

## Upcoming Events

December 9 – 6:30pm

**Friends Speakers Forum**,  
Library Program Room,  
San Jose Mercury News Mr.  
Roadshow, Gary Richards

December 9 – 7:45pm

**Friends General  
Membership Meeting**,  
Library Program Room

December 31 – **FMHL 2010  
membership expires**

January 26 – 7:30pm

**Silicon Valley Reads 2011  
Kick-Off** with *The Year of Fog*  
author, Michelle Richmond,  
and *Mercury News* columnist,  
Mike Cassidy, Heritage  
Theater in Campbell

January 29-30 –

**5th Annual Silicon Valley  
Puzzle Fest**, Morgan Hill  
Library

February 5 –

**Big Book Sale**, Library  
Program Room

February 10 – 7pm

Silicon Valley Reads 2011  
selection *The Year of Fog*  
author, Michelle Richmond,  
Library Program Room

March 19 - 2pm

**Speakers Forum**, Robert  
Cooney Jr, *Winning the Vote*,  
*The Triumph of the American  
Suffrage Movement*, Program  
Room

## Mr. Roadshow at the Library on December 9

Gary Richards, aka Mr. Roadshow, comes to town as our last Speakers Forum guest this year. If we are lucky, his back-up guest columnist, Mrs. Roadshow, will be joining him. With almost 20 years in place as the *San Jose Mercury News* traffic columnist, Richards regularly receives hundreds of emails that keep his daily column interesting and informative for those on the road, whether as driver, bicyclist, or pedestrian.

Besides sharing his experiences and perspectives, Richards is well-prepared for lively discussion. The Q&A session during the talk might include key transportation topics, such as long-term projects, mass transit, traffic concerns, green cars, DMV services, and safety issues. The direction taken depends on what attendees wish to hear. Bring your ideas and questions and hear about what is uniquely important to those of us who live in South County and the Bay Area.

See you in the Library Program Room on Thursday the 9th at 6:30pm.

### Speakers Forum Hosts Mr. Roadshow



## FMHL Annual Meeting of the Membership on December 9

Our meeting will begin at 7:45pm, immediately following the Speakers Forum featuring Mr. Roadshow. Important agenda items include:

- ▶ Librarian and Friends board report of 2010 highlights
- ▶ Election of 2011 officers
  - President – Teresa Stephenson, 2010 Vice President
  - Vice President – open (those interested are asked to contact Teresa, Nominating Committee lead)
  - Secretary – Valerie Chambliss, 2010 Secretary
  - Treasurer – Gina Kightly, 2010 Treasurer
- ▶ 2010 financial report and recommended budget for approval
- ▶ Volunteer recognition

We hold general membership meetings per bylaws annually, unless there is a need for additional meetings. Our last meeting was December 10, 2009. With a successful year behind us and an exciting one ahead, the board hopes to see many Friends in attendance on the 9th.

## Message from the President

Vicky Reader, readerv@earthlink.net

Over the past couple of months, I have been more aware of the volunteerism displayed by many Friends, especially those who have been so dedicated for quite a few years. Some attended the Volunteer Appreciation Reception hosted by Library staff (thanks Maona, Margaret, Peggy, and the rest of the team!) in October. Some attended the Friends Fall Potluck thankfully hosted by Valerie, FMHL Secretary. We also were well-represented at the Morgan Hill Philanthropy Day luncheon, celebrating our honoree, Mary Ringo. Mary joined still other Friends who worked hours on the Big Book Sale and the Historical Society Holiday Boutique, where we participated primarily for exposure to make new Friends, yet made approximately \$300 selling books in the process.



Vicky Reader (far right) with (L→R) Marty Cheek, Kathy Sullivan and November Speakers Forum presenter Lawson Sakai. Photo by Karen MacDonald.

With half of our membership

volunteering in some capacity, the time and energy contributed by Friends reflects just how much we all value our library. Partners like local CPA Brad Leach, who donated his professional services with filing the Friends 2009 taxes, recently also assist the Friends for the benefit of the library. Even if you have only a bit of time to volunteer, I urge you to give us a holler – our needs are varied and include some projects which can be done on your schedule away from the library.

*Hi, Junichi:*

*I just want to praise the high quality of your movie "442: Live With Honor, Die With Dignity." We showed it at the Morgan Hill Library on Thursday, and had about 60 people attend. There were a lot of moist eyes. We had a great discussion afterwards with Lawson Sakai who is featured in your film.*

*Your documentary is one of the best I've seen that deals with the Japanese-American issues during World War II. You gave a great backstory to explain the significance of what the 442 accomplished. Keep up the good work!*

*Marty Cheek*

As soon-to-be immediate past president, I gratefully acknowledge the volunteer efforts of those on the Board who have kept me on my toes this year – Teresa, Valerie, Gina, Leigh, Karen, Kathy, and especially Carol as past president for many years. Others who operate more behind-the-scenes are also invaluable to our mission – Newsletter Editors Emily and Lisa, Online book sales coordinator Roberta, Web Administrator Andrew to name a few. I look forward to supporting Teresa as 2011 President when she is officially elected by the general membership at our December 9 meeting. Hope to see you there, so I can personally thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve this year.

Marty Cheek's Nov. 8, 2010, thank you email to Junichi Suzuki, from whom he obtained the advance copy of the 442 DVD for the Nov. 4 Speakers Forum viewing and talk.

## Morgan Hill Librarian's Report

Peggy Tomasso, Community Librarian

The library had a Volunteer Appreciation Party on October 9. It was great to see so many of our volunteers and Friends. Margaret Rose brought decorations that transformed the program room into a fall festival. It is truly amazing how much the community gives to the library - volunteers clock over 300 hours every month! There is such a variety of activities that volunteers are involved in: folks who bring their service animals for the Reading Buddies Program, the Girl Scouts provide after school tutoring, Friends staffing the bookstore and sorting and pricing the donations, and the list goes on and on.

The Friends have purchased many new items for the library that will arrive soon:

- ▶ New wireless and wired microphones for use in the program room
- ▶ A special computer table that will accommodate wheelchairs of all sizes- the current computer tables are too low to accommodate some of the motorized wheelchairs
- ▶ A desk for the lobby where patrons can fill out library card applications and use the catalog
- ▶ Book trucks
- ▶ New display shelves in the lobby for adult and children's materials

The Friends sponsored many activities:

- ▶ Friends matched a grant, "Books for Babies", which will allow the library to purchase kits to be given out at the library's baby story time and to every new baby born at Saint Louise Hospital
- ▶ Children's Book Discussion books for 3-4 & 5-6 graders
- ▶ "Holiday Treats," a puppet show performed by Nick Barone Puppets
- ▶ Adult Monthly book discussion group books
- ▶ Bestseller Collection books

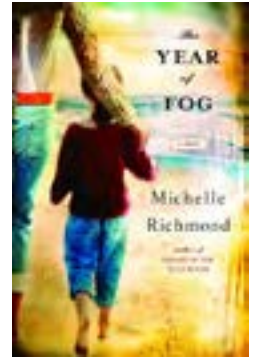
Staff News:

Saralyn Otter, Children's Supervising Librarian, will return on January 10.

Facilities: A new fiber optic cable was installed in the library that should greatly improve the speed of the library's connection to the internet. Folks should see faster internet speed when using our computers and faster check out at the self check machines. Faster speed for our wireless network will be coming next year.

## 2011 Silicon Valley Reads

The Silicon Valley Reads selection for 2011 is *The Year of Fog* by Michelle Richmond. This is a riveting tale of the search for truth after a child suddenly disappears on a foggy beach in San Francisco. It is a novel of family, loss and hope that also explores the nature of memory and perception. The author will appear at the Morgan Hill Library on **Thursday, February 10 at 7 pm** in an event sponsored by the Friends, AAUW-Morgan Hill, BookSmart and the *Morgan Hill Times*.



The Kick-Off for Silicon Valley Reads 2011 takes place on **Wednesday,**

**January 26,** at the Heritage

Theatre in Campbell at 7:30 pm. Enjoy a conversation with author Michelle Richmond and *San Jose Mercury News* columnist Mike Cassidy.



For more details, go to [www.siliconvalleyreads.org](http://www.siliconvalleyreads.org).

## Thank you Friends!

November 3, 2010

Dear Friends,

I am writing to thank you for your generous gift of \$13,113.32 to the Morgan Hill Library. The gift will be used to purchase a lobby desk and an Agati adjustable height table as you have requested. The entire community will benefit from your thoughtful and enduring gift.

Sincerely,

Melinda S. Cervantes  
County Librarian

## 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.

### ***Devil in the White City—Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America* by Erik Larson**

This non-fiction book has two very interesting stories going on at the same time. One relates to the trials and tribulations of David Burnham, the main architect of the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. The other story revolves around Chicago resident H.H. Holmes, a doctor who had a "diabolical desire to control and murder." The chapters alternate between the activities of H.H. Holmes and the World's Fair. Who would know that the preparation for and the running of a World's Fair could be so complex and intriguing? If you choose to read this book, you will find many fascinating firsts that occurred at this fair as well as a look at this "diabolical" doctor. - Karen MacDonald



### ***The Coroner's Lunch* by Colin Cotterill**

If you are interested in a wonderful, exotic, and sometimes humorous mystery, try *The Coroner's Lunch*, by Colin Cotterill. The story takes place in Laos after the Communist takeover. Even though he is untrained, the curious 72-year-old coroner survives the wrath of the Party as he solves murders, and has experiences with the spirits of the dead. This book reminds me somewhat of *The No. 1 Lady Detective Agency* series in that the story centers more on the characters than on the murders. - Jan Sanders



### ***The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova**

Who is the historian named in the title? Is it Paul, the once-doctoral student at Harvard who has been following a mysterious historical thread for thirty years? Is it his daughter, who takes up the thread at age sixteen and performs her own historical sleuthing? Perhaps Professor Rossi, Paul's thesis advisor, who documented a trail for Paul to follow and then disappeared one night under mysterious circumstances? Or is it Vlad Tepes, known as Dracula, with a fondness for books and for killing by impalement, undead for five hundred years? This is an entertaining and compelling story, taking the reader from Amsterdam to Boston, Istanbul, Budapest, London, southern France and then-Communist Romania and Bulgaria on a hunt for vampires and missing persons. While treading lightly on exactly how a person can gain the powers to live on after death, Kostova draws one into this fevered world where the clock is ticking for loved ones and historical documents must be uncovered in time to save them from a fate worse than death. - Valerie Chambliss



### ***Stolen* by Lucy Christopher**

The young adult genre is known for compelling topics and exploring social issues. It is a genre all adults should read. *Stolen*, by Lucy Christopher, is a book in which a stolen teenager writes a journal to her abductor. This book is guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat. - Jan Sanders



## Brand New Books In Time For Gift Giving

With thanks to Books Sales Coordinator Leigh Donaldson for staying in touch with her established contact at the *San Jose Mercury News*, the Morgan Hill Library continues to be one of the five libraries to receive their donations of brand new recently published books. Leigh, along with Friends Amazon storefront volunteer Roberta Henderson and Friends Volunteer Coordinator Karen MacDonald, just picked up approximately 500 books. Jeff Grubb, Supervising Librarian, Adult and Teen Services, will determine what titles go into library circulation before returning the remainder of the mostly hardcover books to the Friends for sale online or in our Bookstore. Sent by publishers to the *San Jose Mercury News* for their book review section, these books are in pristine condition, never having been read. We suggest you check our online storefront or in library Bookstore regularly to see what new finds await you.

## Recent Volunteer Events

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

A big THANK YOU! to all the Friends who worked the Big Book Sale on November 5-6 and helped with set up, Members Preview Night, the public sale, and clean up. We could not do these sales without you! We also thank all the Friends who joined other shoppers and bought \$1,200 worth of books and materials for the benefit of our library. More nonprofits than usual took advantage of our open invitation to come at the end of the sale for free books to benefit their groups. We were happy to see representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Learning and Loving Education Center, Saint Louise Regional Hospital, and St. Vincent de Paul Society pick up materials to support their worthy causes. Help us get the word out for the next Big Book Sale scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 2011.

The other event that we participated in recently was the Morgan Hill Historical Society's 14th annual Holiday Boutique held November 12-14. Participants offered homemade crafts and gift items, many with a holiday theme. The Friends displayed books for sale, including those suitable for gift-giving, but more importantly, we took the opportunity to promote the Friends of the Library, especially to those who may not be familiar with what we do. Thank you to the Friends volunteers who staffed our table and helped the cashiers, and thank you to the Friends who supported the event by browsing and shopping.



Photos by Karen MacDonald

## Meet a Friend: Mary Ringo

Kathy Sullivan, Publicity/Marketing Coordinator

There is a reason we chose Mary Ringo to be the first of our "Meet a Friend" volunteers. Not only was she the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library Honoree for Philanthropy Day 2010, she is the classic example of a person who contributes by bringing energy and talent both to her home life and to her community.

Mary married in 1961 after questioning her future husband about why he was driving around in her friend's car. John Ringo explained he had bought it from her friend and they found out they had more in common than a mutual friend. They raised two boys and two girls while Mary also worked as a Manager of Toys"R"Us. After their children were out of college and on their own, there was still room in both of their hearts to help raise, and later adopt, a foster child with special needs.

Mary has a deep passion for the United Methodist Church that has been in Morgan Hill since 1893. She has volunteered at the church doing everything from scrubbing floors and planting gardens to helping paint it. Her other great passion is reading; she lists her favorite type of reading as "anything." She reads about two to three books a week.



Leigh Donaldson, Mary Ringo, Peggy Tomasso, Elaine Reimer, Karen MacDonald and Vicky Reader at the Philanthropy Day Luncheon.

For the Friends of the Library, Mary has been volunteering for 16 years. She prices all the books for the bookstore sales, as well as online book sales. If she personally doesn't know the worth, she researches it to determine the value. She goes through the countless boxes of books donated and sets up and takes down the Big Book Sales held at the library.

Mary Ringo is sixty-nine years old. She wanted you to know that about her because she stated, "Older people should volunteer more. It is an untapped resource." Her calendar is always overfilled as she brings so much of herself to help out the local community. Mary excels at this because she has so much passion for what she does.

Thank you, Mary!



Philanthropy Day program (left) and honorees (above). Photos by Leigh Donaldson.

## "Books For Babies" Matching Grant Received

In partnership with Nordstrom, the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF - a division of the American Library Association), has awarded the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library with a grant of \$500 to match \$1,075 raised by the Friends. One of 16 nationwide recipients, the FMHL will purchase "Books for Babies" kits in English and Spanish for distribution by library staff to parents of newborns.

**BOOKS  
FOR  
BABIES**



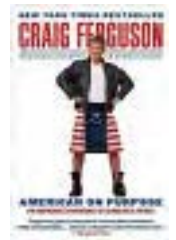
"Books for Babies" is a national literacy program that acquaints parents with the important role they play in the development of their children. Parents are presented with a kit containing a board book for baby, baby's first library card, and a variety of brochures with reading tips and early literacy information from nationally recognized educational organizations. Nichole King, Acting Supervising Children's Librarian, prepared the successful grant request which she expects will benefit 40-50 local families while introducing them to the tailored baby, toddler, and children's programs at our Morgan Hill Library. Thanks to all book sale volunteers, browsers, and buyers who help us raise the funds to help the library with these types of programs!



## Books Among Friends, Continued

### **American on Purpose by Craig Ferguson**

This memoir by native Scotsman and naturalized American Craig Ferguson tells the funny, charming, terrifying tale of his journey from a difficult lower-middle-class childhood in Scotland to fame and fortune in the movies and as host of *The Late Late Show* in America. It's a page-turner that will touch your heart and your funny bone, with passages like this one: "I don't say this to try and impress you, but I was a bed wetter until I was around 11 years old. I began drinking alcohol regularly when I was in my early teens, at which point I returned to intermittent bed-wetting until I was twenty-nine. I haven't peed myself since ... the day I got sober." Ferguson battled bullies, alcoholism, drug abuse and more but overcame them all to achieve success. This frank autobiography spares Ferguson "no blushes." He's a sincere, humble, likeable man who cherishes his native and adopted homelands. - Lisa Pampuch



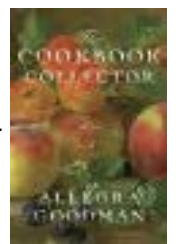
### **Still Alice by Lisa Genova**

Alzheimer's is associated with the aged, but what is life like if one has early onset? *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova is about a young (late 40's) intelligent married woman, with children, who is stricken with Alzheimer's. One day she is walking in the city to a place she goes to everyday and she doesn't recognize anything. She just stands frozen on the corner of the street. It is only the beginning of a life full of questions. *Still Alice* is a heart-wrenching novel about the affects of Alzheimer's on its victims and their families. - Jan Sanders



### **The Cookbook Collector by Allegra Goodman**

The novel, much of which takes place in Silicon Valley and Berkeley, features two very different sisters and their lives, loves, careers and questionings. It richly captures both the excitement and roller-coaster of dot-com start-up life (1999-2002) and the timeless beauty of antiquarian books. The author has referred to this work as "a *Sense and Sensibility* for the digital age" and mixes in something for everyone. - Emily Shem-Tov



## Staff Profile: Maona Grabscheid, Circulation Supervisor

In this issue of the newsletter, we'd like to introduce you to Maona Grabscheid. Maona has been working for the Santa Clara County Library System since 1990, first as a Senior Library Clerk at the Los Altos Library and then as their Circulation Supervisor. She came to the Morgan Hill Library in 1995. While attending college, she worked at the New York Public Library as a page and later as a Library Clerk. After she had her children, she worked for the San Jose Unified School District as a Teaching Assistant and Library Assistant. She worked for the San Jose State Library in the Inter Library Loan section before joining the Los Altos Library. We asked Maona 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 working for the library in general, the people I meet and work with, the atmosphere of learning on a daily basis, the ability to see books in all their glory being used and enjoyed. Morgan Hill is such a wonderful community which is caring and warm.

**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 read many different genres of books. In the last month, I have read *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See, *Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean* by Edward Kitzler, *Cleopatra's Daughter* by Michelle Moran and I am presently reading *The Sugar Camp Quilt* by Jennifer Chiaverini. On my night stand I have the following books; *The Help*, *Loving Frank*, several cookbooks to assist with meal planning for the holidays and books about Brazil.



We also enjoy several of the BBC shows on CD; *Midsomer Murders*, *Murdoch Mysteries*, *Foyle's War*, *Frost*, *Inspector Lewis*, *New Street Law* and we are currently watching *Life on Mars*.



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

**A)** We are having traveling adventures, my husband and I. We were fortunate to go to Japan in 1999 while our son and his family lived there. We then went to Peru and went to Lima, Machu Picchu, Cusco and Nazca. Once we got travel fever we went to Spain, Turkey and Israel and we are now planning a trip to Brazil.

When I am not traveling I love to be a tourist in California and visit local sites and see our museums, go to local theater, and our parks. We live in a beautiful area with so much to see and enjoy. The more I see of the world the more I appreciate the area we live in and its beauty.

My husband and I have two sons married to wonderful girls, Joel and Tamara who live here in Morgan Hill and Eduard and Julie reside in Mountain View. I enjoy my time with my four granddaughters. Two live here in Morgan Hill, Isabel is 11 years old and Brianna is 1 year old and two live in Mt. View, Victoria is 6 yrs old and Natalie is 5 years old. In general I try to enjoy every day and see the beauty of what life has to offer and appreciate the beauty around us.

**Q)** What are you most looking forward to for in 2011?

**A)** So many changes are forthcoming to the library, new technology, constant growth and wonderful new materials. The challenges we face at the library is continuing give the best service to our community and providing the service to our community in times of economic hardships and I am trying to meet those challenges. To meet these challenges I am working on utilizing our new technology of RFID and the Automated Materials Handling System to shelve our library materials more quickly and efficiently so that the public has greater access to our books, DVD, CD, magazines as well as all the other materials we have in the library.

On a personal basis I just want to enjoy my family, our community and continue to travel to as many places I can.



## *Supporting Our Library*

*Background Info About the Library Parcel Tax Support Our Libraries Campaign, the Beyond Books Campaign, and the Morgan Hill Library Foundation*

1993 – California State tax law changed reducing library funding by 40%, resulting in layoffs and reduced open hours.

1994 – Voters approved an annual parcel assessment to fund the nine libraries that made up the Santa Clara County Library. This ten-year assessment expired in June 2005. The measure also created of a library special district that shifted governance from the County Board of Supervisors to a Joint Powers Authority. The JPA Board consists of representatives from each of the nine city councils and two members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

March 2004 – Santa Clara County Measure B fell just short of the required two-thirds vote for approval. The measure would have extended the assessment approved in 1994. As a result of the budget shortfall, Santa Clara County Libraries were forced to close one day each week.

2004-2005 – FMHL volunteers participated in the Support Our Libraries campaign, focused on garnering community support for the passage of Measures A and B to preclude the library losing 20% of its funding. FMHL President Carol O'Hare led the local effort.

May 2005 – Santa Clara County Measure A passed with a 72% "Yes" vote. Measure A continued an existing tax and provided the library for 10 years with \$5.4 million per year which allowed maintaining the present level of services. Measure B to restore cuts to library service, which would have added another \$1.9 million per year, failed to pass throughout the County, receiving 64% of the vote, less than the required two-thirds. (Morgan Hill voters endorsed both library tax measures, with 67.74% votes cast in favor of Measure B.)

2006-2007 – The Friends of the Morgan Hill Library coordinated the Beyond Books Campaign (BBC) to raise money for furnishings and public art for the new library. More than \$180,000 was raised.

July 2007 – The new Morgan Hill Library opened.

July 2009 – The Morgan Hill Library Foundation, an alliance partner with the Morgan Hill Community Foundation, debuts with memorial donations in honor of long-term library volunteer Georgianna "Doddie" Knopf. Then Library, Culture, and Arts Commissioner Emily Shev-Tov (and FMHL newsletter co-editor) serves as President. Past FMHL president (and the other newsletter co-editor) Lisa Pampuch serves as Vice President/Secretary. Sarah Flowers, former Deputy County Librarian and MH Community Librarian, serves as Treasurer.

November 2010 – At the FMHL Board meeting, a second contribution of \$2,000 to the Support Our Libraries campaign was approved for a total of \$4,000 this fiscal year, the same as in 2009. The campaign has been left open to continue to raise funds ahead of the expiration of the current library parcel tax. The Board also discussed the importance of sister organization MH Library Foundation as the entity for major fundraising for the library's long-term needs, relieving the Friends of this responsibility which was borne by the Friends for the BBC campaign. Expenditures in 2010 of remaining BBC funds were reviewed with the last of the funds earmarked for art for the teen area of the library in 2011.

## *Treasurer's Report*

Gina Kightly

<b>As of 11/15/2010</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expense</b>
Actual	55,110	40,647
Annual Budget	42,600	40,920
Better Than Plan	12,510*	273**

\*Actual revenue already exceeded budget in August, so total income will continue to grow with six weeks remaining in the fiscal year.

\*\*Actual expense will exceed budget by year-end; however, net ordinary income primarily due to the success of online book sales supports the additional funds expended. Library activities being supported by Friends and approved by the board beyond the budget include successful children's and teen programs, as well as library materials.

## Scenes from the Fall Potluck

Photos by Karen MacDonald



Friends gathered on October 24th for a festive fall potluck. Twenty two Friends and family members attended. According to Karen MacDonald, the theme might have been: Eat. Visit. Laugh. Special thanks to Valerie Chambliss for hosting.



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out with the Friends booth at the Morgan Hill Historical Society's 14th annual Holiday Boutique. Pictured here is Carol O'Hare who, along with Karen MacDonald, organized other volunteers including Jane Blissett, Valerie Chambliss, Jenny Davis, Donna Dicker, Anabel Ellison, Liz Fallon, Roberta Henderson, Marti Jurick, Judy Kinker, Bud O'Hare, Teresa Stephenson, Mary Ringo and Kathy Sullivan. Photo by Karen MacDonald.



### Check it out!

You will be amazed at the interesting books found in our online store. The web site for the Friends Amazon storefront is [www.amazon.com/shops/MHLibraryFriends](http://www.amazon.com/shops/MHLibraryFriends)

## Gift of Reading

Our library is one of the drop off locations for the "The Gift of Reading 2010," an annual book drive whose "goal is to help support literacy in our community by providing books to under-served children and by helping teachers build classroom libraries for the children they teach – ultimately increasing the children's chances at long-term academic success." Gift of Reading seeks to improve literacy in our community by bringing the magic of books to under-served children.

The collection area for these book donations, plus food donations for a Second Harvest Food Bank barrel, can be found across from the Friends' bookstore. The program especially needs pre-school and elementary age-appropriate books and Spanish and Vietnamese books are also welcome. The books will be sorted by age group, so please do not gift wrap your donations. To find out more about the Gift of Reading campaign, locate other donation stations, make a cash donation, or volunteer, please visit the Gift of Reading website at [www.mercurynews.info/gor](http://www.mercurynews.info/gor).



## Puzzle Fest is Coming!

It's that time of year again -- time to sharpen your pencils and get ready for a weekend of puzzle fun. We have a new name that acknowledges this great event's growth to two days. The fifth annual puzzle festival is set for Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, and Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011 at the Morgan Hill Library. We're planning lots of exciting puzzle-themed workshops for Saturday, a sudoku tournament for Sunday morning and a crossword tournament for Sunday afternoon.



Registration is now open at the Silicon Valley Puzzle Fest web site, [svpuzzle.org](http://svpuzzle.org). As always, the Saturday workshops are free. We suggest a \$25 donation for adult tournament participants and a \$10 for youth tournament participants.

This event, organized by Friends volunteers Emily Shem-Tov and Lisa Pampuch, benefits the Morgan Hill Library Foundation. If you are interested in helping out, please contact [info@svpuzzle.org](mailto:info@svpuzzle.org). Volunteers are needed to help with scoring, selling snacks and books, managing student volunteers, and more.

## Give a Gift that Keeps Giving

Looking for some holiday gifts for the people on your list that already have everything? Consider making an honor gift to the Morgan Hill Library Foundation (MHLF), a gift that supports the future of the library.

An honor gift marks a special occasion or acknowledges someone who has had a significant impact in your life. It's a great idea for birthdays, weddings, graduations, anniversaries, and holidays (especially appropriate holidays include Christmas, Hanukkah, Mother's Day, and Father's Day) or just as a way to say thanks. You will receive a receipt 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.



The Morgan Hill Library Foundation seeks donations to support the long-term, major needs of the Morgan Hill Library. MHLF is an affiliate of the Morgan Hill Community Foundation (tax ID 80-0001382), a non-profit organization, and your gifts to it are tax-deductible within the limits provided by the law.

Find more information and give online at [www.mhlf.org](http://www.mhlf.org).

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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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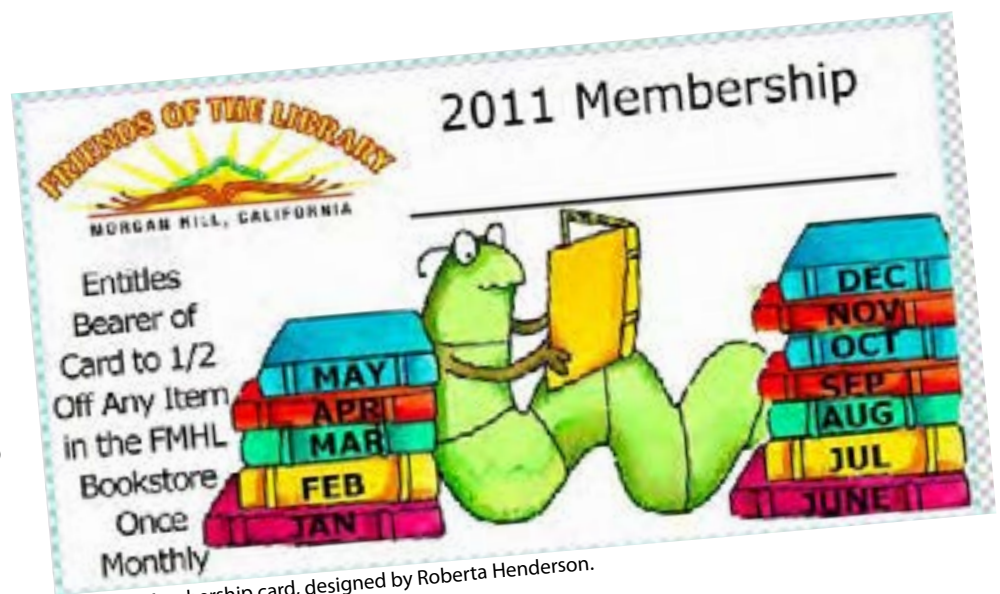
Note: The library will be closed for holidays  
on December 24, December 25,  
December 31 and January 1.



*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.*

## Time For 2011 FMHL Memberships

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The 2011 Membership card, designed by Roberta Henderson.

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