our librarians give the public, it almost has a community center vibe.

Can you share with us your history as a reader? I have always loved reading, and my earliest memory is learning to read with flashcards my Mom made. I also clearly remember reading my first “real” book, Little House in the Big Woods. I was fortunate because the local public library was right next door to both my elementary school and middle school, so the public library was as much a part of my life as school was.

What book(s) is/are on your nightstand/table right now? Right now I am reading: Being A Dog by Alexandra Horowitz; Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson (shelving children’s books sparked my interest in children’s literature) and, just today, I was excited to pick up a request I’ve been waiting for, The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben.

Why did you decide to join the MBFOL Board? I love the Morro Bay Library, and volunteering as a Member-at-Large with the MBFOL is an opportunity to simultaneously support the library and learn about the different aspects of its operation.

What do you enjoy doing outside of volunteering at the library and reading? I pretty much enjoy anything related to nature and the outdoors, especially gardening, hiking, and working with animals, dogs in particular. And my husband’s fun, too! (Yes, he made me write that.)

Betsy Kinter  (Member-at-Large)

What is your history here in Morro Bay? My husband and I moved to Morro Bay from the Bay Area in 1999, when he was hired to teach math at Cuesta College.

What is your history with the Morro Bay Library? I first visited the Morro Bay library shortly after relocating here. My first volunteer experience was helping with the restoration of the wonderful mosaic mural on the west exterior wall. That was really fun! Then, several years ago, I began helping with the Book Sale set-ups. I really enjoyed that and wanted to do more, so about two years ago I joined the crack team of volunteer book shelvers.

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Summer Programs

Summer Reading Program

Friday, June 16th, 3:00 pm—Taiko Drumming Concert
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, June 23rd, 3:00 pm—Wild Child Bubble Show
See bubble tricks, learn about their physical characteristics, and maybe get the chance to be placed inside a giant bubble!

Thursday, June 29th, 2:00 pm—Eco-Bot Construction with 4-H
In the Eco-Bot Challenge, youth build and test an autonomous robot, called an Eco-Bot, to clean up a simulated environmental spill. A free part of the 2017 Summer Reading Program. Pre-registration required. Ages 10-17.

Friday, June 30th, 3:00 pm—Family Comedy Magic Show with Chris Lopez
Chris Lopez is a performing member of the Magic Castle and an award-winning magician. His show mixes magic and comedy together for one hilarious and amazing show.

Friday, July 7th, 3:00 pm—Something Ridiculous Juggling Show
Get ready to have ridiculous amounts of wild and crazy fun with this hilarious juggling duo.

Friday, July 21st, 3:00 pm—Live Reptile Show
Educational fun with live reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates for people of all ages.

Friday, July 28th, 3:00 pm—Comedy Magic Show with Gerald Joseph
This laugh out loud funny magic act will have kids rolling in the aisles.

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

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

New Book Bags Are Here!

Back by popular demand, these sturdy book bags are a perfect gift for all your friends and family (and you might need one or two for yourself as well!) Choose from a wide variety of colors. At just $10 each, these bags are a great bargain. And your purchase goes to support the Friends of the Library!

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

ONLINE PROGRAMS

FOR KIDS
*Preschool Storytime - Tuesdays, 10:30 am

FOR ADULTS
*E-Device Class & Basic Computer Class - Thursdays, 8:30-10:00 am (reservations required @ (805) 772-6394).

*Adult Coloring Club - Every first Friday at 1:00 pm

*Adult Art Workshop - Every third Friday at 1:00 pm

*Book Discussion - Every first, second and third Wednesday at 10:00 am

*Mystery Readers - Every fourth Wednesday at 10:00 am

More details on our book groups at: morrobaybookdiscussiongroup.org

*North Coast Writers - Every third Saturday of the month at 10:00 am. More information: Bert Silva, (805) 771-9803 or email bertsilvabythesea@gmail.com

Be On the Lookout....

A new Youth Services Librarian will be arriving at our Morro Bay Library in the near future (hopefully by the start of summer). The new position will be shared with the Los Osos Library. Keep your eye out for a new face at the Library. We are looking forward to this valuable resource to serve the youth in our community!

Please "Like" our page (Friends of the Morro Bay Library) and you can follow all the latest news and updates from the Friends!
Webster and other sources define a VOLUNTEER as “someone who gives time, effort and talent to a need, cause or organization willingly (well, maybe sometimes with a bit of arm twisting from the Volunteer Coordinator!) without profiting monetarily.” How aptly this definition applies to the following Valued Volunteers, listed alphabetically, who gave their time, energy and enthusiasm to the success of our January 28, 2017 MBFOL Book Sale:

Laurie Allen (Book Sale Coordinator)  Ginny Drew  Julie Larsen  Donna Stoll
Mike Angus  Ginny Garellick  Tim Loughman  Patti Thorn
Suzie Baggett  Dee Gatchell  Nancy McKelvey  Irene Toomey
Rose Bodrian  John Geever  Janice Munce  Tony Toomey
Chris Broome  Rick Gilligan  Jeff Odell  Mary Wainscott
Astrid Brown  Marty Goar  Marlene Peter  Carole Wallace
David Burns  Jan Goldman  Harvey Petersen  Richard Wheat
Sylvia Burns  Betty Gong  Joan Petersen  Penny White
Bill Carlson  Patricia Gordon  Rachelle Phillips  Beth Wimer
Philip Colaprete  Susan Gossard  Tiffany Porter  Julie Wireman
Bonnie Crawford  William Graham  Sandy Ricketts
Tim Crowley  Susan Heinemann  Karen Robert
Gail Davis  Pat Howell  Steve Robertson
Joan Decker  Josie Hyde  Jack Robison
Trina Dougherty  Betsy Kinter  Alaine Steuk

A sincere apology to anyone whose name has been inadvertently left off the list.

**Joan Petersen**

MBFOL Volunteer Coordinator/Book Sales

**Those who can, do.**

**Those who can do more, volunteer.**

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**BOOK SALE**

**2017 DATES**

May 20
September 23

Members Only Sale 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
(Join at the door!)

Public Sale 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
$3/Bag Sale 12 p.m.-1 p.m.
This impressive list of Morro Bay Library volunteers represents hundreds of hours of service to our community. These dedicated people help to sort and shelve books, assist at events, run programs, mend books, serve as computer docents, and do many other jobs that support our patrons and our Library staff. Thank you for all you do to make our Morro Bay Library a treasured resource and gathering place for our community!

Volunteers are not paid — not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.
The Library has more than just books and DVD’s for you to use and check out! Check out the Chromebook and Hot Spot devices available for your use.

The Morro Bay Library has a **Chromebook** available for your use in the Library. You can use the device for up to 2 hours in the Library. Sit comfortably in any spot in the Library and browse the internet! You will need to sign a Chromebook Policy before your first use, but once you have that on file, you can use any of the Chromebooks available in all the branches throughout the county.

The Black Gold Library System has **135 Hot Spot devices** available for patrons to check out for one week at a time. If you are going on a trip and want to take along free wi-fi access with you, check out a Hot Spot for unlimited use with your laptop or mobile devices during a one-week period. There is a waiting list, but with so many devices available, it moves quickly. To request a Hot Spot device, just request it as you would a regular book in the Library system.

For help using electronic Library resources, come to an e-Device class at the Library. See pg. 6 for details.

Have you considered becoming a **Lifetime Member** of the Morro Bay Friends of the Library? We currently have 170+ Lifetime Members, and we’d love to add you to the list! What does it mean for you? It means no more renewing your membership every year, and it means a tax-deductible donation of $250. What does it mean for the Friends? It saves us the administrative cost of maintaining renewals, and it provides funds to help us sustain the many programs and resources available at the Morro Bay Library! You can use the form below to become a Friend for Life!!

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

| Name ________________________________________________ |
| Address _____________________________________________ | City/State/Zip ______________________ |
| Telephone ________________________ Email ____________________________ |

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- [ ] 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  
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- [ ] Special Events

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

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