



BOOKENDS

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Upcoming Events

November 4:
2010 MH Community Foundation Philanthropy Day Luncheon.

Community & Cultural Center,
Friends honoring longtime
volunteer, Mary Ringo,
11:30am – 2:00pm

November 4:
Friends Speakers Forum,
Library Program Room,
"442: Live with Honor, Die with Dignity," 6:30pm –
8:30pm

November 5-6:
Big Book Sale – Members'
Preview Friday night, public
sale Saturday

November 11-14:
MH Historical Society Holiday Boutique – FMHL
participating and will have
books for sale

December 9:
Friends Speakers Forum,
Library Program Room,
Mr. and Mrs. Roadshow from
the San Jose Mercury News;
6:30pm

December 9:
FMHL General Membership meeting, 7:45pm following
Speakers Forum



FRIENDS FALL Potluck

Sunday, October 24th, 1pm-4pm
1026 Llagas Rd

Join us at the home of Valerie Chambliss, FMHL secretary and former Library, Culture, and Arts Commissioner, for a fall potluck. Please bring a salad, hors d'oeuvres, or dessert to share. Significant Others are welcome!

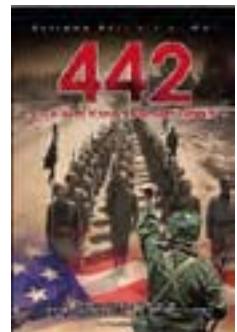
Did you know that FMHL has 83 volunteering members, an impressive 50% of our total membership!! How many do you know? Bookstore volunteers may only know the person who works before or after them. Some sorters only know the people who work on the day they sort. Big Book Sales volunteers may not know sorters and bookstore volunteers. Many non-bookstore volunteers only regularly help with special events or special projects and have not had the opportunity to meet other Friend volunteers. So, please come to our fall potluck so you can meet all the terrific volunteers in our great organization.

If you are able to attend, please RSVP to Karen MacDonald at karenmacdonald@charter.net.



442nd Infantry: Film & Talk on Nov 4

During World War II, Japanese-American soldiers of the 442nd Infantry Regiment fought not only the enemy but also prejudice and racial discrimination in the U.S. Theirs was an ironic situation, fighting for a country that had branded them as enemies. But these young men bravely volunteered and proved their loyalty as patriotic Americans. By the end of the war, the 442nd had become one of the most decorated regiments for its size and length of service in the history of the U.S. military.



Join us on November 4 as the Friends Speakers Forum presents the documentary film, "442: Live with Honor, Die with Dignity." This film uses archival footage and interviews with regiment members to reveal the 442nd's little-known history. Morgan Hill's Lawson Sakai, who is interviewed in the film, will also speak about his experiences. Now 86 years old, Mr. Sakai has been organizing reunions of the 442nd and is a leader of the Family and Friends of Nisei Veterans.

The event runs from 6:30pm – 8:30pm in the Library Program Room and is co-sponsored by the Morgan Hill Times, Poppy Jasper Film Festival, and Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center.

Message from the President

Vicky Reader, readerv@earthlink.net

Welcome to the fall issue of the FMHL newsletter. It's been a great year so far. Here's to the rest of 2010!

► **Taste of Morgan Hill** – The Friends again hosted a booth during the weekend of September 25-26 with info about library resources and activities, including ways FMHL and the MH Library Foundation support our library. Thanks to those who answered the call to volunteer: Community Librarian Peggy Tomasso and library staff members Hylary Locsin and Marianne Pridemore; fellow Friends Yvonne Duckett, Liz Fallon, Trisha Gordon, Sue and Staten Johnson, Joseph Reader, Pat Scharfe, Peggy Skinner, Teresa Stephenson, and Kathy Sullivan. We also thank Library, Culture, and Art Commission Chair Amy Whelan and Commissioner Anita Woodson for joining us.

► **Speakers Forum** – Over 100 people attended this summer's Speakers Forum events. As would be expected, different audiences from the community at large attended each of the presentations. Regardless of the topic, common to all of these programs was the engaging interchange between presenters and attendees. Special thanks to Lisa Pampuch, FMHL Bookends Co-Editor, for taking the lead with co-sponsors on the "Prospective Candidates Forum" and to Carol O'Hare for coordinating the "90th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage" presentation narrated by Friends Jane Blissett, Marty Cheek, and Carol O'Hare, and Sobrato High School senior Emma Northcott. Marty served as videographer for these Forums for subsequent MHAT or computer viewing. San Jose Mercury News "Seasoned Collector" columnist Steven Yvaska was pleased to see South County fans again and meet new people. See you at the next Speakers Forum events conveniently scheduled at 6:30pm in our Library Program Room!



Kathy Sullivan, FMHL and MHUSD board member, speaks at the Prospective Candidates Forum. The recording is available at blip.tv/file/3925210

- On November 4, Lawson Sakai of Morgan Hill, who is interviewed in the film "442: Live with Honor, Die with Dignity," will add to the documentary by sharing his experiences as a Japanese-American soldier in Europe during World War II.

- On December 9, Gary Richards, aka Mr. Roadshow of the San Jose Mercury News, motors down to visit us in Morgan Hill, accompanied by Mrs. Roadshow. We expect lively Qs & As and insights into transportation issues which affect us.

► **FMHL Recognizes Mary Ringo** – While it was difficult to call out one excellent volunteer, the Board is proud to publicly acknowledge Mary for her dedicated service. Mary has been selected as the Friends' honoree for the Morgan Hill Community Philanthropy Day luncheon on November 4. Mary has been volunteering with the Friends for 15 (!) years; as the book sales pricing expert, she contributes greatly to overall sales averaging ~\$1,000 per week year-to-date. At least twice weekly, Mary assesses incoming donations set aside by the other 16 volunteer sorters for her review. As a voracious reader and collector of first edition hardback books, Mary does a fantastic job pricing Friends bookstore materials. She also volunteers for other Friends activities, especially the popular Big Book Sales and, more recently, the MH Historical Society boutiques. Congratulations, Mary!



90th Anniversary narrators Jane Blissett, Carol O'Hare, Marty Cheek and Emma Northcott.

► **General Membership Meeting on December 9** – Following the Mr. and Mrs. Roadshow talk, we will hold the Friends annual meeting. The agenda will include the important matters of electing 2011 officers, reviewing the 2010 financials, and previewing the 2011 budget. With a profitable book sales operation thanks to the thousands of volunteer hours invested, we have the luxury of net proceeds to support the library's day-to-day needs and then some. I welcome and encourage your thoughts about the use of FMHL monies to continue to seed the coffers for the next parcel tax campaign and to begin supporting the library's longer-term needs through the MH Library Foundation. Please let me hear from you.



Philanthropy Day honoree Mary Ringo captured voting. MH Times photo.

Morgan Hill Librarian's Report

Peggy Tomasso, Community Librarian

It's back to school time, and the library has been invited by the Morgan Hill Unified School District to present information and ideas for partnering at the principals' meetings in October as well as at the Home and School Club meeting. We are looking forward to building a stronger relationship with the schools and the district.

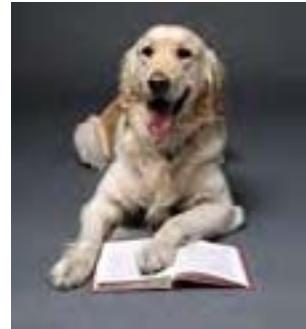
Staff News: We welcome Rebecca Leverton as our new coded page. Rebecca has worked at the Morgan Hill Library for 8 years as an extra-help page and brings many needed skills with the added bonus of speaking Spanish! Our half-time clerk, Megan Campbell, resigned to pursue her library school education.

July/August/September Program Highlights:

- ▶ Children: Reading Buddies on 7/10 and 7/14, 7/17 Marine Science Institute brought their aquarium, 7/21 Corny Crow show with Steve Chaney, 7/22 Special story times with singer/songwriter Marylee Sunseri, 7/24 Family Movie Matinee: Planet 51, 7/28 Summer Reading Club Luau Party, 9/25 Family Movie Matinee, Book Discussion Groups for 3rd - 4th graders and 5th - 6th graders.
- ▶ Teens: 7/13 Tie Dye and Lava Lamp Craft, 7/20 Teen Movie Matinee: Avatar, 7/23 Make your own candy sushi, 7/27 Book Discussion: *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, 9/4 Practice SAT, 9/11 and 9/18 Practice ACT, 9/21 Back to School Homework Resources at the Morgan Hill Library.
- ▶ Adults: Knit in every Tuesday night, 7/15 Intimacy, Vitality, and Sex: What We Need to Know in Later Years, 7/22 Prospective Candidates Forum, 7/29 Six Factors That Determine the Value of Antiques and Collectibles, 7/29 Book Discussion: *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski, 9/16 Great Decisions: Russia and its Neighbors, 9/16, 9/23 and 9/30 Beginning Bridge.

Upcoming Programs:

- ▶ Children's: Every Thursday and Friday Super Scholars tutoring for children 10-12. Sessions are in partnership with the Girl Scouts, 9/8 and 10/13 Reading Buddies, 10/20 Learn to Make costumes from Household Materials with Holly Cleeland, and five weekly story times.
- ▶ Teen: 9/28 and 10/19 Teen Movie Matinee , and 10/26 College Application Essay Workshop.
- ▶ Adult: Every Tuesday Knit-In group, 10/21Great Decisions: The Persian Gulf. Book Discussions: 9/30 *Earth Abides* by George Stewart and 10/30 *Great Fire* by Shirley Hazzard.



Reading Buddies is a program where children read books aloud to pets, to help increase their confidence and reading ability.

Highlights from August Board Meeting

Valerie Chambliss, Secretary

- ▶ South County Community Garage Sale, September 18-19: On the Garage Sale Kit page of the City of Morgan Hill's Second Chance Week website (www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/index.aspx?NID=855), current FMHL Donation Guidelines is hyperlinked for all to see what they can do if they have "unwanted books" left over after their garage sale.
- ▶ Taste of Morgan Hill: Friends and Library staff will again partner at a booth to provide information about library services. The MH Library Foundation also will have materials available.
- ▶ Volunteers for non-Bookstore projects: Kathy Sullivan is in touch with Central High School faculty about having a group of students assist with putting together a brochure on the library artwork, using photos and descriptions recently updated by Librarian Peggy Tomasso, and including a map with locations of each piece of art inside and outside the library.



Notes from the Book Sales Coordinator

Leigh Donaldson, LeighDonaldson@Charter.net

Did you visit the bookstore during one of our special sales this summer? Twice this summer, donations were so plentiful that the sorting crew decided it was necessary to reduce inventory. In July, fiction titles were on sale for half price, and for two weeks in August, everything in the entire bookstore was half price. We hope that you had an opportunity to shop and check out the fantastic bargains during the sale weeks.

We will continue to hold periodic special sales as donation levels fluctuate. Although sales are unscheduled, they are planned about a week prior to each event. Be sure your Friends membership and email address is up-to-date to receive sale notices via email prior to the beginning of each sale, and remember memberships expire on December 31st.



After each special sale, sorters "refresh" the bookstore, specifically the sections that were featured in the sale. Each unsold sale item is reviewed, and the book may be boxed for the next Friends Big Book Sale, or its price may be reduced. This allows us to restock the bookstore with even more new donations, so we hope you come in often.

Membership Report

Teresa Stephenson, Vice President

We currently have 171 memberships in the Friends; 28 are new this year. Only 18 members receive hardcopy newsletters in the mail now, down from 54 last year, which saves paper, time, printing costs, and postage. Anyone members joining or renewing in November or December this year will have memberships expiring at the end of 2011, with new discount cards available in January. Please consider renewing the end of this year and take advantage of the tax-deduction in 2010. New discount cards will be available in January.

Treasurer's Report

Gina Kightly

As of August 31, 2010, the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library has already achieved the revenue budgeted for the full year. Expenses are tracking slightly over year-to-date projections, primarily due to the record popularity of the Friends-funded summer reading programs amongst children, teens, and adults. Book sales revenue totals over \$35,000, with the Friends bookstore earning over \$22,000 and online sales over \$12,000. Friends contributed directly to library activities by contributing \$7,900 toward payroll expense for a part-time, Spanish-speaking librarian; over \$8,000 in support of children's programs; and \$10,000 for new displays in the children's and adult areas.

We were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Shirley Silva on September 1. Shirley was a longtime member of the Friends and an active volunteer. She served as treasurer in 1999 and 2000 and helped with book sales in the old library. In 1997 she proposed book sale Preview Nights, now one of the most popular benefits of membership. She currently worked a regular shift in the Friends bookstore. Our condolences to her family.



Local Election Candidate Forum

AAUW-Morgan Hill and the Morgan Hill Times will present a Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 13, 7 p.m. at the Morgan Hill Community Playhouse (5th St and Monterey Road). All candidates for mayor (three), city council (eight) and school board (nine) have been invited to participate.



This is your chance to learn about the candidates and their positions on the serious issues facing our community.

If you have questions for the candidates, contact Robert Aioldi, 779-4106, editor@morganhilltimes.com.

Volunteer Opportunities at Upcoming Events

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

FMHL has two events coming up for which we need volunteers. Can you help?

First is our **Fall Big Book Sale** on November 5th and 6th. We always need lots of help on Friday morning for set-up from 9am to noon—getting tables set up, bringing boxes of books out of storage, arranging books on tables and putting signage out. It's quite a workout, but with many hands, it's not too daunting a task! Last April's set up crew was great, and we were finished way before noon. We will also need volunteers to work Preview Night on Friday, Nov. 5th, from 7pm-8:30pm. On Saturday, we need more volunteers to work three-hour shifts from 10am-4:30 pm. Extra hands are always welcome around 4pm to help with the clean-up.

The other event is the Morgan Hill Historical Society **Holiday Boutique** held at Villa Mira Monte. It takes place on Friday, November 12th – Sunday, November 14th. It is a great opportunity to let our community know about our organization, as well as to sell books and make some additional money for the library. We need volunteers to work two-hour shifts on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the Friends table. Additionally, we need two volunteers to help with cashiering for a two-hour shift. We plan to sell old and rare books, coffee table books, holiday books, and books about California. We will also provide handouts about the Friends and upcoming programs and events. The boutique hours are 10am-6pm on Friday and 10am-4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Please contact me at karenmacdonald@charter.net if you can work at either of these events. I already have a few eager beavers who have requested certain shifts. I hope to hear from lots more of you great volunteers!

Bronze Sculptures Polished

In August , the Friends partnered with the Library, Culture, and Arts Commission to clean some of the city's bronze sculptures. Karen MacDonald, Carol O'Hare, Vicky Reader, and Teresa Stephenson cleaned and waxed the two bronze sculptures created by artist Evelyn Davis: "Liberty," the bobcat sculpture on the path near the CRC, and "Once Upon a Mushroom," which is located in front of the library. Previously, they helped Marlene Amerian and her husband Alan clean and polish her large bronze sculpture, "Waiting for the Train," located on Depot Street. All sculptures are property of the City of Morgan Hill, which relies on volunteers for their maintenance.



Teresa and Karen with "Once Upon a Mushroom"

Book Publishing 1-2-3 at Library



A free program on book publishing will take place on Thursday, October 28, 7 p.m. at the Morgan Hill Library. The lecture/workshop is designed to inform and inspire aspiring authors. It includes information on self-publishing and e-books, the traditional publishing process, and practical ideas about how writers sell their work.

The program presenter is book editor/proofreader Laurie Gibson, whose editing/proofreading projects range from *The Color Purple* (Alice Walker) to *Tales from Margaritaville* (Jimmy Buffett) and several titles by Brian Tracy, the bestselling business author. A professional book editor and proofreader for more than a dozen years, Laurie Gibson works with both experienced and first-time authors to help improve their writing and enhance their connection with readers. She also served as an instructor for the Extension program at both U.C. San Diego and U.C.L.A. for nearly a decade.

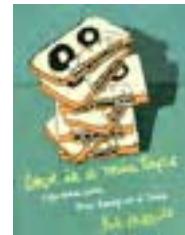
Books Among Friends

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.

Love Is a Mix Tape: Life and Loss, One Song at a Time by Rob Sheffield (Nonfiction)

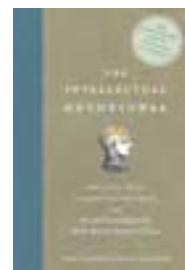
Rob Sheffield is a music journalist and rock critic who writes for Rolling Stone. In this book he uses 15 mix tapes to frame the story of his courtship and marriage to a fellow DJ and graduate student in the mid 1990s, who suddenly dies of a pulmonary embolism in 1997. Although nostalgic at times, the book explores the deep connection that people can have to music and how that music creates lasting memories of people, events and experiences in our lives. The book centers on the bridge between his love and connection to music and the relationship with his girlfriend and then wife Renee Crist. Part love story and confessional, his description of his emotions and the emptiness he feels following her sudden death is very moving. It is through music he regains the confidence he needs to move on. As a DJ, I identified with Rob's love for music and the wide spectrum of genres he enjoys. I also could understand the connection he had with the role that music plays as a soundtrack to his life, the people he meets along the way and the lasting memories that music can accompany.

-Victor Gaxiola



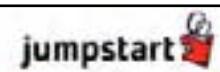
The Intellectual Devotional by David S. Kidder and Noah D. Oppenheim (Nonfiction)

The Intellectual Devotional is the *Guideposts* for the secular world. (*Guideposts* is a reference that might require some familiarity with evangelical Christianity.) It consists of 365 one-page entries about topics from seven disciplines: history, literature, visual arts, science, music, philosophy, and religion. Each discipline is assigned a day of the week, so in a week you'll have expanded your knowledge in each of these seven areas. You might read about Albert Einstein one day, expressionism another day, the Battle of Midway after that. As the cover promises, this book will "revive your mind complete your education," allowing you to "roam confidently with the cultured class." Establish a habit of reading one entry a day and you'll finish in a year, but I suspect you'll find the entries so engaging and the topics so wide-ranging that you'll find yourself reading it at a much faster clip. -Lisa Pampuch



Read for the Record, October 7

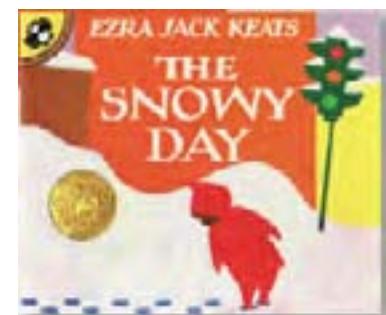
Last year, more than TWO MILLION children read Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* in support of Jumpstart's Read for the Record, successfully setting a new world record! This year, Jumpstart aims to make history once again when children across the country and world read Ezra Jack Keats' *The Snowy Day* together on October 7 at schools, libraries, stores, hotels, playgrounds, offices, and homes. The Morgan Hill Library is jumping in to help and will be reading the story out loud at storytime that day.



The event also kicks off Jumpstart's yearlong program that prepares preschool children in low-income neighborhoods for success in school and life.

The Morgan Hill Library offers a variety of childrens' storytimes throughout the week:

- Family Storytime: Wednesdays at 7 pm (All ages welcome)
- Toddler Storytime: Thursdays at 10 am (Recommended for ages 18 months to 3 years)
- Preschool Storytime: Thursdays at 10:45 am (Recommended for ages 3-5 years)
- Bilingual Storytime (English/Spanish): Saturday at 10 am (All ages welcome)
- Baby Storytime: Saturday at 11 am (Infant-18 months)



So bring along a child or grandchild and join us for storytimes on Thursday, October 7, and help set a new world record by listening to *The Snowy Day* with us. Or read the online version of *The Snowy Day* on October 7 at wegivebooks.org and the Pearson Foundation will donate a brand-new book to a child in need. Visit www.readfortherecord.org to learn more.

FMHL, MHLF: What's the Difference?



As members of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library (FMHL), we're all aware of the good work this group does to support the immediate needs of the Morgan Hill Library. If the library needs books, supplies, prizes, equipment, FMHL uses funds it raises from the sales of donated books to meet those needs.



But for years, FMHL leaders talked about the need to find a way to meet the long-term needs of the Morgan Hill Library. What if the library needs a new wing? In these difficult economic times, what if the hours are cut even further? In 2009, the Morgan Hill Library Foundation (MHLF) was founded under the auspices of the Morgan Hill Community Foundation to address those kinds of long-term needs.

The Morgan Hill Library Foundation hopes to create an endowment, with the support of library lovers from all over Morgan Hill, that over time will grow so that it can meet the large-scale, long-term needs of our community's library. The foundation encourages private support through gifts, trusts, government and private foundation grants, corporate sponsorships, and bequests. These gifts are invested to provide an endowment that we will be able to use in the years to come to ensure that the community has continued access to state-of-the-art library facilities and services.

Looking for the perfect present for a fellow library lover who has it all? Consider making an honor gift to mark a special occasion or acknowledge someone who has had a significant impact in your life. It's a great idea for birthdays, weddings, graduations, anniversaries, holidays or just as a way to say thanks. You will receive a receipt for tax purposes (donations are tax deductible) and a thank-you note. In addition, a card will be sent to the person in whose name the gift was made, telling them about the gift in their honor. The amount of your gift will remain confidential.

Another wonderful way to support the library is through planned giving. This could include gifts to Morgan Hill Library Foundation through your will or living trust, your pension or IRA, a life insurance policy, gifts of real estate or other appreciated assets, an endowment or charitable trust. Using a planned giving vehicle can combine your estate planning, financial and philanthropic objectives. Planned giving provides a way for you to make a gift to the Morgan Hill Library Foundation and at the same time receive a charitable income tax deduction or reduce estate taxes. Many donors have found that planned giving allows them to make a much more substantial gift than they would have ever thought possible in their lifetime.

Planned giving is an individualized process. The specific benefits of a planned gift are influenced by a number of variables such as the donor's age, income tax bracket, size of the gift, and more. Whatever you decide to do, the gift you make will be a reflection of your own needs, interests and situations. Seek the advice of legal and tax counsel when considering a charitable gift of any type.

The work of FMHL and MHLF is complementary. These two organizations that value and support our library work together frequently. As a supporter of FMHL, you can enhance your support of the library by also supporting the Morgan Hill Library Foundation.

For more information about ways to help meet the long-term needs of the library, visit the MHLF web site at www.mhlf.org or contact us at info@mhlf.org.

 PRESENTED BY THE MORGAN HILL LIBRARY FOUNDATION	<h2>Save the Date!</h2> <p>The 5th Annual Silicon Valley Puzzle Day is scheduled for the weekend of January 29-30, 2011. The event raises money for the Morgan Hill Library Foundation and is packed with fun for word and logic puzzle lovers of all ages. We'll offer workshops on Saturday and crossword and sudoku tournaments on Sunday. More information at www.svpuzzle.org.</p>
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Staff Profile: Peggy Tomasso, Community Librarian

Peggy Tomasso has been serving in the top management role at the Morgan Hill Library since February 2009 when she stepped in to fill Rosanne Macek's shoes for a year while Rosanne substituted for a colleague in Cupertino. We were excited to welcome Peggy officially and to remove the "Acting" from her title in April 2010. Peggy has been working in the Santa Clara County Library System for almost ten years, starting out as the Bookmobile Librarian and then going to the Campbell Library as Supervising Librarian of Adult and Teen Services. We asked Peggy a couple of questions so we could get to know her better:

Q) What's your favorite thing about the Morgan Hill library or about working at the library in general?

A) I love the Morgan Hill community. It is a close knit community where lots of folks care about what happens and work to make it a better place for all.

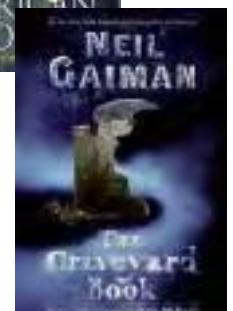
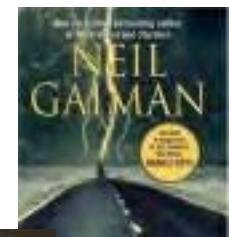


Q) What are you most excited about in your new role as Community Librarian?

A) I think the City of Morgan Hill and the community did a fabulous job of building a library the whole community can be proud of. I am really looking forward to working with the great staff, community and city to continue to grow the library into a world class resource.

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 tend to have piles of trashy novels on my nightstand - but recently I had a Neil Gaiman spree (I tend to glob onto a good author and read everything I can by them)and really enjoyed his children's books: *The Graveyard Book* and *Coraline*. I also enjoyed his adult book, *American Gods*, which my son had wanted me to read for years - so it was fun to compare notes with him.



Q) Can you tell us something about yourself (hobbies, interests, adventures, etc.) that we might not know about you?

A) I was a children's librarian for over 20 years and became a puppeteer during that time. I have my own stage and own more than 50 puppets. I moved to Prescott, AZ, for 5 years to change my lifestyle from the hectic Bay Area to a more rural environment. I moved to a house in the middle of a national forest and had to heat it with a wood stove (and cook on it when we lost electricity which was quite often in the winter). I chopped and stacked wood, learned to put chains on my car (to drive in snow and ice and get out of the mud), and thought about living completely off the grid.

Q) What are you most looking forward to for the last quarter of 2010 and going forward?

A) Libraries are in a very exciting and challenging time. The recession is taking its toll on our budget while demand for our services continues to increase. The library is moving forward with implementing its strategic plan, and I am excited about the opportunity this will bring to implement new programs and ideas. Technology is also going to enable the library to do many things that were only dreams in the past.

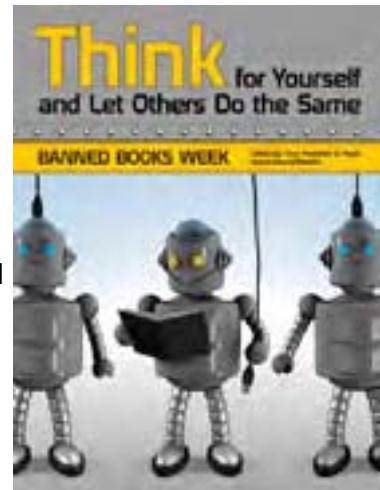


On 09/10/10, County Librarian Melinda Cervantes wrote to FMHL: "I am writing to thank you for your generous gift of \$10,068.47 to the Morgan Hill Library. The gift will be used to purchase display shelves as you have requested. The entire community will benefit from your thoughtful and enduring gift."

Celebrate the Freedom to Read: Banned Books Week is Sept 25-Oct 2

Banned Books Week (BBW) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. Held during the last week of September, Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted bannings of books across the United States.

Stop by the library to see a display of challenged and banned books. Some of the titles on the list might surprise you. Here are a few of the books challenged, restricted, removed, or banned in 2009 and 2010 as reported in the Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou, *The Tortilla Curtain* by T. Coraghessan Boyle, *Twisted* by Laurie Halse Anderson, *Baby Be-Bop* by Francesca Lia Block, *Running with Scissors* by Augusten Burroughs, *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank, *Hills Like White Elephants: A Short Story: The Complete Short Stories of Ernest Hemingway* by Ernest Hemingway, *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, *The Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder, and even the *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary*. Find out why these books were challenged and more at www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek/



50Plus: Resources and Events from the Library

People age 50 and up are the fastest growing segment of the population in Santa Clara County. In order to better meet the needs of this population, the library has developed a series of programs to be offered this fall, and a new page on the library's website, www.santaclaracountylib.org/50plus.

One upcoming event to check out is "**50+ Issues: Maximize Your Memory at the Morgan Hill Library**," October 14, 7 pm - 8:30 pm in the Library Program Room. Concerned about your memory? Join us and learn how to tell the difference between normal age related memory loss and dementia. You will also learn tips and strategies for improving memory. Come prepared for an informative and interactive workshop. This program is co-sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and the Santa Clara County Library 50Plus Committee.

Freegal

Looking for some music to download? In June, Santa Clara County Library became the first library in California to offer *Freegal*, an online database with free MP3 downloads of songs from Sony Music's entire catalog of artists, including alternative rock, classic rock, R&B, country, classical, pop, Latin pop, or jazz (three songs per patron per week).

To access the service, visit www.santaclaracountylib.org/electronic_library/music.html

You'll need your library card and PIN to log in.

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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.

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Taste of Morgan Hill Booth

SNAPSHOT: ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF CALIFORNIA LIBRARIES

Visit the library Tuesday, October 5, 2010

On this day* libraries across California will participate in **Snapshot: One Day in the Life of California's Libraries** by collecting information, comments, and photographs from events in a typical library day.

The results will offer indisputable proof that libraries consistently provide invaluable services to our community.

We Want You in the Picture!

For more information, contact the library or visit:
www.cla-net.org.

Snapshot Day is a project of the California Library Association.



* Many libraries are participating on 10/4

Summer Reading Success!

There was a phenomenal response to summer reading this year. The Friends purchased over 880 books given to children, 147 for teens, and gave bookstore coupons to 136 adults!