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Upcoming Events

Sat, Dec. 6th, 1pm

Speakers Forum and Friends of the Library Quarterly Meeting, Program Room

Sat, Dec. 13th, 10am-4pm

Big Book Sale
 (9-10 am, Members Only Prev.)

Sat., Jan 24, 3pm

Puzzle Day Warm-up, a special showing of *Wordplay: The Movie*, Program Room

Sat & Sun, Feb 7-8

3rd Annual Silicon Valley
 Puzzle Day

Thurs, Feb 12, 7pm

SV Reads Author Event,
 MH Playhouse

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Predatory Birds at the Library

Join us for a special Speakers Forum event, December 6, at 1pm. Glenn Stewart, Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group, will speak about peregrine falcons, their natural history and near extinction. Adults and students (3rd grade+) are especially welcome.

Glenn Stewart,

Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group

--"Meet" a peregrine falcon!

--Learn about their natural history and efforts to recover them from near extinction

--Check out Bay Area "nestcams" and observe falcon activities

--Ask questions during the Q&A



Glenn Stewart has been affiliated with the Predatory Bird Research Group as a biologist, cooperator, or project director since the organization was founded.

Copies of the book *Falcons of North America* will also be on sale during the event. A portion of the proceeds from sales of the book goes to raptor education.

The presentation will be followed by the quarterly Friends of the Library meeting where we will be electing 2009 officers (see p. 7 for officer slate) and amending the Friends' bylaws (see pp. 8-9.) This is a great opportunity to become more involved in the group. We hope to see you for the speaker and the meeting!



Mayor Tate presents FMHL President Lisa Pampuch with the proclamation

Friends of Libraries Week 2008

National Friends of Libraries Week, October 19-25, 2008, was recognized by a City Council proclamation presented to FMHL President Lisa Pampuch on October 15th. We are pleased to have all the hard work of the Friends acknowledged.

Message from the President

Lisa Pampuch, lisapampuch@iname.com



This is my final message to the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library as president of this wonderful group. With a new job, I'm finding it difficult to give the position the time, energy and focus that it deserves, so I've decided not to seek re-election.

FMHL is a wonderful, vibrant group that does important work to support the programs at the library. And I'll remain involved, both as past president on next year's board of directors, and as co-chair, with Emily Shem-Tov, of Silicon Valley Puzzle Day.

We accomplished much in the last year. We were honored for our wonderful Beyond Books Campaign by the Friends of Libraries USA with its Baker and Taylor Award, recognition that carried with it a \$1,000 check that we're using to continue our important work. We unveiled new art work at our beautiful new library, revised our bylaws to keep with our growing organization (more on additional changes later in this newsletter), and managed the transition from quarterly big book sales to operating a brick-and-mortar used-book store in the library.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as FMHL president, and I encourage you to consider increasing your level of service to the group by offering to fill an appointed board position or seeking an elected board position. It's a great way to ensure that the organization you love is moving in the right direction.

Report from Recent Meeting of the Friends of the Library

Teresa Stephenson, Secretary

- The meeting was held on September 17, 2008 with 13 people attending, President Lisa Pampuch presiding.
- Minutes of the April meeting were approved. Lisa Pampuch told about the change in Board Members with Leigh Donaldson becoming the new Book sale Coordinator and Karen MacDonald became the new Volunteer Coordinator. She discussed the proposed bylaw changes which will be voted on at our next general meeting in December.
- Leigh Donaldson reported changes to book sales: restructuring sales so that there is no Preview Night for Friends. There will be a one hour Preview from 9-10am before the big sale. The number of big sales will be reduced to 2-3 per year (next one in April 2009.) Due to lack of space we will not have \$5 per bag sales any more. Sorting days have increased from one to three days a week (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays). We're looking to contract a person to sell higher priced books on-line.
- **Speakers Forum Report**—Vicky Reader reported that she is trying to get a speaker for the first Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. to be held in the Program Room of the Library. Current plans are:
 - Aug. Thomas Snyder—wrote a book on Sudoku and is himself a Sudoku champ.
 - Sept. 20—Tim Myers—an author to talk to children and adults
 - Nov. 1—Steve Waddal is the Artistic Director, San Francisco Center for the Book
 - Dec. 6—Glenn Stewart—Predatory Bird Research Group at UC Santa Cruz
- **Nominating Committee** - Yvonne Duckett and Carol O'Hare are the nominating committee. Officers will be voted on at the Dec. 6th meeting right after Glenn Stewart speaks.
- **Ramon (Ray) Melendez**—The new bilingual employee hired with Friends funds came in to introduce himself. Right now he works at the MH library for 3 hrs. on Wed evenings from 6-9pm. He has introduced himself to the Hispanic patrons and helps them do a variety of things. He can help them with the computers and other library related things. But he also does other "outreach" activities. He seems to be very well received by the Hispanic community.
- Zoe Gustlin reports that she has contacted Bob Freimark, an internationally known artist, who lives in the area. They are discussing what art he might produce for the "International Area".



Next General Meeting is Saturday, Dec. 6 at 2pm.

Librarian's Report, November 2008

Rosanne Macek, Community Librarian

The community's excitement about our new library has not diminished at all this year and use of the library continues to be high. We are continuing to make new library cards at a rapid pace and more and more residents are using our services. We set an all-time record for number of visitors on Wednesday, November 12. We had 2,045 people come through our doors on that day! As a comparison, a busy day in our new library is usually about 1,600 people, and a busy day in our old library was about 1,100. Wow!

The revenue that the Friends generate through your hard work in the bookstore continues to fund programs for more and more people. One of the programs you fund is our book discussion group. We just selected our titles for our adult group for the first half of next year, and will be able to purchase extra copies of the books. If you're looking for a good book to read, you might want to try one of the following books we'll be discussing next year:

January - *Not a Genuine Black Man* by Brian Copeland, which is also our Silicon Valley Reads selection for next year.

February - *I am the Messenger* by Markus Zusak

March - *The Doomsday Book* by Connie Willis

April - *Memory Keepers Daughter* by Kim Edwards

May - *On Beauty* by Zadie Smith

June - *Big Fish; a novel of mythic proportions* by Daniel Wallace



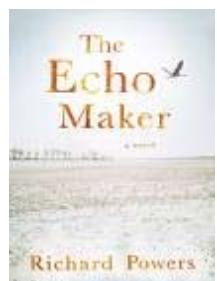
Sporting a "Read or Die" temporary tattoo at the Taste of Morgan Hill

We recently celebrated Banned Books Week with a special display near our information desk with books that have been banned or challenged in communities across the United States. Many people were surprised to see current favorites, such as the Harry Potter series, and old classics, such as *Huckleberry Finn*, as part of this display. This was a good reminder of the value of public libraries in promoting intellectual freedom.

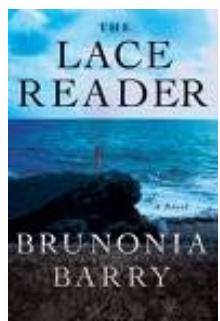
I have some exciting news about some of staff. Belinda Phillips, who many of you know as a long-term clerk, has been promoted to Senior Clerk. Hylary Konopacky, page and clerk, is getting married soon.

Congratulations! And, in sad news, Beverly Vessa, Adult Program Librarian, has retired and we are all missing her very much.

Read any good books lately? *The Echo Maker* by Richard Powers was discussed at our book group in October. It's the story of Mark Schluter, who suffers a brain injury as a result of an auto accident, and is no longer able to recognize his sister Karin. The overall theme is the human mind and our struggles to make sense of our reality. It's a real page-turner.



I also thoroughly enjoyed the *Lace Reader* by Brunonia Barry. I had the pleasure of meeting the author and hearing about her five-year odyssey of writing the book. The story takes place in Ipswich, Massachusetts (just north of Salem) and tells the story of Towner Whitney's return to her small home town amidst the disappearance and possible murder of her beloved aunt. The story happens amidst the backdrop of a group of strong women characters who many consider to be witches, and the mystery of Towner's past. This is the first book by this author and I'm hoping she's working on her next one!



It's been a phenomenal year at the library and we are thankful for all your hard work and support. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season, and a very happy 2009.

Books Among Friends

Once again we asked some of the members of the Friends about books they've read recently that they would recommend. Here are a few of the responses. If you have a book you'd like to recommend, please send an email to emily@chocolatespoon.com for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter.

Teresa Stephenson: My pick for this newsletter is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. This is a wonderful little book about a novelist who begins a correspondence with a man from the island of Guernsey and gets involved with the people and the events of World War II when the island was occupied by the German army. Written in the form of letters, it is a joy to read.

Mayor Steve Tate: I can recommend a trilogy for political junkies. By Richard North Patterson, it follows fictional Kerry Kilcannon from presidential candidate though his election - *No Safe Place*, then his first years as president when he takes on abortion - *Protect and Defend* and gun control - *Balance of Power*. Be forewarned that Mr. Patterson is NOT a conservative and is rather passionate. What I find the most fascinating part of the books is the political machinations. I read the third book two years ago and with the political season coming up a couple of months back, went back and read the first two, just finishing this weekend. I would highly recommend reading them in sequence!

Emily Shem-Tov: One of my favorite books ever is Katherine Neville's *The Eight*, which I read in high school along with all of my friends. So of course I was extremely excited when the sequel was finally just released [many] years later. Though it has gotten very mixed reviews, I couldn't help gobbling up *The Fire*. I also recently had the opportunity to hear Daniel Pink speak at the California Library Association conference held in San Jose. I'd definitely recommend his book, *A Whole New Mind*, to anyone trying to make sense of the skills needed to make the most of these turbulent work times.



Leigh Donaldson Honored at Philanthropy Day Luncheon

Longtime member Leigh Donaldson was selected by the Friends of the Library board to be honored at the Morgan Hill Community Foundation Philanthropy Day luncheon on November 6. The annual event showcased 21 non-profit agencies and their chosen honorees.

Leigh has been a member of the Friends of the Library since she moved to Morgan Hill in 1995. She has been an active volunteer ever since, devoting her efforts to sorting book donations for the Friends book sales. When the new library opened, Leigh was

instrumental in organizing the Friends bookstore and developing procedures for its operation. She has trained more than 60 volunteers to work as cashiers.



L to R: Members of the Friends Kathleen Underwood, Carol O'Hare, Elaine Reimer, Leigh Donaldson, Teresa Stephenson and Karen MacDonald at luncheon where Leigh was honored.



More recently, Leigh has taken on additional responsibilities as coordinator for both the bookstore and big book sales and oversees all details of both operations. She has also initiated online selling of some of our more valuable books.

We're grateful for all the time and effort that Leigh puts into our Friends activities, helping to ensure that the bookstore and book sales earn as much as possible for our library. Her dedication, hard work, creative ideas and warm personality have all contributed to the success of our organization. Thank you, Leigh!

Measure F Passes!

The City of Gilroy has passed Measure F, a General Obligation Bond, for \$37 million: "To replace the overcrowded, outdated Gilroy Library building with a larger library that meets current earthquake safety standards, located near public transit, City Hall, and the Senior Center, provide services for a growing population, and accommodate double the number of library books/materials." Measure F passed with 68.10% voting YES. The real winners are Gilroy residents who will have the much needed, larger, seismically-safe library building.

We know how wonderful our new library is here in Morgan Hill and greatly empathize with the problems facing the library in Gilroy (which was very much like our old library). Their current library opened its doors in 1975 when the population of the city was only 15,000. Today the population is 51,000. and by 2020, Gilroy is expected to grow to 69,500! The library's collection size in 1975 was 57,000 items. Today it has 126,000 items in many formats.



The new Library spaces will provide room for a collection totaling 266,000 items, including print and nonprint formats., as well as larger Spanish and international language collections. There will be reading area seating for 342 people, and 105 computers and printers including Internet access and word processing. There will be improved access for all including the disabled, better lighting for visibility and safety, and more parking. They are also planning to include display and exhibit space to feature community activities, community bulletin boards to provide a public forum, and even outdoor reading spaces. In addition to meeting rooms and a cafe, their Friends of the Library group will have space for book sales and other fund raising activities.

The FMHL congratulate the supporters of the Yes on F campaign and look forward to seeing the plans develop for Gilroy's new library and wish them all the best of luck.



Be a Fan of the Library on Facebook

The Morgan Hill Library has a page on Facebook and you can sign up to be one of its fans! Visit <http://www.facebook.com> and once you are logged in, search for "Morgan Hill Library." You'll be able to see updates, photos, announcements about upcoming events, as well as being able to network with other "fans."



If you are not familiar with Facebook, it is an online social networking site that allows people to communicate with their friends, family and coworkers. While it started out as a site just for college students, now anyone can sign up for Facebook and interact with the people they know. More than half of Facebook users are outside of college and the fastest growing demographic on the site is those 25 years old and older. In fact, the site has more than 120 million active users and is the 4th most-trafficked website in the world (according to comScore.) There are over 55,000 regional, work-related, collegiate, and high school networks as part of the site, and more than 6 million active user groups on the site. The Friends' annual Silicon Valley Puzzle Day event also has a group on Facebook. Just search for "puzzle day" on the site and join the group!

Friends Lunch Bunch

The Friends Lunch Bunch has been a great way for Friend volunteers to meet each other. About a dozen Friends have attended each of the first three dates, and all enjoyed getting to know each other just a little bit better. Lunch Bunch will continue the second Monday of each month.

If you are available, and want great excuse to go out to lunch, just show up at Erik's Deli starting at 11:30AM and have lunch with other Friends! (No need to RSVP)

Mark your 2009 calendars with these first quarter dates: 1/12/09, 2/09/09, 3/09/09, and 4/13/09.

Contact Leigh Donaldson for more information: leighdonaldson@charter.net

Taste of Morgan Hill

The Taste of Morgan Hill was quite a success for the Friends and the Morgan Hill Library. Many people enjoyed our display, asked questions about the library services and signed up for library cards. We even snagged a couple of new Friends members. Our great appreciation to Yvonne Duckett for once again organizing the booth and volunteers.

Our thanks to all who helped out with the booth: Liz Fallon, Cynthia Turnquist, Angela Coscarelli, Nancy Domnauer, Diane Palmeri, Mary Moorhead, Eileen Mayes, Clifford and Esther Thomas, Pat Scharfe, Nadine Cassarino and her delightful family, Lisa Pampuch and her darling daughter, Karen MacDonald and her dashing son, John, who also helped greatly with takedown after the Taste, and a special thanks to Marty Cheek, who helped transport the booth and get us set up.

Thank you all for spending your HOT weekend day supporting the Morgan Hill Library!

**REMINDER:
Annual memberships
expire on Dec. 31st.
We hope that you will renew!**



Donate Books for Children

The annual San Jose Mercury News holiday Gift of Reading children's book drive is now underway. This program provides free books to thousands of needy children throughout Silicon Valley. You can help a child improve reading skills and develop a love of books by donating new, unwrapped books. BookSmart, a designated drop-off site, offers a 10% discount on all books purchased for the program. (BookSmart is located at 80 E. 2nd St.) Books for all ages are welcome, but books for pre-school and elementary age children are especially needed, and books in Spanish are always in short supply. **The book drive ends Sunday, December 10.**

**The Mercury News
Gift of Reading 2008**
Nov 12 to Dec 10 YOU CAN DONATE

Election of 2009 Officers

Nominating Committee

President Lisa Pampuch is stepping down after a busy year with the group. Many thanks to her for all her contributions!

Election of next year's officers will take place at the general meeting on Saturday, December 6. The nominating committee headed by Yvonne Duckett presents the following slate:



Carol O'Hare

President: Carol O'Hare

Carol served as FMHL president in 2000 and 2004 to 2007 and was co-treasurer in 2008. She also helps with the Friends bookstore and book sales



Vicky Reader

Vice President: Vicky Reader

Vicky currently is in charge of programs and Speakers Forums and has been newsletter editor. She also works in the bookstore.

Secretary: Teresa Stephenson

Teresa has served as secretary since 2004, keeping minutes and managing the data base. She also works in the bookstore and helps with book sales.



Teresa Stephenson

Treasurer: Gina Kightly

Gina is a new member who has experience working in a bank and as a bookkeeper. She works in the bookstore and also helps research books for online selling.

Nominations also may be made from the floor.

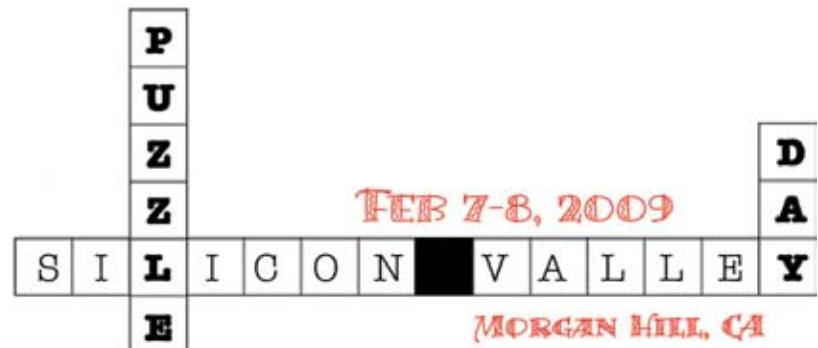
Save the date: Puzzle Day 2009 Fundraiser for the New Library Foundation, Feb. 7th

With Puzzle Day spanning the whole weekend of February 7th-8th this time, the organizers are adding a special evening event on Saturday night -- a dinner fundraiser to kick-start a new foundation for long-term fundraising for the library. Working in cooperation with the Friends, this new Foundation will focus on building up an endowment through planned giving and fundraising activities. More information about the new Foundation will be presented in the coming months and event information will be available on the Puzzle Day web site, <http://www.svpuzzle.org>.

We hope you will also join us for Puzzle Day workshops at the library on Saturday 2/7 and the tournaments on Sunday, 2/8. Like the past two years, the Puzzle Day organizers are hard at work bringing an excellent program of mind-sharpening activities for puzzle lovers of all ages and skill levels. In addition to the regular crossword and sudoku tournaments, there will be new bonus rounds of killer sudoku and cryptic crosswords.

There will also be a warm-up showing of the fabulous movie *Word Play* on Saturday, January 24, from 3pm-5pm in the Library program room.

Please contact Lisa (lisapampuch@iname.com) or Emily (emily@chocolatespoon.com) if you are interested in getting involved in the planning of these exciting events. The next Puzzle Day planning meeting is set for December 3, 6:30pm in the Madrone Room at the Community Center.



Proposed FMHL Bylaw Changes

In order to address the needs of our growing and changing organization, the FMHL board is proposing the following changes to our bylaws. These changes were discussed in detail at the FMHL board retreat, and previewed at our last general meeting. This notice in our newsletter is part of the process of adopting changes to our bylaws. Please read the changes carefully.

Proposed new text is in bold font. Proposed deleted text is in ~~strikethrough~~ font. After proposals are approved, text presented in bold font will be returned to plain font and text presented in ~~strikethrough~~ font will be removed.

Article V, Section 1

Current	Proposed
Membership Meetings. Membership meetings shall be held quarterly on dates established by the Board of Directors. Written notice shall be sent to all members at least ten (10) business days before the meetings.	Membership Meetings. Membership meetings shall be held quarterly at least once a year on dates established by the Board of Directors. Written notice shall be sent to all members at least ten (10) business days before the meetings.

Article V, Section 4

Current	Proposed
Board of Directors Meetings. A Board of Directors meeting shall precede quarterly membership meetings. Additional Board of Directors meetings may be called at the request of the President or two other Directors as needed to manage the affairs of FMHL. The quorum for Board of Directors meetings shall be a majority of Directors who are eligible to vote. A quorum of the Board of Directors may also make a decision by mail or email.	Board of Directors Meetings. A Board of Directors meeting shall precede quarterly membership meetings. Board of Directors meetings shall be held at least quarterly. Additional Board of Directors meetings may be called at the request of the President or two other Directors as needed to manage the affairs of FMHL. The quorum for Board of Directors meetings shall be a majority of Directors who are eligible to vote. A quorum of the Board of Directors may also make a decision by mail or email.

Article VI, Section 4

Current	Proposed
Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the current Officers (4), the Newsletter Editor, the Book Sales Coordinator, the immediate past President, and a maximum of three (3) additional directors, to be appointed by the President as needed. If the past President is also a current officer or no longer a member, then the number of Directors shall be maintained by the President appointing a replacement Director with the approval of the other Directors. The Morgan Hill Librarian shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Board.	Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the current Officers (4), the Newsletter Editor, a Publicity and Marketing Coordinator, the Book Sales Coordinator, the immediate past President, a Membership Coordinator, A Programs Coordinator, and a Volunteer Coordinator, to be appointed nominated by the President as needed and approved by the board. If the past President is also a current officer or no longer a member, then the number of Directors shall be maintained by the President appointing nominating a replacement Director with the subject to the approval of the other Directors. The Morgan Hill Librarian shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Board.

Article VII, Section 5

Current	Proposed
Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor is responsible for preparing and mailing the quarterly newsletter and the notices of membership meetings.	Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor is responsible for preparing and mailing the quarterly newsletter and the notices of membership meetings. Publicity and Marketing Coordinator. The Publicity and Marketing Coordinator is responsible for writing press releases, managing web site content, managing newsletter production, and ensuring mailing of membership meeting notices.

Proposed FMHL Bylaw Changes, cont.

Article VII, Section 7

Current	Proposed
Section does not exist.	Membership Coordinator. The Membership Coordinator is responsible for recruiting new members, maintaining a database of members, coordinating with Volunteer Coordinator to ensure that new members are made aware of volunteer opportunities.

Article VII, Section 8

Current	Proposed
Section does not exist.	Programs Coordinator. The Programs Coordinator is responsible for planning and implementing speakers forums, author events, membership meetings, social events, and other special events, such as Taste of Morgan Hill participation, Fourth of July parade participation, street fair participation, etc. Also responsible for coordinating with Volunteer Coordinator to plan and implement volunteer appreciation events.

Article VII, Section 9

Current	Proposed
Section does not exist.	Volunteer Coordinator. The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for recruiting and managing volunteers, including managing a volunteer database (along with the Membership Coordinator), communication with volunteers about opportunities, leadership development, and volunteer appreciation efforts. This position requires extensive cooperation with all other directors.

Article VIII, Section 1

Current	Proposed
Financial Report and Approval of Budget. The first quarter meeting shall include the prior year's financial report. At the fourth quarter meeting, the budget for the next year shall be presented for approval by the Membership. A financial report shall be presented to the Membership at each quarterly meeting. The Board of Directors may amend the approved budget as needed.	Financial Report and Approval of Budget. The first quarter meeting shall include the prior year's financial report. At the fourth quarter annual Membership meeting, the budget for the next year shall be presented for approval by the Membership. A financial report shall be presented to the Membership Board of Directors at each quarterly meeting. The Board of Directors may amend the approved budget as needed.

Article VIII, Section 2

Current	Proposed
Annual Financial Review. A Financial Review Committee shall be appointed by the President at the first quarter Board meeting, with the approval of all the Officers. This Committee shall consist of at least one non-Board member and the incoming Treasurer, if a new Treasurer is elected. The preceding year's Treasurer is ineligible to serve on the Financial Review Committee. The Financial Review Committee shall review all financial records of the prior year and report their findings to the membership at the second quarter meeting.	Annual Financial Review. A Financial Review Committee shall be appointed by the President at the first quarter Board meeting, with the approval of all the Officers. This Committee shall consist of at least one non-Board member and the incoming Treasurer, if a new Treasurer is elected. The preceding year's Treasurer is ineligible to serve on the Financial Review Committee. The Financial Review Committee shall review all financial records of the prior year and report their findings to the membership Board of Directors at the second quarter meeting.

Meet the Library Staff: Belinda Phillips, Senior Library Clerk



Belinda Phillips was recently promoted to Senior Library Clerk. She grew up in Morgan Hill, has watched it change considerably over the years., and has wonderful memories of growing up here. She has been a part of the Morgan Hill library family for almost 14 years. We asked her to tell us a bit about herself for the newsletter.

Belinda's family moved to Morgan Hill in 1963 to a ranch on the west side of Morgan Hill near Machado School. She lived on a 24 acre ranch with 15 acres of walnuts and 5 acres of prunes. She remembers childhood summers filled with picking walnuts and prunes with her family and friends. At lunch time, they would swim in the Llagas creek near Machado School to cool off. They also raised animals at their ranch – horses, chickens, pigs, cows, rabbits, and goats. She was a member of the Paradise Valley 4H club and showed her animals at the county fairs until high

school. When Belinda was 16, her family bought 14 acres at the corner of Watsonville Rd and Sunnyside Avenue and started the Montecito Christmas tree farm and Boutique. It was a family run business until 2003 when her parents sold the farm and moved to Oregon.

Belinda attended Machado School from first through third grades. Her favorite first and second grade teacher was Mrs. Reed, who Belinda loves to see when she comes in to use the library. She also attended P.A. Walsh and Burnett, which was the Jr. High School while Live Oak was being built. She was in the first 9th grade class to attend the new school. All through high school Belinda was part of the Emerald Regime and Color Guard. She had a wonderful exprience being part of the rifle line, and the group traveled all over the United States and won many championships under the direction of Mike and Cricket Rubino. Out of high school, she worked for KFAT radio station for 5 years, where she fell in love with music.

Over the years, Belinda has left Morgan Hill , but "always seem to be drawn back to this quaint town" where she is now raising her children -- two wonderful 17-year old twins, Chris and Bryan Bradley. The boys are juniors at Sobrato High School. When she's not a work at the library, you can find her cheering for them on the sports field.

Q: What is your favortie part of working at the library?

A: "My favorite part of my job is the time I spend with the patrons. I am enriched by their stories. When they check out travel books they tell me about an upcoming trip and when they return they share their memories. They check out books on baby names because they just found out they are expecting a child and share how excited they are. I feel so honored that even for a brief moment they are sharing their lives with me."

Q: What do you like best about Morgan Hill?

A: "Even though Morgan Hill has grown so much since my childhood, there are still many things I enjoy about this town... taking drives on Oak Glen Ave and up Uvas Canyon, going for walks, spending the day at the lake, having lunch downtown with friends, and yes, the library!"

Q: What kinds of books do you like to read?

A: "I like to read all types of books. Mysteries and true crimes are some of my favorites. Janet Evanovich, Stuart Woods, and Jill Conner Browne are a few of my favorite authors. Those who know Jill Conner Browne know what I mean when I say I aspire to be a 'Sweet Potato Queen' someday."

Belinda wrote that,"family is very important to me and that's probably why I love working at the library so much. There is a real sense of family here....I have met so many wonderful people and have built good friendships both with staff and patrons." We're very glad that Belinda is part of the Morgan Hill Library family and hope that you will stop by and say hello the next time you are there.

Notes from the Book Sales Coordinator

Leigh Donaldson - leighdonaldson@charter.net

Looking for a bargain this holiday season? Have you visited the Friends Bookstore lately? Located in our lobby, the Friends Bookstore continues to offer Morgan Hill Library patrons a quiet retreat while selecting their favorite items to purchase at incredibly discounted prices. Books are regularly priced from 25¢ to \$1 per book, CD, Video or DVD. New, first edition, signed by the author, or current "Bestseller" titles that are in excellent condition are priced slightly higher, but are still a great deal! Morgan Hill Library Friend volunteers open the bookstore 36 per week, and you can view the store's hours on the Friends Web site: www.friendsmhlibrary.org/book_sales. The Bookstore's selection varies depending on donations, and we add new items to the Bookstore at least three days a week when our volunteer sorting staff of more than 15 Friends "do their thing." So, be sure to stop in often for some incredible bargains!

We gratefully accept donations anytime the Library is open, and encourage you to recycle your books with us to benefit the Friends of the Library. Check this donation guide for more information: www.friendsmhlibrary.org/book_donation_guide.html Tax donation receipts are available upon request.

Library, Culture and Arts Commission (LCAC) Update

Emily Shem-Tov, LCAC Chair

The Commission submitted a set of policies and procedures regarding arts and culture in Morgan Hill to the City Council at their November 19th meeting. The policies, which deal with the city's permanent art collection, temporary art exhibits in city facilities, community partnerships, and funding of community culture and arts, were passed in the consent calendar and the Commission now will undertake the task of developing an implementation strategy with a focus on any potential fiscal/resource impact. The Commission is also working on scheduling a forum of art stakeholders, to be held in January.

LCAC meetings are open to the public and are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Library.

Hand Made Books

Book art enthusiasts enjoyed a visit from Speakers Forum guest Patricia Wakida, artist and Board member of San Francisco Center for the Book. A nonprofit organization offering over 300 classes and workshops in the art and craft of the handmade book, the Center is the largest educational book arts program in the world.



Ms. Wakida brought many examples of handcrafted books to share how book artists consider the object of the book itself as a medium of expression. Some of the books Wakida brought were enhanced by the printed word in story or poetry form; others stood on their own without the benefit of text. During the informal talk which encouraged interaction by attendees, Wakida shared the Center's offerings which range from public exhibitions and events, to classes in letterpress printing, printmaking, bookbinding, and related arts.

With her book artist perspective, Wakida spoke about her opportunity to learn the laborious process of making paper from mulberry plants, working with a master in the mountains of Japan over the course of the year. She enthusiastically shared her passion for linoleum block carving and printing and found some kindred spirits in the group who noted some of the resources she recommended.

San Francisco Center for the Book promotes knowledge of the traditional book arts and exploration of experimental book forms, and our Speakers Forum attendees gained a new appreciation for the craft by seeing, touching, and even smelling the samples discussed. Learn more about the Center at www.sfcf.org or pick up a copy of their current catalog in the public resource area of our library.



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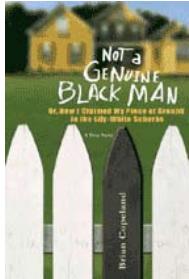


Volunteers needed

We are still looking for volunteers to help with a few specific jobs: We need someone who can create posters and signs for the various Friends events, and we're looking for a computer savvy individual who can help with our future online bookselling business.

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Karen MacDonald if you can help with these jobs, or would like to volunteer for any of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library activities - 779-3995 karenmacdonald@charter.net

Silicon Valley Reads 2009



Not a Genuine Black Man, by Brian Copeland, will be the topic of discussion for the next Silicon Valley Reads/Morgan Hill Reads program. The author is scheduled to speak at the Community Playhouse, 17090 Monterey St. in Morgan Hill (at the corner of E. 5th St.) on Thursday, February 12, 2009. Visit the Friends' web site for more information: <http://www.friendsmhlibrary.org>



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.



Friends of the Morgan Hill Library

Big Book Sale

including Regular Price and \$5/bag

Sat, Dec 13, 2008

10 am to 4 pm

9-10 am Members-Only Preview ***

2-4 pm All books half price, \$2/bag

***** No Preview Night on Friday**

