Putting Our Money Where Our Hearts Are

I hope you give money somewhere. I hope you have a place (or places) that you make charitable donations to help some part of our society. Making charitable gifts is an extension of our heart. It shows where our values lie. It’s our way of saying, “I want to contribute toward making this a better world.”

Our gifts, no matter what the size, send a message that things don’t get better unless each one of us helps in whatever small or large way we can. And these days, there are a lot of places that need our help. I’m sure many of you have made donations to help the victims of recent hurricanes and fires. Whether you’ve sent money or clothes or water, you’ve stepped forward to support fellow humans in need.

When you make a financial contribution to an organization, you demonstrate the things you value. Whether you’re giving to a religious institution, an animal shelter, a political party, a food bank, a homeless shelter, a community sports program, a local performing arts group, an international aid organization, or an environmental protection group, you are saying “this matters” when you make a donation. The Morro Bay Friends of the Library have been so fortunate that so many of you in this community have said “this matters” when you’ve made a financial contribution to our organization. Your gifts demonstrate that you value free access to information. You value a literate society. You value a safe and inviting place for children to learn. You value lifelong education. You value history. You value progress. You value knowledge. You value a public space that reflects the vibrancy and openness of the community it supports. You value people.

On page seven of this newsletter, you will see the names of the people who have generously supported the Morro Bay Friends of the Library with their financial contributions over the past year. You will also see the names of our major donors to the Remodel Project. We continue to be grateful for the space they have provided for us. We are also thankful to YOU for being a member of our organization. We wanted to share with you where your contributions go, so on page four you will find an article that shows the many ways that the Friends support our local Morro Bay Library.

As you approach the end of this year and are considering where to make any year-end charitable gifts, I encourage you to add the Morro Bay Friends of the Library to your list. You can drop off a donation at the Library (using the form on page 9), or visit our website (mbfol.org) to make a donation through PayPal.

To all those of you who have already made donations, or paid membership dues, or donated items for our books sales, or shopped at our sales or book store, I want to tell you that “YOU matter,” and we, the Board of Directors, are so very grateful for your support!!

A Message From Your Editor: As I step down from the Board next month, I wanted to leave you with this final message about the importance of your support. “Grateful” doesn’t begin to express how I feel for all the people who donate and volunteer for our Library. Your gifts are priceless. Thank you!

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

**We have a need for people with the following skills and/or resources. Can you help?**

- Graphics skills (to help create flyers, posters, etc.)
- Website and/or social media management (to update our website and post on our Facebook page)
- Writing/editing/publishing (we have an opening on the Board for our Newsletter)
- Storage space (we currently pay for storage space for boxes of books and tables, so we’re looking for a donated space)

If you can help, please contact Joan Petersen at 805-772-2604.
Greetings Friends!

As we near our November Annual Meeting, I find myself, once again, reflecting on our MBFOL year. I have to say that this is one of the best organizations I have ever been a part of, and because of all of you, it is truly a Community Treasure! We have an incredible group of volunteers, a thoughtful, dedicated and responsible Board, a fantastic Book Sale Coordinator and Team, very generous donor support, and the best Library Staff anywhere! Thank you ALL!

This year has been full of wonderful successes. Our 3 BIG Book Sales brought in lots of enthusiastic and generous shoppers, which along with our Book Store sales, have generated the majority of funding for many of the fabulous programs offered free to all. We added colorful and sturdy book bags, and very cool t-shirts to our Store as well this year, and both have been great hits! Suffice to say, the hard work and many hours it takes to keep up the Store and make the big sales happen cannot be appreciated enough!

Another delightful project this year was our Del Mar Elementary 3rd Grade field Trip. The kids, adults and staff had a great adventure in a joint effort to create lifelong Library users! We will be doing this again in 2018 for both 3rd and 5th grade, can't wait!

As many of you know, we will be electing our new Board at our upcoming Annual Meeting in November. There are two very important positions that will need to be filled, President and Newsletter Chair. Joan Pedersen, the Super Star of our newsletter, is moving on to new adventures. We hope to have someone step into her shoes and continue the great work she has been doing in getting MBFOL news out to all of you. Should you have an interest, please keep in mind that you will have the template available to you so you don't have to start from scratch!

I have thoroughly enjoyed leading this organization these past two years, and will continue to be on the Board even as I step aside from the Presidency. I am confident that one of you will look inside your heart and take the leap into leadership. There is unending support for you should you decide to jump in, and while overseeing an organization is a big job, it really can be tailored to fit your style and time commitments.

Please give this leadership opportunity some thought, a great organization always needs fresh ideas and perspective. Besides that, it's grand fun!

Thank you again for a great year, and a great run as your President! See you in November, and remember, don't be shy, MBFOL is a great place to serve your community!

Love to all,

Trina

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A Much Deserved “Thank You” to Karen Robert

After twelve years organizing, facilitating and promoting the Morro Bay Book Discussion Group and other special programs, Karen Robert is passing the baton and moving on to spend more time on the road and with her family (which includes her adorable Corgis!) Her last day in the role of Book Group Facilitator and Program Coordinator will be May 16, 2018.

Karen has become well known for her dedication and organization and for her great newsletters and website. In fact, visit the website at morrobaybookdiscussiongroup.org and view the list of all 438 books that the group has read (and will read in 2018) since 2006. It’s an astounding list full of variety and depth. There’s been plenty of something for everyone!

We wish Karen the best of luck in her new adventure and are so deeply grateful for her immense contribution to our Library community.

Thank you, Karen!!
Where Does Your Money Go?

Your membership dues, financial contributions, and Book Sale/Store purchases fund a wide variety of programs and materials for the Morro Bay Library. Here’s a look at how your money is spent.

Books and AV
Funds from the Friends help put books, DVDs and CDs on the shelves in our branch.

Periodicals
While the Friends have provided funds for periodicals for many years, the Board has approved additional funds for 2018 to offset the cutback of 27 publications normally funded by the County.

Summer Reading/Special Programs
Over just the three months of this past summer, the Library hosted 63 programs (including this one where kids got to build robots!) The Friends are proud to sponsor many of these events throughout the year and provide funds to hire guest speakers and performers, provide materials, buy prizes for the reading programs, and promote these programs. This is the largest category of spending in the Friends’ budget.

Librarian’s Fund
We are so thankful for our amazing staff! This fund provides discretionary funds for our Branch Manager, Mary Blair, to help her and her staff with the small touches that keep our Library running and make it an inviting place for visitors. This can include decorations, art supplies, posters, and other materials to enhance the Library and its programs.

WE ♡ Our LIBRARIANS

Book Discussion Group
We provide funds to promote this vibrant program with a strong history here in our Library community.

Special Projects
These are special one-time expenditures that help improve either the facility and/or the services that the Library can provide. This may include things like furniture, technology, artwork, landscaping projects, and a wide variety of other possibilities.

Saving for the Future
Our Board believes strongly in preserving funds for our Library’s future needs. We are grateful for past Boards who have done the same.

Administrative Costs
Yes, it does cost money to run our organization. This includes insurance, special events, our newsletter, printing costs, storage and publicity.
Paws to Read  
**Friday, 11/3  4:00 PM**  
Come read to Carly! A day for youngsters to read to an adoring dog -- a listener of tales.

**Multicultural Music Show with Don O'Brien  
Saturday, 11/4  1:00 PM**  
Essentially a trip around the world with music, Don O'Brien showcases sounds and songs from over eight different cultures and countries (including Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Peru, and Hawaii.) Following the program, volunteer kids will have the chance to play music from Spain, Bolivia, Africa, and Australia.

Write a Letter to a Hero  
**11/7 - 11/11**  
In honor of Veterans Day, during the week of November 11th, we will have paper, templates, pictures, pens, and crayons available for adults and big kids to write a letter to a hero, and for little ones to color pages for a hero. The library will be donating the letters to Operation Gratitude to be included in packages throughout the rest of the year.

Art with Ingrid Goelz  
**Wednesday, 11/8  1:30 PM - 4:30 PM**  
Professional artist Ingrid Goelz will be in our library demonstrating pen and acrylic techniques to enable you to create your own masterpiece. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required please.

National Games Day  
**Saturday, 11/18  All Day**  
In honor of National Games day, we will have an area in the library dedicated to playing games during the afternoon. Come play chess, checkers, or cards. Feel free to bring your friends and your own games to play!

Pyjama Drama "Frozen"  
**Saturday, 12/2  11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
Bring your little ones to experience and be involved in role playing and drama with Pyjama Drama. The focus of this program is to have lots and lots of fun by role playing, singing and using drama to imagine and create.

Paws to Read  
**Friday, 12/8  4:00 PM**  
(see description above)

Stuffed Animal Sleepover  
**Friday, 12/15  2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
Drop off your stuffed animal for a sleepover at the library. What kind of fun can stuffed animals have overnight at the library? Drop off for animals is Friday, Sept. 15th, 2:00-5:00. Animals will be ready to go home on Saturday 11:00-5:00. Ages 2-18.

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

FOLLOW. JOIN. GIVE.
Cuesta College 2018
Book of the Year
Ron Suskind’s
Life Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes, and Autism
Monday, March 19
5:00—7:30 pm
Renowned author and speaker Ron Suskind will be on campus to discuss his recent memoir. His bestselling book shares his family’s two-decade journey connecting to Owen, his son with autism.
$10 general admission  Tickets: cpactickets.cuesta.edu

VEX Robotics - Sponsored by 4-H  Saturday, 12/16  12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Build and program your own robot, then face down other robots to see who can create the tallest tower. Sign up now, in the library, or online, registration is required. Ages 8–14.

Allegria Winds Quintet Concert  Saturday, 12/16  3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Enjoy the beautiful instrumental music of this popular quintet. Wind instruments will include flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and French horn.

Celebrate Noon Year!  Saturday, 12/30  11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Some of us are too little to stay up until midnight. Come celebrate a bit early at the Noon Year Party at the library. We will have music, dancing, games, and a countdown to noon to bring in the New Year. Ages 0-10.

Paws to Read  Friday, 1/12  4:00 PM  (see previous description)

Bugs Up Close with One Cool Earth  Saturday, 1/13  2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
One Cool Earth will present Bugs Up Close, giving us a chance to learn and explore bugs and their lives. Ages 3 and up. No registration required.

Please "Like" our page (Friends of the Morro Bay Library) and you can follow all the latest news and updates from the Friends!

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

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

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

More details on our book groups at: morrobaybookdiscussiongroup.org

*North Coast Writers - Every third Saturday of the month at 10:00am. More information: Bert Silva, (805) 771-9803 or email bertsilvabythesea@gmail.com
Many thanks to these generous donors to the Morro Bay Friends of the Library in the past year!!

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We’re not just about books!

The staff at our Morro Bay Library work hard to bring all kinds of different experiences to our patrons, and the Friends are proud to help provide the funds for many of these special programs. On any given day you might experience juggling, drumming, robot building, cooking, snake handling, wolves, garden designing, artistic creations, Lego building, and kids reading to a dog! Check out upcoming events on pages 5 & 6. Here’s a look at just a couple things that don’t have anything to do with books!

Plant. Save. Share. You can now exchange seeds through your local San Luis Obispo County Libraries!

Located in these branches: Arroyo Grande Los Osos Nipomo Santa Margarita Shell Beach ..... and Morro Bay (Coming Soon!!)

To learn more about the SLO Seed Exchange, please visit facebook.com/sloseedexchange

We made $3,157.50 for the Library, the highest number since book sales returned to our newly remodeled library in 2015.

Even though this was the last MBFOL book sale in 2017, remember that you can always shop the Friends' Store which is open every day that the Library is open. With the holiday season just around the corner, please check the well-stocked MBFOL Store for fabulous gift finds!

Again, continued donations of gently-used books, DVDs and CDs, as well as audio books on CD are greatly appreciated and needed for successful book sales in the future!

2018 DATES
January 27
May 19
September 29
Five Ideas for Holiday Giving

1. **Book Bags**
   These Friends of the Library book bags make great gifts! Roll them up and stick them in a stocking or fill them with books from our Book Store. At $10.00 each they’re a great deal! And they come in lots of fun colors!

2. **T-Shirts**
   These colorful t-shirts are a fun gift for your favorite book lover.
   $15 each ($18 for 2XL)

3. **Books**
   Our Book Store is open during all Library hours. We sell hundreds of books each week, so the inventory is always changing. These books are in good condition and make great gifts!

4. **Membership**
   Do you know someone who loves books and libraries but isn’t yet a Friends of the Library member? We have memberships ranging from $10/year (Individual) to $250 (Individual Lifetime). If you’re tired of giving “things” and want to give a gift that also helps your community (and is tax deductible), this is it!

5. **Gifts in Honor**
   A gift “in honor” of a loved one is a special way to support the causes that are important to them. Please consider giving a gift “in honor” of someone special in your life who loves libraries, or if you don’t have space for one more “thing” in your own house, consider asking your loved ones to give to the Friends in your honor for the holidays.

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

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