

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Thurs, Aug. 23 - 7 pm
 "Get a Clue @ Your Library"
 Panel of Mystery Authors
 -- Rhys Bowen, Deborah Grabien, and David Corbett
 -- will appear at the Library to talk about their books and where they get their ideas.

Fri, Sept. 7 - 7-8:30pm
 Preview Night Book Sale for members only, Program Room

Sat, Sept. 8 - 10am-4pm
 "Big" Book Sale in the Program Room

Fall Speakers Forum:
 Mildred Armstrong Kalish, author of *Little Heathens: Hard Times and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm During the Great Depression*. Date TBA

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A Donor Appreciation Champagne Reception was held on July 13 for major contributors to the Beyond Books Campaign. About 100 people enjoyed an evening of hors d'oeuvres and pastries, along with sparkling beverages, music of a string quartet, and the opportunity for a preview tour of the new library. The tree sculpture that recognizes these major donors is located on the wall in the lobby.

Thanks to those who assisted me in putting on this lovely event: Susan Brazleton, Mary Cox, Joan Ensign, Marilyn Librers, and Kathy Sullivan.

Message from the President

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

Grand Opening of the New Library a Big Success!

Thronges of library lovers participated in the library grand opening celebration on July 21. An estimated 1500 to 2000 people attended the ribbon cutting ceremony and then surged through the doors, nearly trampling Mayor Steve Tate. And the crowds kept coming all afternoon. Everyone was thrilled with the new building, the furnishings and various artworks. It was a wonderful event, with entertainment, refreshments, magic shows, games, costumes, prizes, and much enthusiasm. It was a fitting culmination to the long process of securing a new library for the community of Morgan Hill.

Our thanks to the Grand Opening planning committee for organizing this great event: Susan Brazleton (chair), Marty Cheek, Yvonne Duckett, Florence Kwock, Rosanne Macek, Carol O'Hare, Vicky Reader, Stan Salah, Emily Shem-Tov, and Julie Spier, with assistance from Kaycee McKenzie of McKenzie Event Management, who also designed the grand opening program brochure. Sam Paveza, Boy Scout Troop 700, organized set-up, tear-down and the flag ceremony.

Go to www.friendsmhlibrary.org and click on Events to view photos of this grand party.



Beyond Books Campaign Update

The Friends of the Library Beyond Books fundraising campaign has finished its work, with \$176,439 in contributions, pledges and proceeds from fundraising events. To this amount, the Friends has added \$50,000, for a grand total of \$226,439. These funds have been used to purchase and install an outdoor bronze sculpture, entryway painting, wooden wall hanging, large hanging sculpture in the lobby, huge mural in the children's area, several clocks, and various furnishings and equipment, ranging from a puppet stage to step stools. Remaining funds will be used for additional equipment that will further enhance the library for the community, and possibly a mural for the adult area.

Friends of the Library Meeting August 28

Please join us on Tuesday, August 28, 7 pm in the Program Room of the new library for the quarterly meeting of the Friends. Topics on the agenda include financial update (how much money came in and where did it go?), planning for the Taste of Morgan Hill (is it that time of year already?), nominating committee for 2008 officers (don't look at me!), future programs and events (ideas? suggestions?), plus a special surprise event.

All members of the Friends are encouraged to attend and participate.

Message from the President, continued

Volunteers Needed for Taste of Morgan Hill

The Library and the Friends will once again have a booth at the Taste of Morgan Hill, September 29-30. This is chance to share information with the public about our new library, the Friends organization and our new bookstore. Volunteers are needed to work two-hour shifts in the booth on both days, to help set up the booth early Saturday morning and to take it down Sunday late afternoon. Yvonne Duckett is coordinating everything, so please contact her with your offer to help: 612-2342, yduckett@yahoo.com.

Friends of the Library Receives Award

The Friends of the Library has received the Golden Mushroom Award from the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce. This award is given to an individual or group in recognition of outstanding community service. The plaque (with a real mushroom) was presented at the July Chamber breakfast meeting. We are very grateful for this honor.

Report from Recent Meeting of the Friends of the Library

Teresa Stephenson, Secretary

The quarterly meeting was held on April 19, 2007 with 14 people attending.

June 9th will be the last day at the old library. The book mobile will be available four times per week during the close.

Beyond Books Campaign: Raised to date \$158,760, including pledges and pending matching gifts. A motion was made to add \$5000 to the Friends pledge of \$45,000 if there is no \$50,000 donor by May 1st. A motion was made and passed to purchase the wood quilt art work by Don Jensen for the program room if less than \$5000 or to accept as a donation. Approved by the Friends, subject to approval by the Library, Culture and Arts Commission and the City Council.

By Laws: There was a discussion of the following changes to the by laws – change the official name to Friends of the Morgan Hill Library; change the address to 660 West Main Avenue; permit the president to appoint additional board members (limit of 3); allow the Board to approve amendments to the budget; change the budget approval date to the 4th quarterly meeting; make minor grammatical corrections. All were approved.

A motion to amend and restate the Articles of Incorporation with the California Secretary of State was made and passed. A motion to change the name with the IRS was made and passed.

The Library Grand Opening will be on July 21st from 11AM to 4 PM. Susan Brazleton is coordinating. Committees were established and chaired as follows: Volunteer Coordinator, Vicky Reader; Publicity, Carol O'Hare, Marty Cheek; Food and Drink, Yvonne Duckett; Activities, Yvonne Duckett; Inside Activities, Emily Shem-Tov; Ribbon Cutting, Julie Spier. Kaycee McKenzie of McKenzie Event Management will be helping. About 2000 people are expected to attend.

There will be a preview reception for major donors on July 13th at 7 PM.

Book Tote Bags were discussed and approved for purchase. The totes will be sold in the bookstore of the new library.

Volunteers are needed to staff the bookstore during the grand opening and for all open hours through the first week of operation (and beyond!). Karen MacDonald is coordinating. We would have a big book sale quarterly in the program room. Possible dates are second Saturday in September and second Saturday in December.

Report from the Treasurer

Bud O'Hare, Treasurer

As of the first of August 2007, FMHL has total assets of \$108,680.30 consisting of \$86,651.11 remaining in the Beyond Books Campaign account, \$19,494.44 in the Friends operating account and \$2,534.75 deposited with Charles Schwab. Our net income to date for 2007 is \$49,355.83. Of this amount, \$5,770.97 is from operations and the remainder is from the BBC fundraising. Expenses related to BBC are still coming in, but the majority of the art and furnishings bills have been paid. A more detailed financial report will be presented at the next general meeting.

Librarian's Report, August 2007

Rosanne Macek, Community Librarian

What an exciting time for Morgan Hill! Opening a new library is truly a momentous occasion for a community. This was discussed for over ten years, many debates were held about the location, much work went into an unsuccessful state grant, careful planning went into determining the financing and scope for a building without state funding, and construction proceeded for the past year and a half. And our new library is finally here!

Library staff has been hard at work planning for the move, packing, moving, and getting everything organized in the new building. During the time we were closed our IT staff installed a new VoIP phone system, our vendor installed our new automated materials return system, library staff reorganized the collection and set up displays throughout the library, we dealt with many unfinished construction issues, and got ready for our grand opening.

Our grand opening was a huge success, thanks to the Friends and other community volunteers who worked so hard to plan the event and be on hand that day to help. We had 4,500 people attend the event—far exceeding our expectations! I don't think we could have had a more successful opening and am so grateful to all of you for your help and support.

As expected, we are keeping very busy in the new library. Some days it feels like every single person in Morgan Hill is coming through our front doors! Based on a daily average compared with July 2006, circulation is up 47%, number of visitors is up 113%, and the number of reference questions answered is up 208%. There's no doubt about it that Morgan Hill loves its new library.



The Library staff enjoying their new space.
Photo by Paul Sims

There are so many wonderful features of the new building: majestic views of El Toro, twice the square footage of the old building, twice the number of computers, and lots of seating and study tables. The Friends' new bookstore has been a welcome addition and seems to be doing a brisk business. The beautiful artwork inside and outside the building makes this library a special community resource. The Friends' Beyond Books campaign made this possible.

Looking ahead, one of our goals is to have a program every day in the new library and we are exceeding that goal in August. Check our website for all the details. Our regular weekly programs will continue: Knit-In, storytimes, class visits, and book discussion groups. We are also adding a weekly storytime on Saturdays. Other programs in August include: mystery movies for kids and teens, numerous author programs, summer reading club events, a party to

celebrate the release of the teen novel *Eclipse*, and much more. These programs are made possible by the generous support of our wonderful Friends.

Read any good books lately? I am probably the only person on the planet who hasn't yet read the Harry Potter books, although I've seen all the movies and loved them. So, my son is making me read the books and I just finished the talking book of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, read by Jim Dale. I'm hooked! I've also re-read one of my favorite books of all time—*Jane Eyre*. This has been made into a movie 5 times that I know of and the library has all the versions. My favorites are the 1983 version with Timothy Dalton and the recent BBC version with Toby Stephens. I've also read *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards, a great middle school book called *Shug* by Jenny Han, and *Generations: A Japanese American Community Portrait*, a collection of photographs published to commemorate the 100th anniversary of San Francisco's Japantown.

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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
August 28*



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.

New Friends Bookstore and Quarterly "Big" Sales

The Friends of the Library now has its own bookstore, located just off the lobby in the new library. The store replaces the twice-a-month book sales that were held in the old building. Whenever you are in the library, please stop in. New stock is always being added.

The bookstore can be open during all library hours, but how often will depend on having enough volunteers to staff it. Although many Friends are already working in the store, more are needed. If you can help out, whether working a three-hour shift once a week or once a month, please contact Karen MacDonald, karenmacdonald@charter.net, 779-3995, to volunteer. Karen also needs someone to help with the scheduling of volunteers and other administrative duties.



Because the bookstore is smaller than the old meeting room and cannot accommodate all that we have available for sale, the Friends will have quarterly big book sales in the Program Room. The first of these is Saturday, September 8, with a members-only Preview Night on September 7. Similar sales will take place on December 7 and 8.

Friends of the Library Tote Bags

To commemorate the opening of our new library, the Friends are selling limited edition 2007 tote bags in the bookstore for \$10. The dark green bags have the new Friends logo on one side and the Santa Clara County Library logo on the other. It is hoped that patrons will purchase bags to carry their library books, reducing the number of plastic bags currently used. The bags also demonstrate support for the library.

