

## Upcoming Events

July 22, 6:30 pm

**Speakers Forum:** Prospective Candidates Forum, Library Program Room

July 29, 7:00 pm

**Speakers Forum:** Steven Yvaska, The Seasoned Collector, Library Program Room

August 19, 7 pm

**FMHL Board Meeting,** Library Program Room

Saturday, November 6

**Big Book Sale** (Members only preview is Friday, November 5)

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## Upcoming Speakers Forum Events

The Friends of the Morgan Hill Library are excited to offer two Speakers Forum events in July:

### Prospective Candidates Forum

Ever thought about running for elected office? Circle **July 22** on your calendar and plan to attend our Prospective Candidates Forum, co-sponsored by Leadership Morgan Hill and the Morgan Hill Times. Join us at 6:30 pm to learn about the filing and campaigning process, the skills and personality traits that help ensure success as an elected official, the time commitments and the rewards of serving as an elected official, and more.



Democracy is best served when voters can choose from more than one well-qualified candidate for every open seat – and multiple city council and school board seats and one Gavilan Community College board seat will appear on the November ballot. The deadline to file to run is August 6 (August 11 if the incumbent for a seat doesn't file). Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about running for and serving in an elected office.

### The Six Factors That Determine the Value of Antiques and Collectibles

Steven Yvaska, best-known for his widely read "The Seasoned Collector" column that appears in the San Jose Mercury News, is appearing as a Speakers Forum guest. Mr. Yvaska will be at the Morgan Hill Library on Thursday, **July 29**, at 7 pm. Entertaining and informative, he will discuss "The Six Factors That Determine the Value of Antiques and Collectibles."

With a Bachelor's degree in Education and a Master's in Environmental Arts, both from Syracuse University, Mr. Yvaska considers himself a born teacher. Locally, he has taught classes on antiques through the Morgan Hill Adult Education program and been a guest speaker for some of our South County civic and community groups. Mr. Yvaska's graduate thesis was on American silver, and he also has discussed and written about American art pottery, glass, jewelry, holiday collectibles, ocean liner memorabilia and postcards. His work has been reprinted in professional newsletters and bulletins and on web sites.



## Message from the President

Vicky Reader, readerv@earthlink.net

Summer finds us over 160 members strong with some new Friends joining during the April Preview Night to get first dibs on our wares. Others became members during the Big Book Sale or while visiting the Friends bookstore, especially after hearing of the new monthly member discount benefit. Be sure to pick up your membership card in the bookstore and use it to save even more off what are already giveaway prices. We are especially grateful to our supporters who treat their books and other donations with such care that we can offer them in "like new" condition. While escaping the heat on a lazy summer day, perhaps you can scour your shelves and reading nooks for books, audio, and video treasures you are ready to share with others. We always welcome quality donations of these materials.



Primarily through bookstore sales and purchases from our online storefront

<http://www.amazon.com/shops/MHLibraryFriends>, the Friends are able to support our library throughout the year. The summer reading clubs for children, teens, and adults are an example of how the Friends benefit our community. Besides providing materials and prizes for these popular programs, many special events and activities are possible because the Friends can fund them. In June alone, these include weekly children's events (WERC Owls, Swazzle Puppets, Magic Hat Show, Bubble Lady), the Summer Teen Book Discussion, and teen crafts sessions (Marbleized Paper, Sea Creature Plushies). The monthly adult Great Decisions and Book Discussion meetings also are made possible as a result of funding from the Friends.

### Art in the Morgan Hill Library

#### OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY



"New Eyes a Milestone" by Evelyn Clark  
In this vibrant, colorful sculpture, a small child is perched on a wheelchair and is reaching, stone that takes her and the little friends to imaginary games. These friends are located in the Morgan Hill community. Located near the library entrance.



"Many Times" by Chimene Araki  
This bronze sculpture depicts a mother sharing the joy of reading with her child, while sitting on a park bench. Located along the front walkway.



"Knowledge is Power" by Chimene Araki  
A small boy with a book in his hands on top of the world is the bronze sculpture. Located on the main floor.



From the monies previously raised through the Beyond Books Campaign (BBC), the Friends continue to help outfit the library. So far this year, projects funded range from installing Wi-Fi in the Program Room, repairing carpet at the circulation desk, increasing shelving in the children's area, and getting some shade for the staff's patio. Remaining BBC funds are earmarked for more furnishings as needs are identified, as well as another piece of art. Special thanks to Community Librarian Peggy Tomasso for recently updating information on the County Library web site about our library's art collection. We hope to incorporate this into a handy guide for patrons to enjoy each piece of art firsthand while visiting the library. See <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/morganhill/PDFs/ArtWork%20in%20the%20MH%20Library%202009%20handoutwPictures.pdf>.

As you can see, the Friends collectively enhance our library's programs, services, and facilities – a primary objective of our volunteer organization. We have a special need right now to help develop materials to extend our reach in sharing just how special and welcoming our library is. Related to this, we have a growing need for our web site to be revamped. If you have the skills and even a slight inclination to help, I hope you contact me so we can complement what is already a solid, committed volunteer base.

In closing, please join me in congratulating Peggy Tomasso for her promotion and return to the Morgan Hill Library. The Friends are strengthened in partnering with a great library staff. Thanks for being a Friend! Special thanks to the volunteers who do so much and more!

## Congrats to Vicky!

Congratulations to Vicky Reader who received a Tribute to Women (TWIN) award presented by the YWCA of Silicon Valley at a gala dinner on May 20. The prestigious awards recognize successful women executives for their outstanding achievements. Vicky is vice president of Operations at InnVision the Way Home, a provider of housing and services for homeless individuals and families. Vicky is also active in our community. Besides serving as president of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library, she is active in other local organizations like the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Morgan Hill Chapter, where she is a member of the the Wildflower Run committee.

## *Morgan Hill Librarian's Report*

Peggy Tomasso was appointed as the new Community Librarian starting April 6. Library staff will be gearing up for a very busy summer with a couple of our key staff members gone. Saralyn Otter will be on a maternity leave during July, August and September. Tracy Casimiro is getting married back east and will be gone for a good part of July and August.

The staff will greatly miss librarian Nicholas Clayton when he leaves to take the full time adult position at the Gilroy Library but are thrilled that he isn't far away. Join me in welcoming Kelly McKean who will replace Nicholas and comes to us from the Saratoga Library. Megan Campbell, part-time clerk and library school student, will be gone for three months to do a practicum at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco this summer. We will miss her while she is gone but know what a great opportunity she will have and that she will bring back some wonderful experience!

### **Programs funded by the Friends in May and June:**

*Children's:* 5/1 Colibri: a lively musical journey through Latin America, 6/12 Silent Hunters-California Owls, 6/19 Swazzle Puppets presents a Watercolor Puppet Show, 6/23 Incredible Magic Hat Show, 6/26, and 6/30 Bubble Lady

*Teen:* 5/1 Free Comic Book Day, 6/8 Make Your Own Marbleized Paper and 6/22 Sea Creature Plushies.

*Adult:* 5/20 Great Decisions: U.S. and China Relations, 5/27 Book Discussion: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, World Fantasy Soccer Sign Up (bilingual), 6/10 Mystery Author Laura Crum, 6/17 Great Decisions: Global Financial Crisis, 6/24 Book Discussion: *Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian* by Alexie Sherman.

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## *Notes from the Volunteer Coordinator*

Karen MacDonald, 779-3995, karenmacdonald@charter.net

### **Book Sale Volunteers**

Our wonderful group of volunteers keeps growing. Thirty volunteers work a regular shift in the bookstore, and many more are substitutes. Other volunteers sort books and work the big book sales. Three high school students come in regularly to stock the bookstore and Bargain Books. Our tidy, well-stocked store and helpful, friendly volunteers entice customers to come in often and find wonderful bargains. This is what makes the store so successful. Keep up the great work, everyone!

Most of the regular shifts are filled, but a few time slots are still available. Can you work one of these?

- Tuesday, 4pm-7pm
- Tuesday, 11am to 1pm during lobby hours

Please contact me if you can help out. Thanks for all you do for the Friends of the Library!

### **Additional Volunteer Opportunities**

In addition to book sales, the Friends have other volunteer needs:

- **Supplies Stocker** — Buy office supplies as needed (cash register tape, ink for computer printer, etc.). This job would not take much time but is very important so that we don't run out of essential supplies. Contact Leigh Donaldson, leighdonaldson@charter.net for details.
- **Web Designer** — We have a web site ([www.friendsmhlibrary.org](http://www.friendsmhlibrary.org)), but it needs a fresh, new look. Can you help us? (The web manager will continue to update the content.) Contact Vicky Reader, [readerv@earthlink.net](mailto:readerv@earthlink.net), to learn more.
- **Bookstore Stockers** — Additional bookstore stockers are needed to help keep the store and Bargain Books tidy and stocked. This should take about an hour once or twice a week in the afternoon or evening. Contact Karen.
- **Event Promotion** — We need a volunteer to distribute and post flyers for Speakers Forums and Big Book Sales. An additional person could be responsible for submitting FMHL events to online calendars. For more information, contact Carol O'Hare, [cbohare@garlic.com](mailto:cbohare@garlic.com).
- **Brochure Stocker** — Keep printed materials (Friends brochure, Donations handout) stocked in the bookstore, and make copies as needed. Contact Karen.

## *Notes from the Book Sales Coordinator*

Leigh Donaldson, LeighDonaldson@Charter.net

Summer brings many of us to the library looking for the books to take for our vacation reading, and the Friends have bargains for you! Our bargain book and video nook in the library's lobby usually has over 500 books that you can pick up for only 25¢. Or come into the bookstore and you'll spend 50¢ to \$1 for amazing titles. Newer, (2008-2010) or best sellers are usually priced higher, but they are still quite a bargain! And children's titles begin at 25¢. We sell everything — books, CDs, DVDs and puzzles — at deeply discounted prices. Stop by soon to stock up for summer.

### Half-Price Sales

Be sure to watch your email for special half-price sales in the bookstore. Dates are determined by donation volume, so we can't predict much in advance when they will happen, but we'll send notification to all members via the email address on file. Is your email address up to date? Contact Teresa Stephenson stephensonjr@earthlink.net to update your email address today.



### Sorting Squad

Did you know that donations to the library are sorted three times a week? Teams of volunteers sort all donations on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, including:

Valerie Chambliss  
Jenny Davis  
Leigh Donaldson

Roberta Henderson  
Carol O'Hare  
Karen MacDonald  
Russ Pflasterer

Elizabeth Mandel  
Elaine Reimer  
Mary Ringo  
Jan Sanders

General guidelines help to decide in which sales avenue the donations are placed, Amazon online sales, FMHL bookstore, or saved for the Big Book Sale. And sorting 'specialists' make the donation's path as consistent as possible:

- **Roberta Henderson** researches, lists, packs and mails our online items.
- **Elizabeth Mandel** has expertise with the science fiction items, and prices those donations.
- **Carol O'Hare** is our old and rare book specialist, and the red dot cart and big sale selection guru.
- **Elaine Reimer** helps keep the bookstore and sorting room stocked and organized as possible and helps train new volunteers as needed.
- **Mary Ringo** is our pricing specialist; she prices almost everything for sale in the bookstore.
- **Jan Sanders** is our new sign guru; she recently helped update the bookstore signs so it is easier to locate specific categories, and find what's on sale.

What a crew! If you see any of these dedicated volunteers on the street, be sure to thank them for their continued support of the library.

### Donations

We can always use more donations, so we encourage you to clean out your personal bookshelves and keep the Sorting Squad busy.

### Book Sale Committee meetings

The monthly meetings of the Book Sale Committee are on vacation this summer. Next meeting is set for 10 am on September 25. All members are welcome to attend to help plan our book sale operations. Remember to visit often to purchase new-to-you items and that all proceeds benefit the Morgan Hill Library's programs and services.

### Fun facts about FMHL book sales:

- The bookstore usually has an interesting selection of puzzles for all ages.
- The Red Dot cart is full of half-price treasures.
- Membership cards give you an instant 50 percent discount of one item each month.
- More than 500 items are offered for sale at our Amazon storefront [www.amazon.com/shops/MHLibraryFriends](http://www.amazon.com/shops/MHLibraryFriends)

## *Secretary's Report*

by Valerie Chambliss

Highlights from the June board meeting:

- Community Librarian Peggy Tomasso and FMHL President Vicky Reader met with Rachel Goodman, District Director for Assemblyman William Monning, on Legislative Day in April during National Library Week to discuss how the state budget affects library services.
- FMHL's bank accounts are now consolidated at one bank, South Valley National, with two 12-month CDs earning somewhat higher interest than checking.
- FMHL is keeping a high profile in the community with our participation in the April 24 and 25 Morgan Hill Historical Society Spring Boutique and the May 1 Art a la Carte children's event. We plan to participate in A Taste of Morgan Hill on September 25 and 26 and will look for volunteers for our booth.
- FMHL is partnering with Leadership Morgan Hill and the Morgan Hill Times to present a special Speakers Forum event, a prospective candidates forum set for July 22. A panel of experts will tell prospective candidates what to expect when filing, running, and serving as an elected official.
- Another Speakers Forum will be held on July 29 with Steve Yvaska discussing antiques and collectibles. Suggestions for future topics and speakers are welcome.

The next FMHL board meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 19, at 7 pm in the Program Room.

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## *Morgan Hill Library Foundation*



The Friends of the Morgan Hill Library do an amazing job raising money to support so many of the day-to-day needs of the library that aren't met in the library's budget alone -- from summer reading program prizes to best seller book collections to extra furnishings and supplies that the library staff requests. But what about the longer-term needs of the library?

The Morgan Hill Library Foundation was formed as a sister organization to FMHL with the mission of supporting 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. By encouraging private support through gifts, trusts, government and private foundation grants, corporate sponsorships, and bequests, the Foundation hopes to build up funds to support the major, long-term needs of the Morgan Hill Library, such as facilities and operational hours, complementing the work done each year by the Friends.

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.

Donations are invested with the Morgan Hill Community Foundation (and in turn, its investments are part of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation's larger asset base) to assure strong fiscal management and returns so that together we can lay the groundwork for our library's successful future.

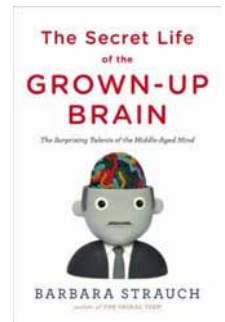
Learn more about ways that you can support the Library Foundation at <http://www.mhlf.org>

## 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](mailto:emily@chocolatespoon.com) for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter.

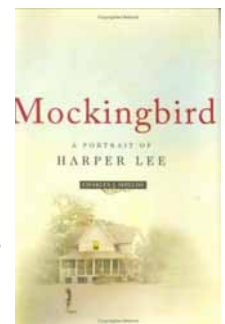
Karen MacDonald: *The Secret Life of the Grown-Up Brain*

Have you ever walked into a room and wondered why you were there, lost your keys, had the word you wanted on the tip of your tongue but can't remember it? Me too! These frequent lapses in memory made me wonder if I was losing my mind. *The Secret Life of the Grown-Up Brain: The Surprising Talents of the Middle-Aged Mind*, written by Barbara Strauch, answered many questions that I had about my aging brain. The author is the deputy science editor and health and medical science editor at the New York Times, and the author of another book about the teenage brain. All the information in this book is based on scientific research and is presented in a way that is quite readable. If you ever wondered about why you don't remember things you used to, this book is for you. She also looks at how we can increase brain cells for a better quality life as we age. It's informative, it's funny, and I felt better about my memory lapses after reading this book.



Kathy Sullivan: *Mockingbird, A Portrait of Harper Lee* by Charles J. Shields

This book is not just a biography of a famous yet mysterious author, it is the biography of two American classic novels. *To Kill a Mockingbird* is of course her famous novel -- and the only novel Harper Lee ever published. What was less well known is that Harper Lee had an unacknowledged role in the creation of Truman Capote's modern masterpiece of non-fiction, *In Cold Blood*. This book gives you the genesis of two classic American novels and how the childhood friendship of two writers blended to produce two different but brilliant literary works.



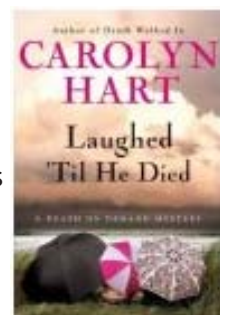
Lisa Pampuch: Millennium Trilogy by Stieg Larsson

Although set in Sweden, Stieg Larsson's Millennium trilogy is perfect for Silicon Valley readers, thanks to the thrillers' extensive use of high-tech tools and computer hacking. They're especially intriguing for me because they're also set in the world of journalism. Lisbeth Salandar is a young woman with issues -- she might have a developmental disorder like Asperger's Syndrome and she definitely has some shady friends -- and gifts -- she's extremely intelligent, a gifted computer programmer and hacker with a photographic memory -- who crosses paths with intrepid, idealistic editor and reporter Mikael Blomkvist. The trilogy's first book is *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*, and although it gets off to a bit of a slow start as it introduces characters and situations, stick with it and you'll find yourself in the middle of a nail-biting page turner. It's followed by *The Girl Who Played With Fire*, another thriller, and the trilogy ends with *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest*. Perfect beach reads, take these along on your next trip or plan to spend an exciting afternoon plunged into the intrigue that fills these well-drawn characters' lives. Hollywood is in the process of casting for a movie of the first book. Who do you see as Lisbeth and Mikael? I'd pick Natalie Portman and Daniel Craig, both rumored to be in the running.



Emily Shem-Tov: *Laughed 'Til He Died* by Carolyn Hart

Back for her 20th in the *Death on Demand* Series, Carolyn Hart's latest doesn't disappoint. If you're looking for a light and fun mystery series with some great characters and lots of allusions to other mysteries, definitely check out this series. The series follows mystery bookseller Annie Lawrence Darling as she sells books and solves murders at her small town bookstore. *Laughed 'Til He Died* picks up the series for another installment and delivers another dose of the same great mystery fun the others in the series all have. Perfect summer reading.



Congratulations to former Morgan Hill Community Librarian Rosanne Macek, who is now the City of Mountain View's Library Director.

## *Treasurer's Report*

by Gina Kightly

The financial position of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library continues to be strong. As of June 16, 2010, our book sales, online sales and bookstore had \$28,098 in revenue. All other income (membership dues, donations and interest) totaled \$3,787. So far this year, FMHL has used \$9,838 of these funds to support the Morgan Hill Library programs and activities. In addition, Beyond Books Campaign funds provided \$3,805 for library furnishings. The Friends currently have \$66,552 on hand, plus \$39,948 on hand in Beyond Books Campaign funds.

## *Morgan Hill Library, Culture & Arts Commission Welcomes Three New Commissioners*

Murv Little, long-time member of FMHL, along with Pamela Meador and Jonathan Brusco were recently appointed to the Morgan Hill Library, Culture and Arts Commission. They join commissioners Amy Whelan (Chair), Stan D. Salah, Ellen McKissock, and Anita Woodson. Commissioners Valerie Chambliss, Emily Shem-Tov and Victor Gaxiola stepped down when their terms expired but are sure to stay active with library and arts issues in the community. The next meeting will be on July 13 at 7 pm at the library and is open to the public.



### *Art a la Carte*

A special thank you to all the Friends who made our booth at the May 1st Art a la Carte event such a success, including Valerie, Katie, Gina, Florence, and Kathy S. Special thanks to Joe who set up and take down. Katie Scanlon even provided some free books for people to take, which gave the parents something to do while they waited for their kids to color their bookmarks and gave the volunteers a chance to explain how the Friends fundraise.

### *Meet a Friend*

Starting in August of this year we will be starting a new recognition program called, Meet a Friend. We will be selecting an individual monthly who has volunteered for the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library. This individual will be spotlighted so we can learn more about them and the work they do for the library.

We have many wonderful volunteers who serve in a wide variety of tasks and different roles to support the library. Many give enough hours for it to count as a part time job, while others serve when time permits. All are valuable assets to our program and deserve praise and thanks. In an effort to have all our volunteers' efforts valued, we have chosen to make this a random selection for eleven of the twelve months.

This program will allow us to thank the individual chosen as well as to promote the many different avenues to serve available to the public. We know our Friends are our best advertisement for our program and look forward to having them recognized.

## *Intimacy, Vitality, Sex: What We Need to Know in Later Years*

Join engaging gerontologist Vivian Silva as she repeats her knowledgeable lecture sprinkled with humor and positive reflections. **July 15, from 7-8:30 pm**, in the library's Program Room. Presented in collaboration with the Plane Tree Health Library.

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**Library Hours:**

Sunday and Monday: Closed

Tuesday Lobby Hours: 10am - 1pm

Tuesday: 1pm - 9pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 10am - 9pm

Friday & Saturday: 10am - 6pm

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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.*

## Summer Reading Programs for Kids, Teens and Adults

The library's summer reading program is making a huge splash this year! By mid-June, almost 500 kids (not including teens or adults) have signed up -- more than had signed up all last summer. This year, kids receive their incentive books when they sign up instead of at the end of the program. Because lots of people forgot to pick up their prize books at the end, this ensures that we get books into kids' hands and keep them reading over the summer, which of course is the goal! Saralyn Otter, Children's Supervising Librarian reminds us, "Every one of those incentive books was purchased with money from the Friends, so there is no way we could make this happen without their support. The Friends are also the sole provider of funding for all of the programming, which this year includes magic shows, live animals from the rainforest, and a traveling aquarium. There wouldn't be a Summer Reading Club without the Friends!"



It's not too late to sign up -- join the Summer Reading Club at the Morgan Hill Library (June 1 - August 31) today! Stop by the Information Desk to pick up your packet of information (including a snazzy blue book bag and coupon for the bookstore!)

### *Save a Tree, Save a Stamp*

To save paper and postage, all Friends with email addresses will receive future newsletters via soft copy. If you must have a hard copy mailed to you, please send a written request to Teresa Stephenson, c/o FMHL, 660 W. Main Ave, Morgan Hill 95037.

If you have any problems receiving your soft copy newsletters, please email [stephensonjr@earthlink.net](mailto:stephensonjr@earthlink.net).