

# BOOKENDS

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## *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

### **Thurs, April 19, 7 pm**

Friends of the Library  
quarterly meeting

### **Tues, May 1, 7 pm**

Speakers Forum:  
James D. Houston, author  
of *Bird of Another Heaven*  
and *Snow Mountain Passage*,  
Community Center

### **Tues, June 5, 7 pm**

Speakers Forum: "Caring  
for Our Earth: A Buddhist  
Perspective on Climate  
Change" with Ajahn Chandako,  
Community Center

### **Sat, July 21**

Grand Opening of the new  
Morgan Hill Library

## *Book Sales*

- 📖 Wed. April 18, 1-6pm
- 📖 Sat, May 5, 10am-5pm
- 📖 Wed, May 23, 1-6pm
- 📖 Preview Night for  
members only: Fri, Jun 1,  
7-8:30pm, half price
- 📖 Sat, Jun 2, 10-6, half price
- 📖 Wed, Jun 20, 1-4pm,  
\$1/bag, 4-6pm Free

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## *Message from the President*

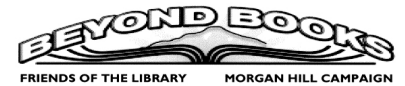
**Carol O'Hare, 782-9029, cbohare@garlic.com**

### **Grand Opening of the New Library**

The long-awaited opening of the new Morgan Hill Library is set for Saturday, July 21! The Friends are organizing the daylong grand opening celebration. Now we need members who are willing to take responsibility to arrange music, refreshments, entertainment, children's activities, volunteer recruitment, commemorative program, set-up and clean-up, so if you would like to get involved, please contact me. Susan Brazelton, a community volunteer, has agreed to be the overall coordinator. McKenzie Event Management is also working with us to come up with ideas, develop a timeline, and provide structure. The next planning meeting takes place on Thursday, April 12, 6 pm at the library. This is going to be a really great event for the Morgan Hill community.

### **Beyond Books Campaign**

The campaign to raise funds for art, clocks and equipment for the new library is doing well, but we still need more donations in order to reach our \$180,000 goal. If you have not yet contributed, it is not too late. Checks should be made payable to FMHL and sent to the Friends c/o the library. All donations of \$100 or more receive a Beyond Books tote bag as a thank you gift. Contributors of \$1000 or more will be included on the donor recognition wall in the lobby of the new building and invited to the preview reception held prior to the grand opening of the library.



### **Art for the Library**

All artworks for the new library have been approved by the City Council. Those pieces presented most recently include a large hanging sculpture "Leaves and Stars" for the lobby by SJSU instructor David Kimball Anderson, and a 44 ft mural, "Treasures of the Milky Way" by Victoria Sulski for the children's area. The mural in the adult area will be made up of literary quotes. Also approved is the design for the Donor Wall, also by David Anderson. This will be a bronze tree with engraved brass oak leaves. Poppy Jasper will be incorporated into the trunk to resemble bark.

### **Silicon Valley Puzzle Day**

Our thanks to Emily Shem-Tov for organizing and coordinating our first Puzzle Day of Sudoku and crossword tournaments. We had great support for this very successful event, and we are already planning next year's. Thanks also to Marty Cheek for getting great press coverage, and the rest of the committee: Lisa Pampuch, Kathy Sullivan and Vicky Reader.

### **Next Meeting of the Friends of the Library**

Please join us on Thursday, April 19, 7 PM in the meeting room at the library for the quarterly meeting of the Friends. On the agenda will be updates on library construction and the Beyond Books fundraising campaign, plans for the grand opening of the new library, FMHL tote bags and amending the Friends bylaws.

## *Reports from Recent Meetings of the Friends of the Library*

**Teresa Stephenson, Secretary**

The quarterly meeting was held on January 24, 2007 with 13 people attending.

Minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved. Total assets at year end, including the BBC income, were \$129,079.38. Bud O'Hare was approved as Treasurer for 2007.

Directors and Officers Liability insurance was discussed. The quote is \$713 for the year which would provide \$1,000,000 coverage, \$5000 deductible for each occurrence. A motion to acquire insurance was made and approved

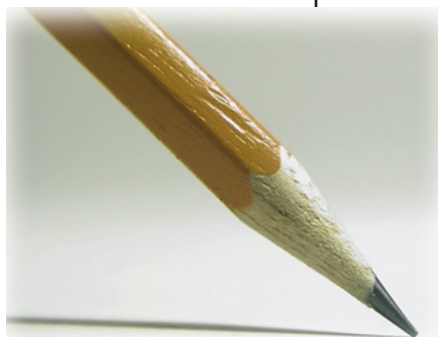
Bud O'Hare presented the budget for 2007. The budget as modified was approved. Since the President and the Treasurer are married, a procedure for payment authorization was proposed by Carol O'Hare. A motion to approve was made and passed.

Rosanne Macek gave the librarian's report. The new library construction is on schedule with opening in July. The new teen librarian is leading a graphic novel (manga) book discussion with a group of 6 teens. There will be a talk on researching and documenting your family history on February 6.

Emily Shem-Tov presented the status of the preparations for Puzzle Day.

The board approved contracts with artists Evelyn Davis and Jylian Gustlin, which Carol O'Hare will sign, representing Friends of the Morgan Hill Library.

On March 6, 2007, a special meeting of the Friends was held to discuss and approve art for the new library. Twelve people attended. Zoe Gustlin presented designs for the hanging art for the lobby by David Kimball Anderson, the mural for the children's area by Victoria Sulski, and the donor wall design, also by David Anderson. The contract with David Kimball Anderson for the lobby art was approved.



## *Bylaws to be Amended at April 19 Meeting*

At the April 19 Friends of the Library meeting, we will be voting to amend the FMHL bylaws. Proposed amendments will (1) Change the official name of the organization from "Friends of the Morgan Hill Community Library" to "FRIENDS OF THE MORGAN HILL LIBRARY". (Subsequently, we will also have to change our name with the IRS and as a California corporation.) (2) Update the address to that of the new library, 660 MAIN AVENUE, Morgan Hill. (3) Permit the president to appoint additional members to the board with approval of the other officers. (4) Allow for more flexible financial management of FMHL by giving the board authority to amend the budget and moving approval of the annual budget from the first quarter meeting to the fourth quarter meeting of the prior year.

Specific changes are in CAPS. (A link to current FMHL Bylaws can be found at the bottom of Contacts page at [www.friendsmhlibrary.org](http://www.friendsmhlibrary.org).)

Article VI: Officers and Board of Directors, Section 4. Board of Directors. "The Board of Directors shall consist of ... AND OTHER DIRECTORS WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT AS NEEDED."

Article VII: Duties of the Board of Directors, Section 1. President. "The President shall appoint with approval of the other officers, ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS and committees ..."

Article VIII: Finance, Section 1 "The first quarter meeting shall include the prior year's financial report. [~~delete AND APPROVAL OF THE NEW BUDGET BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.~~] [add AT THE FOURTH QUARTER MEETING, THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT YEAR SHALL BE PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL BY THE MEMBERSHIP.]" [~~delete "THE BUDGET SHALL BE REVIEWED AT EACH QUARTERLY MEETING AND THE MAJORITY PRESENT AT THE MEETING MAY APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET]~~ [Add "A FINANCIAL REPORT SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT EACH QUARTERLY MEETING. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY AMEND THE APPROVED BUDGET AS NEEDED."]

Amendments to the Bylaws require a 2/3 vote of those present. If you have any questions about the above changes, please contact Carol at [cbohare@garlic.com](mailto:cbohare@garlic.com).

## *Librarian's Report, April 2007*

**Rosanne Macek, Community Librarian**

Our new library will be open before you know it! As you can see, the building is really starting to take shape. We have windows, interior walls, HVAC, and many other details are coming together. Unless there are any major delays, we plan to start moving the week of June 11, and our grand opening will be July 21. We will be closed for 5 weeks to allow us time to get everything moved as well as install all the technology we will need including computers, servers, and new automated materials handling system. During this time, the Santa Clara County Library bookmobile will be visiting Morgan Hill 4 days a week.



Because the City of Morgan Hill is generously funding all new furniture and shelving in our new facility, we will be trying to find homes for all our current "stuff." We are working on placing shelving and furniture in other libraries and local schools. If you know of any other non-profits who might be interested, please let me know!

Silicon Valley Puzzle Day was a huge success! The brain child of Emily Shem-Tov, this fun event was made possible by the hard work of so many dedicated volunteers. And we got fabulous coverage in the San Jose Mercury News and Morgan Hill Times, thanks to Marty Cheek. We hope to make this an annual event!

We've had quite a few other programs lately thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library. Our Silicon Valley Reads program featured a video interview with Tortilla Curtain author T.C. Boyle, followed by a lively discussion. Our new teen graphic novel (manga) discussion group has been going strong and will wrap up the series with an anime and pizza party. We also had a scrapbooking program, special Valentine's Day crafts, and the Cat in the Hat himself visited Morgan Hill for photos with all his friends. All of this was made possible through your support.

Looking ahead, we will be expanding our storytime programs in April, with the addition of a baby storytime on Saturdays. We will also be hosting several Get Tech programs funded by a grant from the State Library, including a talk about what it's like to be a genetic counselor and an interactive science program on exploring buoyancy. These programs are designed for our middle schoolers. Our adult book group will continue with discussions about Gilead by Marilynne Robinson, *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Anne Fadiman, and *Upstate* by Kalisha Buckhanon.

Read any good books lately? I'm doing a lot of heavy, serious reading for a class I'm taking at SJSU, so I've been trying to balance that out with some lighter fare. I'm about halfway through the talking book version of *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini. It's unbelievable that this extremely imaginative tale of a young boy and his dragon was written by a fifteen-year-old! I also just read *The Higher Power of Lucky* by Susan Patron, the recent Newbery Award winner. This is a poignant story about a 10-year-old girl who lives in a California desert town, works at the Found Object Wind Chime Museum and Visitor Center, and searches for her own "higher power." And the most fun was the latest adventures of Stephanie Plum in Janet Evanovich's *Plum Lovin.* I never get tired of the crazy adventures of bounty hunter Stephanie and the many other wacky characters in this series.

## *Report from the Treasurer*

**Bud O'Hare, Treasurer**

The results of the first quarter of 2007 activity continues to maintain us in a strong financial position. Income from all sources for regular operations was \$9,914.52. Expenses were \$4,535.87. The Beyond Books Campaign income for this same period was \$41,225.58 to which is added \$68,364.81 accrued from 2006 for a total of \$109,590.49. Initial payments for the Library art work to date totals \$27,553.00.

The Balance Sheet reflects an operations total for all bank accounts of \$61,963.94. The BBC total bank and investment holdings are currently \$84,776.71 for a total of \$146,740.65 for all of our assets.

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**Library Hours:**

Sunday and Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 1pm - 9pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 10am - 9pm

Friday & Saturday: 10am - 6pm

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*FMHL Meeting  
April 19*

*The purpose of the Friends of the Library is to support the services of our Community Library. The Friends raise thousands of dollars each year for the library, mainly through used book sales. These funds are used to purchase materials and furnishings and to provide programs that the library could not otherwise afford.*

## Book Sale News

### Friends to Have Bookstore in New Library

In the new library the Friends will have its own bookstore space located just off the lobby. Although smaller than the meeting room where sales are currently held, it will belong to the Friends and not be used for any other purpose. Initially, we'd like to have the bookstore open whenever the library is (46 hours a week), at least from the time the library opens July 21 until Labor Day. But this means that we will need many more volunteers to staff it. Our goal is to have a dedicated crew that could commit to working a two-hour shift once a week. Once school is back in session, we will probably cut hours and only staff the bookstore during the time when the library is the busiest.

We're grateful for all the volunteers who currently help with sales and hope you will all sign-up for a regular shift. But in order to make the new bookstore a success, we will need additional help from members of the Friends who are not now book sale volunteers. Please support the Friends bookstore and contact Karen MacDonald, book sale coordinator, at 779-3959, [jackmacd@charter.net](mailto:jackmacd@charter.net), and let her know when you can work.

### Assistant Book Sale Coordinator Needed

With the opening of the Friends bookstore in the new library, additional "administrative" help is needed. Karen MacDonald, longtime book sale coordinator, needs someone to help recruit and schedule volunteers, especially during the summer months when she is out of town. To learn more about what is involved, please contact Karen.

### Half Price Moving Sales

In order to reduce inventory before moving to the new library, we are going to have special book sales in June. Books will be sold at half price both at Preview Night (for members only) on **Friday, June 1, 7-8:30 pm**, and for regular customers on **Saturday, June 2, 10 am to 5 pm**. At the Wednesday sale on **June 20**, books will be \$1 per bag from 1 to 4 pm and then given away **FREE** from 4 to 6 pm. This is a great opportunity to stock up on summer reading material at bargain prices!

