Upcoming Events

February 25, 7:30pm
Book Discussion — Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

Saturday, February 27, 2010, 2pm
Silicon Valley Reads Event

March 15
Deadline to donate prom attire; take donations to library’s information desk

Silicon Valley Reads comes to Morgan Hill on February 27

Novella Carpenter, author of Farm City: The Education of an Urban Farmer, will be the featured speaker for the 2010 Silicon Valley Reads presentation in Morgan Hill. She will discuss themes in this year’s Silicon Valley Reads book selection, In Defense of Food; An Eater’s Manifesto by Michael Pollan, as well as present a slide show of how her Ghost Town Farm came to be. She will share her experiences of farming near downtown Oakland and give away heirloom tomato seedlings. A book signing will follow the event.

Carpenter grew up in rural Idaho, the child of back-to-the-land hippies. She attended the University of Washington in Seattle where she majored in biology and English. After moving to California, she attended UC Berkeley’s Graduate School of Journalism and studied under Michael Pollan. She has been an urban farmer for more than ten years.

Both In Defense of Food and Farm City are available for purchase at BookSmart at a 10 percent discount. For more information, contact Carol O’Hare at 782-9029 or cbohare@garlic.com.

New RFID System Installed

You may have noticed that the library has replaced its old self-check units with new stations using radio frequency ID (RFID) technology instead of barcodes to make it even faster and easier to check out your materials!
Message from the President
Vicky Reader, readerv@earthlink.net

The Friends of the Morgan Hill Library enjoyed another successful year in 2009 under the able leadership of Carol O’Hare, who continues on the board as Past President. We thank Yvonne Duckett and Megan MacDonald for their contributions last year as Secretary and Newsletter Editor, respectively. We also thank and extend best wishes to Peggy Tomasso for her contributions as our Acting Community Librarian now that she has returned to her regular post at the Campbell Library after a year in Morgan Hill.

Joining me as newly-elected 2010 officers are Vice President Teresa Stephenson, Secretary Valerie Chambliss, and continuing Treasurer Gina Kightly. Other board and key members include Book Sales Coordinator Leigh Donaldson, Volunteer Coordinator Karen MacDonald, Publicity/Marketing Coordinator Kathy Sullivan, Newsletter Co-Editors Lisa Pampuch and Emily Shem-Tov, and Web Site Coordinator Andrew Poth. We all look forward with excitement to serving FMHL, especially while we welcome a new, soon-to-be-appointed Community Librarian.

The Santa Clara County Library strategic goals include the vision to be “…an invaluable resource for information, entertainment and ideas,” with “enthusiastic community support” being part of the mix. The Friends of the Morgan Hill Library represents a special group of like-minded people — approximately 175 memberships last year — who understand and appreciate this concept. Please renew your membership if you have not already done so for 2010. I also challenge each member to do the following:

• Find another friend — Once a friend, it is relatively painless to renew an annual individual membership for a nominal $10, which benefits the library directly. Or, perhaps a fellow library lover you know will consider membership at a higher or multi-year level. The intent is to engage another friend, another library supporter. Word-of-mouth and personal encouragement from current friends can be much more effective than a membership drive, with the convenience of joining on our web site or completing an application as attached or in the FMHL book store.

• Consider volunteering in some capacity, whether from home or in the library, on a regularly scheduled basis, or as time permits on a one-time special-event basis. Some named above are fulfilling multiple roles while we seek additional volunteers to assist in the general areas of membership, database administration, programs, events, website design, book sales, you name it. If you have interests or talents in any of these areas and can help in any way, we do our best to accommodate preferences and schedules. I welcome hearing from you.

Meet Your 2010 FMHL Board

Officers:
President — Vicky Reader
Vice President — Teresa Stephenson
Treasurer — Gina Kightly
Secretary — Valerie Chambliss

Other Board Members:
Past President — Carol O’Hare
Publicity and Marketing — Kathy Sullivan
Bookstore Manager — Leigh Donaldson
Database Manager — Teresa Stephenson
Volunteer Coordinator — Karen MacDonald

On behalf of the incoming board, I wish to acknowledge all our supporters upon whom FMHL depends — from the shoppers who frequent our book store or purchase from us online, to in-kind donors of quality books and materials or services like those mentioned within this newsletter, to the growing number of volunteers who give up precious time to benefit our library. Many FMHL members participate in some or all of these activities, so hats off to all for valuing our library as an important community asset.
Highlights of the FMHL Annual General Meeting
Yvonne Duckett, outgoing secretary

FMHL’s 2009 Activities, Events and Accomplishments
Carol O’Hare, outgoing president, presented a summary of the FMHL’s events of the year, including: Silicon Valley Reads – Brian Copeland event entertains over 200 guests; Knopf donation gives $2,500 to startup of Morgan Hill Library Foundation, headed by members Lisa Pampuch and Emily Shem-Tov; Art A La Carte, Volunteer Fair; Taste of Morgan Hill; 2nd Anniversary celebration with Robot naming contest; Addition of Art in the International area; Reception for Artists; 35th Anniversary of FMHL with Marty Cheek’s video soon to be available on YouTube and entertainment by the Friends’ first president, Virginia Lillie Benche; Sad loss of long time member, Kathleen Underwood; Tracked volunteer hours estimated at approximately 8,000 per year.

Librarian’s Report
Peggy Tomasso, acting community librarian, reported that circulation was up 15 percent over last year, 59 percent since 2007. She thanked FMHL for their support of the bilingual staff, noting that all Spanish media has seen increased circulation. Peggy reported that the new library catalog, “Biblio Commons,” will be more interactive and intuitive to use. The old catalog will still be available for those who like the classic format. In addition, the City of Morgan Hill is considering installing an awning for the book drop area.

Election of New Officers for 2010
Members unanimously approved the slate of officers for 2010 (see page 2 for more details on the 2010 FMHL board).

Speakers Forums
Please send your ideas for the Speakers Forum to Vicky Reader. Her experience over the last year indicated that weeknight events draw more audience members than weekend events.

Book Sales
Leigh Donaldson reported on sales in the four book sale areas:
• The book store earned an average of $549 per week operating 5 days per week.
• Bargain books earned an average of $42 per week.
• Online sales earned an average of $350 per week.
• Big Book Sales earned an average of $2,000 each. Volunteers are needed to operate Big Book Sales; without sufficient volunteer support, they will be discontinued.

Financial Report
Gina Kightly, treasurer

The financial position of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library continues to be strong. For calendar year 2009, our book sales totaled $54,629. This figure is significantly higher than last year due in part to our online sales on Amazon.com which totaled $20,167.

FMHL used those funds to support the Morgan Hill Library. In calendar year 2009, FMHL spent $23,981 on library programs and activities. In addition, Beyond Books Campaign funds provided $5,546 to purchase library furnishings for the library and $10,660 to purchase art.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

March 2nd marks the 106th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, who is better known as Dr. Seuss! The creator of the Cat in the Hat, Horton Hears a Who, The Lorax, and many others continues to instill a love of reading in children today.

Because of the effect that Dr. Seuss has had on several generations of kids, the National Education Association (NEA) celebrates Dr. Seuss’ birthday by sponsoring the national event, Read Across America.
**Morgan Hill Librarian’s Report**

Peggy Tomasso has returned to the Campbell Library after a year as the Acting Community Librarian here at Morgan Hill. We thank her for her energetic, knowledgeable and loyal service to Morgan Hill, our staff miss her already. While we wait for a permanent hire for the position in March, Saralyn Otter will be serving as Acting Community Librarian and Nichole King will be temporarily stepping into Saralyn’s position of Children's Supervising Librarian.

After a delay, the Gilroy Library recently re-opened in its temporary location at 7652 Monterey Street (Between 3rd and 4th St.), Gilroy. The library will be in its temporary site downtown for about 2 years while the new library is built. We are thankful to Gilroy staff who assisted us in meeting the increased workload of displaced Gilroy patrons and our staff deserve kudos for coping well with the increased circulation and patron volume. MH welcomed two new pages: Julie Sullivan and Brianna Holladay. We are so glad to have them on board with the extra workload with Gilroy’s closing.

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**Thank You From Volunteer Coordinator Karen MacDonald**

Karen MacDonald, volunteer coordinator, 779-3995

Our experienced volunteers continue to be valuable assets to our organization, whether they are sorters, work a regular shift, or substitute in the book store. Some act as online book sellers. New volunteers join us on a regular basis. We’re grateful for high school students who stock shelves in the book store while earning credits for their civics classes. The efforts of all these good people make Friends of the Morgan Hill Library a vibrant and active organization.

Thank you to all these terrific volunteers.

We would particularly like to thank the following for their selfless dedication to the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library during 2009: Leigh – oversees all book sale duties and is our computer guru; Elaine – trains sales staff and sorters; All sorters and staff – who sort, stock the bookstore, work computers, channel books to Roberta and promote FMHL relentlessly; Roberta – handles the online sales; Mary Ringo – who prices the nicer books and scours the shelves for more; Vicky – who handled the Taste of Morgan Hill; Kathleen – who handled Art a la Carte; Valerie – who coordinated the Volunteer Fair; All those who helped with the 35th Anniversary Celebration; Megan McDonald – who edited the newsletter, helped in distribution by Donna Dicker; Andrew Poth – who handles the web site; Shawn Hewitt – who arranged book sale publicity and our Facebook presence; Elaine – who distributed posters around town; Carol – who handled our publicity for many events; Vicky and her son – who made flyers for events; Mark Grzan – who designed flyers for events; And all wonderful volunteers who keep FMHL fun and active.

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**Snively Memorial Gifts Fund Children’s Books**

Carol O’Hare, cbohare@garlic.com

When longtime library supporter Robert Snively died in January 2009, his family asked that gifts in his memory be given to the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library. These donations, including a generous contribution from Bob’s wife Sandy, now total $2,500.

Because of Bob’s love of books and his devotion to his grandchildren, the family asked that the funds be used to purchase children’s books to add to the library’s collection. A special display of Snively Memorial books has been placed in the lobby (through the end of March) and each book has a bookplate noting that it is a memorial gift.

We are grateful to the Snively family for choosing the Morgan Hill Library as a way to honor Bob’s memory.
Notes from the Book Sales Coordinator
Leigh Donaldson, LeighDonaldson@Charter.net

2009 Shatters Records
Thanks to everyone who helped make 2009 book sales activities a record-breaking success. Before expenses, our book sale income was approximately $52,000 last year. We earned approximately $30,000 in gross revenues from the book store and bargain book wall, $4,000 from big book sales, and $18,000 from 1,031 Amazon online sales.

Inventory
In response to a customer inquiry, we recently completed our first ever book store inventory. Volunteer “book census takers” report that we have nearly 4,000 items for sale in the book store, on the bargain book and video wall, and online. This includes the 525 items currently for sale on the Friends Amazon store front http://www.amazon.com/shops/MHLibraryFriends.

Half-Price Cart Returns
Be sure to check out the ongoing half-price red dot cart sale items. It features excellent bargains, so check it often. The selection changes depending on donations and sales.

Bargain Book and Video Wall
We now sell some videos and bargain paperback books in the copier alcove across the library lobby from the book store. Check out the incredible deals next time you visit the library, like previously viewed library videos for just 25 cents.

New Book Store Shelves
After more than two years, and thanks to generous donations for the shelving and their installation, the book store, bargain book and video wall and one wall in the sorting room all have a new look. Thanks to Morgan Hill Home Depot and store manager Patrick Sandomenico Jr. for donating much-needed additional shelving for the sorting room. FMHL purchased at much-reduced prices slat walls and wire shelves from a closing Blockbuster store in Almaden. Those slat walls now adorn the book store and bargain books and video walls.

Finally, tremendous thanks to Morgan Hill general contractor Ron Wake who donated his and an assistant’s time and expertise to install all three rooms' new shelving in January. Ron is a general contractor here in town and does great work. Keep him in mind if you have any building needs, anything from decks to new additions to remodels. And check out our new shelving next time you’re in the Library!

Donations Update
With the additional slat wall shelving in the bargain book area, we can now accept VCR or video tapes for donations. All must be commercially produced (not personally recorded), so please donate any unneeded videos when you clean out closets, media cabinets, and book shelves in your home.

As always, thanks for all the wonderful donations, and please keep ’em coming!

Mark your calendars!
The next semi-annual Big Book Sale will be held in the Program Room at the library on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All books will be $1 or less with a $3/bag sale from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Members-Only Preview will be Friday, April 23, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Morgan Hill Library Foundation

The Morgan Hill Library Foundation’s mission is to support an endowment to fund capital and large-scale operational needs of the Morgan Hill Library to ensure that the community has access to knowledge, ideas, and cultural enrichment in state-of-the-art facilities. We accomplish this by encouraging private support through gifts, trusts, government and private foundation grants, corporate sponsorships, and bequests.

The Morgan Hill Library Foundation seeks to fund major, long-term needs of the Morgan Hill Library, such as facilities and operational hours. The Foundation’s work complements the work done by the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library and provides an opportunity for Friends members and other people in the community to help provide for the library’s longer-term needs.

You can support the Morgan Hill Library Foundation -- and the Morgan Hill Library -- in many ways. For example, you can name the Morgan Hill Library Foundation in your will or trust to donate a portion of your estate towards assuring that our wonderful library can continue to serve the community in the future. You can specify a dollar amount, a particular block of appreciated stock, or a percentage of your estate. This kind of gift can substantially reduce your estate’s taxes.

Learn more about ways that you can support the Library Foundation at http://www.mhlf.org

The Library, Culture and Arts Commission Needs You!
Emily Shem-Tov, LCAC member

The City of Morgan Hill is seeking applications from residents interested in serving a two-year term on the Library, Culture and Arts Commission (LCAC), one of three advisory commissions appointed by the City Council. Terms begin on April 1, 2010 and end in April, 2012. The LCAC provides the City Council with recommendations regarding the adequacy of library facilities, seeks opportunities for city sponsored artistic and performance opportunities, encourages community involvement in the arts, and reviews and recommends works of art to be acquired by the city or installed on public property. This seven-member committee meets on the second Tuesday of odd numbered months at 7 p.m. at the Morgan Hill Library. Application forms and appointment information are available on the City of Morgan Hill web site http://www.morganhill.ca.gov or in the City Clerk’s office, 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA. The application deadline has been extended until 5 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2010.

Serving on the LCAC is a great way to get more involved with the library and to take a leadership role in our town. Each meeting includes briefings by the County Librarian, Morgan Hill Library staff and the president of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library, keeping you very much in-the-know about what is going on at all levels of the library and giving you a greater understanding of the issues facing the city and county. Commission members can also take on special projects to assist the library get the word out in the community.

There’s an App for That!

Do you have a Smart Phone? Did you know that you can search the library catalog, place holds, and maintain your account, or find the library closest to you and determine its hours of operation, all from your phone? You can also read the library’s latest blog and Twitter posts to learn about special events and opportunities, recommended books and other library items, interesting articles and websites, local history, online periodical databases and e-books, library services, and more. To access the library’s free mobile download, visit sccl.boopsie.com using your phone’s Internet browser, or, if you are an iPhone users, visit the App Store on your phone or use iTunes. If you are an Android user, visit the Android Market. Search for “Santa Clara County Library” to locate and download the free application.
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.

The Help
The Help, a debut novel by Kathryn Stockett, is set in Jackson, Mississippi, in the 1960s, the time of the early civil rights movement. It is the story of two black maids who raise white babies and run households but are poorly paid and mistrusted, and a young white woman, an aspiring writer who wants to tell their stories. Even if the interviews with local maids are published anonymously, the risk to all is great. Heartbreaking and heartwarming, this is a current best seller and definitely worth reading. ~ Carol O’Hare

U is for Undertow
U is for Undertow is the 21st in the alphabet mystery series by Sue Grafton that began with 1982’s A is for Alibi. Like all the novels in this series, U is for Undertow features Kinsey Millhone, a private detective based in fictional Santa Teresa, a town that bears a strong resemblance to Santa Barbara. While investigating the disappearance of a child decades earlier, Kinsey learns more about her own history, including her estranged extended family and the never-married, now-deceased aunt who raised her after her parents’ deaths. Fans of Grafton’s series will love this book, but with unused letters in the alphabet dwindling to the point that they can be counted on one hand, fans also know that the end of this much-loved series draws ever closer. ~ Lisa Pampuch

Shades of Grey and Blackout
Two of my favorite authors have new books out recently and I’ve been a very happy reader digging into them. Jasper Fforde (author of the Thursday Next series of books starting with the Eyre Affair, a fun romp through some of our all-time favorite books ) is back with a new series with the kick-off book being Shades of Grey, an alternative future world where societal rank is all based on the colors of the spectrum one can see and spoons are in short demand. Connie Willis' new book Blackout, follows a group of historians from 2060 as they travel back in time to observe England in WWII and end up experiencing more than they bargained for. I loved her Doomsday Book, where historians transported back to observe the plague, and Blackout paints a rich picture of 1940s London. The only downside to both of these books is that they end leaving you desperately waiting for the next installment. ~ Emily Shem-Tov

Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World
I never would have picked up Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World by Mark Kurlansky except I heard it highly recommended on NPR. I am so glad I took the time to see if it was in our library—it was! Mark Kurlansky wrote about a fish that has probably mattered more in human history than any other fish. My family got tired of me asking, “Did you know that cod fish…?” So many aspects of world history were affected by cod. Overfishing and its disastrous results are explored also. I found this book a fascinating look at little-known but important topic. Reading this book is well worth your time. ~ Karen MacDonald

Join the Friends on Facebook

Are you one of the 4 million+ people using the social network site Facebook? Come be a “fan” of the Friends of the Library on Facebook and keep up-to-date on what’s going on in the group. Just log into Facebook and search for the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library in the search box.
Staff Profile: Jeff Grubb, Supervising Librarian, Adult and Teen Services

In this issue of the newsletter, we’d like to introduce you to Jeff Grubb. After working for 8 months as acting Adult Program Librarian in May, 2009 he was interviewed and in June he was hired into the newly renamed position of Supervising Librarian, Adult and Teen Services. He welcomes the challenges of maintaining and building a library collection and providing services and programming that meet the needs of our changing community. We asked Jeff a couple of questions so we could get to know him better:

Q) How long have you been working at the Morgan Hill Library? Why did you start working there?
A) I started working for the Santa Clara County Library system as an extra-help Librarian in 2001. I worked at a number of the county libraries and the bookmobile. I found myself working frequently in Morgan Hill. I enjoyed the staff and the community and when a half-time position became available I applied and was hired. When a full-time adult services librarian job opened here I jumped at the chance to serve this community full time.

Q) What’s your favorite thing about the new library or about working at the library in general?
A) The new library is beautiful. It is well used by our public and even when there are a lot of people here it doesn’t seem too crowded. I like that we have a single reference desk. I enjoy assisting the broad range of patrons- from kids that are just learning to read, to teens looking for video games, to elders looking for health information. I learn new things every day.

I led a varied life before coming to librarianship. I have worked as a restaurant owner and manager, music store manager and radio station program director. I love that I am able to draw from all of my life experiences to help others.

Q) Any great books that you’ve read lately that you would recommend? What books are on your night stand/to-read pile that you are looking forward to?
A) I am an avid and omnivorous reader. I rarely sit down without a book or magazine in hand. I just finished reading Abraham Verghese’s engrossing book Cutting for Stone and am looking forward to reading Graham Swift’s Last Orders. These are two books that are selections of the Morgan Hill Library’s Book Discussion Group that meets the last Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. I live in Santa Cruz and often listen to audiobooks during my commute to Morgan Hill. I recently enjoyed Sissy Spacek’s reading of Harper Lee’s To Kill a Mockingbird. I also laughed at and was inspired by Craig Ferguson’s American on Purpose.

Q) Can you tell us something about yourself (hobbies, interests, adventures, etc.) that we might not know about you?
A) I like to stay active in all seasons when I am outside of the library. My wife Elise Huffman and I like to go camping and canoeing in the summer, fall’s rains find us out hiking and hunting mushrooms, in winter we like to go cross country skiing and spring will find us beachcombing and gardening.

For many years I have been an active volunteer in community radio. I currently do a program of international music on KUSP Santa Cruz 88.9 FM called It Takes All Kinds. It takes place every other Sunday from 3-5 p.m. I use my musical knowledge as the selector of world music, reggae and Latin CDs for the Santa Clara County Library system.

I am the son of Air Force pilot Wilmer Grubb who was shot down and captured during the Vietnam war. My mother Evelyn Grubb went from being a stay-at-home mother of four young boys to helping to form and then lead the National League of Families of POWs and MIAs. Our family story is recounted in my mother’s book: You Are Not Forgotten (the library has a copy that you can check out if you are interested.)

Q) What are you most looking forward to in 2010?
A) I look forward to having a new Community Librarian heading our library staff in Morgan Hill. I will be attending the American Library Association Conference in Washington DC in June of this year and I am anticipating learning a lot of new things about all aspects of librarianship.
Fourth Annual Silicon Valley Puzzle Day Success
Lisa Pampuch and Emily Shem-Tov, Puzzle Day Co-Chairs

Thank you to all the Friends of the Library and other volunteers who made the Fourth Annual Silicon Valley Puzzle Day such a wonderful success!

Organized by the Morgan Hill Library Foundation, the weekend attracted more than 200 attendees and volunteers, there to enjoy a full weekend of puzzles and fun. Saturday featured a full day of workshops, and by some amazing stroke of luck (or gift from Will Shortz) the constructors of both Saturday and Sunday’s NY Times puzzles participated on our constructor panel (along with many other puzzle all-stars). Sunday included the sudoku tournament in the morning plus a bonus killer sudoku round, and crosswords in the afternoon with a cryptic crossword round (which ended in a sudden-death tie-breaker question). The top three adult scorers in sudoku and crossword (based on accuracy and time) had to battle it out on the giant boards in front of the room. We gave out trophies for the top winner in each category and lots of prizes to the kids who competed, plus judges’ choice awards for best handwriting, best Morgan Hill puzzler (which went to an 11-year-old who competed in all the rounds), and one to the person who traveled the greatest distance (coming from Arizona for the weekend to attend). We also had a giant community puzzle (we’ve done that each year) where everyone can gather around and work on it together on a huge dry-erase grid (this year’s theme was all about fours).

A special thank you to our committee members including Vicky Reader who handled all the volunteers and food (arranging for nice box lunches from Main Street Bagels), Sarah Flowers, Marty Cheek, Brian Conrey, and the entire Holmstrom family. BookSmart continues to be a huge sponsor of the event, providing prizes and setting up a book store at the library to sell puzzle books and other items. Rebecca Van Dahlen of Coldwell Banker provided the Puzzle Day T-shirts for volunteers and Jamba Jucie provided certificates for free smoothies to everyone who turned in perfect puzzles in the preliminary rounds. Additional prizes were provided by Paula Scotney-Castle from Discovery Toys, Wisdom Creek Press, and Mark Diehl, author of the 21st Century Crossword Puzzle Dictionary. Our tournament puzzles were provided by Will Shortz, Thomas Snyder, Wei-Hwa Huang and Mark Diehl.

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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.

Are We Still Friends?

Remember, your 2009 FMHL membership expired on December 31; if you haven’t renewed, it’s time do so. You can renew online at the FMHL web site (www.friendsmhlibrary.org) and click the renewal link on the left side of the page) or pick up a form at the Morgan Hill Library.

The following membership levels are available:
- Individual ($10)
- Individual 5-year ($50)
- Family ($20)
- Family 5-year ($100)
- Sponsor ($50)
- Patron ($100)
- Business/Corporate ($250)
- Lifetime ($500)

Your support is important to helping provide books, programs and supplies for the library. Renew today!

Donate Gently Used Prom Attire

If you have gently used prom attire, donate it at the Morgan Hill Library by March 15. Take your clothes (dresses, suits, tuxedos, shoes) to the library’s information desk. All donated clothes will be distributed to Morgan Hill teens at no cost.