



Issue 09-04 October 2009

# Bookends

## \* Breaking News \*

Fall Big Book Sale - *Everything \$5 per bag*  
We have received so many book donations this summer that we have run out of storage space and need to clean house. In order to reduce inventory to a manageable level, ALL books and videos in the October Big Sale will be \$5/bag. And the price gets even better the last hour of the sale on Saturday. For best selection, attend the Members Only Preview on Friday night.

Don't miss this incredible event!

### 2009 Fall Big Book Sale

Friday, October 16, 7 - 8:30PM - \$5/bag

**FRIDAY = MEMBERS ONLY PREVIEW**

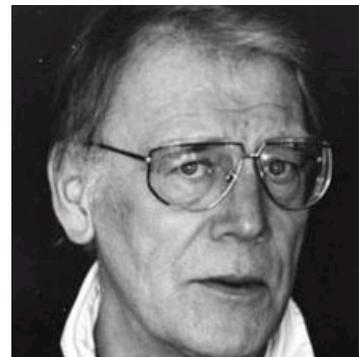
Saturday, October 17, 10AM - 3PM - \$5/bag,  
3 - 4PM - \$2/bag

## Speakers Forum: Nils Peterson, Santa Clara County Poet Laureate Thursday, October 15, 7:00 PM

We are excited to welcome Nils Peterson, professor emeritus at San Jose State University, co-founder of the Poetry Center San Jose and our very first County Poet Laureate. Scores of his poems have been published, and he also has written science fiction and articles on various topics from golf to Shakespeare. Join us for Mr. Peterson's readings, musings on the writing experience, discussion of his role in making poetry more accessible to the community, and the effect of the arts crisis on our children. Keepsake copies will be available of his first community project, *A Family Album – Santa Clara 2009*, a 100 line poem selected and arranged by Mr. Peterson from lines



**Celebrate!**  
**October 24, 1 PM**



submitted by about 500 county residents. Join us and be entertained and delighted by Mr. Peterson's trademark candor and sense of humor.

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## President's Message

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Fall is an especially busy time for everyone, as summer ends and school begins. The Friends, too, have a lot of activities going on. Last month author Gary Soto attracted an overflow crowd to the library as part of our ongoing series of Speakers Forums. This month, Nils Peterson, Santa Clara County Poet Laureate, appears on October 15. Our thanks to Vicky Reader, who has done a great job scheduling these interesting programs. Coming next is the Fall Big Sale on October 17, which is even bigger this time with ALL books and videos included in the \$5/bag sale. Members get first choice at the Friday Preview Night, so don't miss this chance to stock up on lots of great books at ridiculously low prices.

On October 24, the Friends will celebrate our 35th anniversary with an afternoon party. This will be a great opportunity to meet current and former Friends, including the first president, Virginia Benche. There will be displays of Friends activities and all that we have accomplished for the library since 1974.

In September we participated in the first annual Volunteer Faire organized by Leadership Morgan Hill. Our thanks to Gina Kightly, Karen MacDonald and Leigh Donaldson who prepared for the event, and to Valerie Chambliss, Beverley Williams, Yvonne Duckett and Mary Moorhead, who staffed the booth. Two weeks later, we shared a booth with the library at the Taste of Morgan Hill, and are grateful to Vicky Reader for organizing that.

The reception for library artists held the end of August was another successful Friends event. More than 40 people attended, plus four of the artists whose work has added so much to our library. My thanks to Valerie Chambliss, Carol Holzgrafe and Marty Cheek for their assistance. If you want to learn more about the art in the library, a list is available at the Accounts Desk.

And now, looking into the future: The annual meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held on Thursday, December 10. It will begin with a performance by classical guitarist Steve Lin, followed by a short business meeting and recognition of volunteers.

## Report from the Morgan Hill Library Foundation

The Morgan Hill Library Foundation is up and running and is intended to complement the Friends' work. While FMHL is a membership group that funds short-term, immediate needs of the Morgan Hill Library, the foundation's mission is to fund capital and large-scale operational needs. We accomplish this by encouraging private support through gifts, trusts, government and private foundation grants, corporate sponsorships, and bequests. Emily Shem-Tov is the foundation's board president, Lisa Pampuch is vice-president/secretary, and former Morgan Hill Librarian Sarah Flowers is treasurer.

We're busy working on the foundation's signature fundraising event, Silicon Valley Puzzle Day at the Morgan Hill Library. Saturday, January 30, will feature workshops, and Sunday January 31, will feature sudoku and crossword puzzle tournaments. Watch for more details about these events and a fun party we're planning for Saturday night. Details are posted online at [sypuzzle.org](http://sypuzzle.org).

For more information about the Morgan Hill Library Foundation, visit [www.mhlf.org](http://www.mhlf.org)



## Librarian's Report

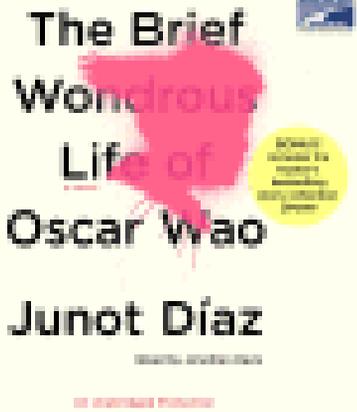
Peggy Tomasso, Acting Community Librarian

We had a lot of great summer programs, all sponsored by the Friends. The library gave away 460 books to children who signed up for the summer reading club. There were 8 programs for school-aged children that had a total attendance of 922! These programs were very popular and included making robots, Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party, and a magic show with Brian Scott. 137 teens also got a book when signing up for the teen summer reading program. 70 adults got \$5 gift certificates good at the Friends' bookstore.

Teen librarian, Nichole King, has become full time and is currently on leave taking care of her new baby boy, Nolan Jorge, born on 9/12/09. We expect to see Nichole back in December. In the next month or so you will see a new face at the information desk. The library will be hiring a new ½ time adult librarian.

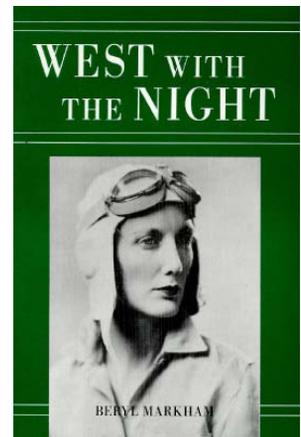
If you are looking for some interesting programs this fall, check out the library's offerings. The Great Decisions series has started up again and will discuss "Cuba after Castro" on October 15 and "Universal Human Rights" on November 19. The programs start at 6:30 PM and are co-sponsored by AAUW- Morgan Hill.

On October 29 the book group will discuss *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz.



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On November 19 *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham will be discussed. The book group meets in the program room at 7:30 p.m. Extra copies of each book are purchased by the Friends. And if that is not enough to keep you busy, you can always come on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 for the Morgan Hill Knit-in and learn to knit, meet a new friend, or get help with a difficult project!



## Opportunities for Volunteers

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The Friends was one of 40 organizations that participated in the Leadership Morgan Hill Volunteer Faire last month. We had many people express interest in working with us and are looking forward to having a new pool of volunteers. However, we still rely on our members for most of our help. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the Volunteer Opportunities form and drop it off in the Bookstore.

Thanks for being a Friend!

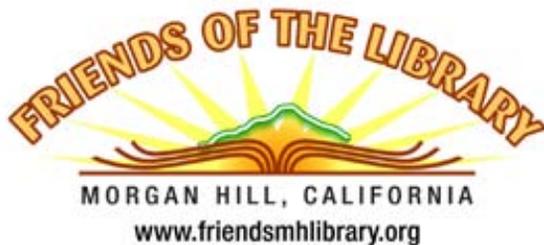
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**Friends of the Library**  
**Bookstore Hours**

Tuesday: 1pm - 7pm  
Wednesday: 10am – 8:30pm  
Thursday: 10am - 7pm  
Friday: 10am - 4pm  
Saturday: 10am - 4:30pm

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*The purpose of the Friends of the Library is to support the programs and services of our library. The Friends raise thousands of dollars each year for the library, mainly through used book sales.*

## 20th Annual Taste of Morgan Hill

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The Friends and the Library were well-represented and met many people – local and otherwise – interested in our book sales and library programs. With the dramatic increase of patrons and card holders since the new library opened, fewer new cards needed to be issued at the weekend venue, but Peggy Tomasso with Hylary Locsin and Odilia Nelson from the library, remained at the ready. As coordinator for this year's booth, I thank them and all the volunteers, including Friends and LAC Commissioners, who sweltered in the heat: Bert Berson, Angela Coscarelli, Yvonne Duckett, Liz Fallon, Trisha Gordon, Sue and Staten Johnston, Karen MacDonald, Ellen McKissock, Carol O'Hare, Joseph Reader, Stan Salah, Katie Scanlon, Pat Scharfe, Emily Shem-Tov, Teresa Stephenson, and Anita Woodson.



## Speakers Forum – September 24, 2009 – Gary Soto

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Gary Soto, prolific writer and recipient of numerous awards and fellowships, inspired a standing room only crowd of ~100, fielding questions and sharing personal tidbits. The mostly teen audience was treated to readings from books spanning a 30-plus year writing career, including favorites that Mr. Soto signed after his presentation. Many families attended, with teachers and aspiring writers also present in the audience. Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Morgan Hill for co-sponsoring this popular event; Nichole King and Jeff Grubb, library staff, for helping get the teens out; and Emily Shem-Tov, Friend and Library, Arts and Culture Commissioner, for recommending that we invite Mr. Soto.