

## Upcoming Events

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, see [www.svpuzzle.org](http://www.svpuzzle.org) for schedule details

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

## Library Parcel Tax Information Meeting

A parcel tax is currently in place (covering property owners in the nine cities within the Library's service area plus unincorporated areas) that pays for 21 percent of the library budget. This tax expires in 2015 and needs voter approval to be extended. The Friends have been contributing to the anticipated cost of the future campaign that will be aimed at continuing this tax. Some members have had questions about the tax, the next campaign and our contributions to it. A parcel tax informational meeting will be held on January 25 at 7 pm in the program room at the library. Mayor Steve Tate, campaign co-chair, and Melinda Cervantes, county librarian, will be there to talk about the tax, its affect on the county library system and the effort to pass a new parcel tax to continue funding the library.

## Next FMHL Board Meeting: Learn How the Morgan Hill Library Foundation and Friends Are Complementary



The next Friends board meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 1 at 7 pm in the library program room. The main topic on the agenda will be a presentation about the Morgan Hill Library Foundation. Foundation president Emily Shem-Tov, vice president Lisa Pampuch, and treasurer Sarah Flowers will share information about the purpose of the foundation, explain how its mission complements the Friends' work, and answer questions. The Friends Board of Directors is considering making a donation to the foundation. All members of the Friends are always welcome to attend board meetings. Your input and participation are encouraged.

## Silicon Valley Reads in Morgan Hill 2011 Selection: *The Year of Fog* by Michelle Richmond Author Appearance February 10

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 follows the journey of a young woman through the mysteries of memory and guilt after her fiancé's six-year-old daughter disappears while in her care.



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 Year of Fog* was chosen as one of Library Journal's Best Books of 2007. It was a *New York Times* bestseller and a *San Francisco Chronicle* Notable Book.

The Kick-Off of Silicon Valley Reads 2011 takes place on Wednesday, January 26, at the Heritage Theatre in Campbell at 7:30 p.m. Author Michelle Richmond will be in conversation with *Mercury News* columnist Mike Cassidy. For more details about Silicon Valley Reads, go to [www.siliconvalleyreads.org](http://www.siliconvalleyreads.org).

## Message from the President

Teresa Stephenson, [stephensonjr@earthlink.net](mailto:stephensonjr@earthlink.net)

Happy New Year! 2010 was another successful year for the Friends. There are not sufficient superlatives to describe the dedication and excellence of the people who made it all possible. So I would just like to give my heartfelt thanks to the following people:



Vicky Reader, outgoing president and Speakers Forum Coordinator; Gina Kightly, treasurer; Valerie Chambliss, secretary; Karen MacDonald, volunteer coordinator; Leigh Donaldson, bookstore manager and tech guru; Lisa Pampuch and Emily Shem-Tov, newsletter editors; Carol O'Hare, past president and book sale coordinator; Roberta Henderson, online bookseller, Elaine Reimer and Mary Ringo, longtime book sorters; Kathy Sullivan, publicity manager; and all of the volunteers who are the foundation of the Friends. You are all amazing people and passionate about your support for our library. Thanks go to our librarian, Peggy Tomasso, and her staff for all that they do — together we make an unbeatable team. All of us appreciate the support we receive from the community with book donations and patronage. Taken together, it is one of the reasons that Morgan Hill is such a great place to live.

I am very fortunate in that all of the above people have signed on for another year. I would also like to welcome Joy Safakish, who is taking over the membership roster. She will be reminding you that it is time to renew your membership if you haven't already done so. I look forward to another successful year for the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library. Be sure to check out the upcoming events — I'll see you there!

## December's Speakers Forum



Past President Vicky Reader with December FMHL Speakers Forum Guests Mr. and Mrs. Roadshow.

## Book Sale News

Karen MacDonald, Volunteer Coordinator, 779-3995, [karenmacdonald@charter.net](mailto:karenmacdonald@charter.net)

What's that? A book sale — again?

**Book Sale Saturday, February 5, 2011, 10am to 3pm.**  
**All books \$1 or less**  
**Members Only Preview: Saturday, 9-10am**  
**Bag Sale: 2-3pm, \$3/ bag**

Although it hasn't been very long since the last book sale, we've scheduled another for February 5. In an attempt to make sales run more smoothly and with minimum effort for our volunteers, we will have three book sales this year, rather than two. Storage of books has become a problem, so we're hoping that an extra sale will help. The Members-Only Preview will take place on Saturday before the doors open to the public. This first book sale might not be a big as we've had in the past, but still there will be a lot of good books at bargain prices. All books will be priced at one dollar or less! Future sales are planned for June and October.

We will look forward to seeing our members lined up bright and early at the front door of the library to get great bargains and to meet and socialize with other Friends.

### Book Sale Volunteers Needed

- ▶ Friday, February 4, set-up starts at 9:30am
  - ▶ Saturday, February 5, hang signs and check in members for Preview, 8:30-10am
  - ▶ Cleanup leftover books, 2:45-3:30pm
- Contact Karen to volunteer, 779-3995, [karenmacdonald@charter.net](mailto:karenmacdonald@charter.net)

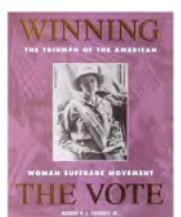
### Non-Profits Get Free Books

Teachers and non-profit organizations can get books for free at the end of the sale, starting at 2:30 pm. Just bring a note on your organization's letterhead telling us how you plan to use the books.

We are happy to give any unsold books to worthwhile groups.

## March Speakers Forum

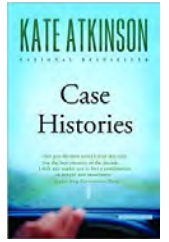
Celebrate the centennial of California women getting the right to vote with a presentation by Robert Cooney, author of *Winning the Vote: The Triumph of the American Woman Suffrage Movement*, on March 19 at 2 pm, in the library program room. The event is co-sponsored by AAUW Morgan Hill.



## Books Among Friends

Once again we asked some of the members of the Friends about books they've read or listened to 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.

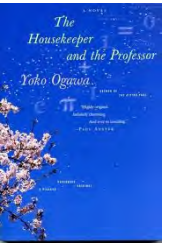
*Case Histories* by Kate Atkinson is a compelling page turner that explores the fine line between love and obsession, grief and recovery, and guilt and redemption. It is a moving mystery novel with half a dozen story lines about families and loss, with an undercurrent of cynical humor. The characters come alive with psychological portraits and telling detail. It is an enjoyable read that is hard to put down. - Jan Sanders



For Christmas, I received three books from the overweight dude who lives in the Arctic: *The Grand Design* by Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodinow is a lively and provocative science book by one of the great physicists of our time. It looks at the origins of the universe and life – and delves into the mysteries of existence itself. Sam Kean's *The Disappearing Spoon and Other Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements* is a quirky look at chemistry from one of the best science writers around. If you love the Golden State, definitely crack open the *Historical Atlas of California* by Derek Hayes, which contains a look at our state's colorful past through maps. It's a fast and fun read. - Marty Cheek



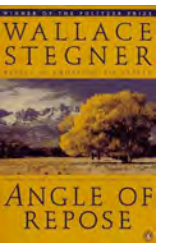
What would it be like to work for someone who forgets everything in 80 minutes? The math Professor survived an auto accident, but at a cost. The young Housekeeper hired to take care of him must re-introduce herself to him every morning. The Professor cannot hold memories for long, but his mind is still alive with elegant equations from the past and these numbers reveal a poetic world to both the Housekeeper and her 10 year old son. *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa is a touching novel about what it means to live in the present. It is a story about love -but not a love story. - Jan Sanders



For a fun audio book to speed along your commute or housework, check out *The True Meaning of Smekday*, a delightfully-read young-adult novel about a twelve-year old girl named Gratuity Tucci (her friends call her Tip) and her cat who end up taking a road trip with an alien (a renegade Boov mechanic named J.Lo,) in her souped-up hovering car (which she names Slushious). The audio book, read by Bahni Turpin, will keep you laughing. - Emily Shem-Tov



*Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner (winner of the Pulitzer Prize) is a novel about an American family that includes two stories, past and present. Confined to a wheelchair, retired historian Lyman Ward decides to write his grandparents' story, chronicling their days spent carving civilization into the surface of America's western frontier. He learns a great deal about his own life in the process. The novel includes local settings — Almaden Quicksilver Mines, Santa Cruz, and Grass Valley. While the novel starts slowly, it is well-written with a richness of detail, and grabbed my interest. *Angle of Repose* is a reading experience to be enjoyed and remembered. - Jan Sanders



## Congrats to Melinda!

Three cheers to our library system's County Librarian Melinda Cervantes, who was recently honored with the 2010 California Library Association (CLA) Member of the Year Award! The award recognizes an individual member of the California Library Association for her or his outstanding contributions, leadership and achievements in service to California libraries.

According to the CLA web site, "Melinda Cervantes' strategic leadership for California libraries is seen through her active and innovative leadership in service to California communities. Currently 2010-2011 Chair of the Urban Library Council Board, past Chair of CLA's Legislative Committee and of the Public Library Association's Legislative Committee, Melinda has represented California libraries in regional, statewide and national library advocacy efforts."



Melinda Cervantes &  
2009-10 CLA President  
Kim Bui-Burton

CLA photo: <http://www.cla-net.org/awards/moy.php>

## Staff Profile: Kathleen Diaz

In this issue of the newsletter, we'd like to introduce you to Kathleen Diaz, one of Morgan Hill Library's clerks. Kathleen has been working for the Santa Clara County Library for 15 years. She started at the Gilroy Library as a library page, and after a year she was hired on as a part-time library clerk. She also worked as an extra-help library assistant on an as-needed basis. She's been working at the Morgan Hill library as a full time clerk for the past two years. We asked Kathleen a couple of questions to get to know her better.

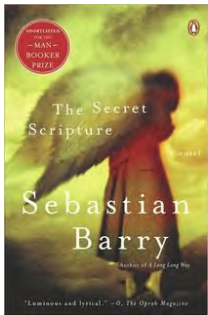


**Q)** What's your favorite thing about the Morgan Hill library or about working at the library in general?

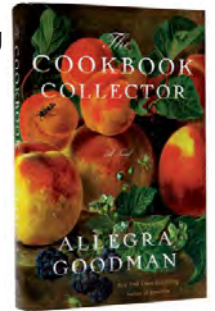
**A)** One of my most favorite things about working at the library is to see the enthusiasm and appreciation people of all ages have about the material they check out. I feel fortunate to work with such a great group of people in Morgan Hill; everyone does their best to provide a good experience for the patrons. The entire environment, including the beautiful building and the devoted people that make up the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library, are additional reasons I enjoy working at the Morgan Hill Library.

**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)** A recent book I read was *The Secret Scripture* by Sebastian Barry. It's an Irish novel about an old woman named



Roseanne Cleary McNulty who has been committed to a mental institution. She has been there a very long time and her empathetic psychiatrist Dr. Greene is trying to piece together the circumstances of her commitment. I loved the language in this book. On my nightstand I have *The Cookbook Collector* by Allegra Goodman; I look forward to reading this.



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

**A)** My husband and I have lived in Gilroy for 26 years. We have a son and a daughter who have grown up here. I love to hike and camp, and, of course, read.

We have two dogs, a beagle and a terrier mix — they keep things lively. I volunteer for "Kids Discover Art." It is a free hands-on art workshop held once a year in March.

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

**A)** I am looking forward to developments with the library system in 2011, including the new library in Gilroy and opportunities for personal development.

*Next time you see Kathleen in the stacks, be sure to say hello!*

## It's 2011 Now — Time to renew your FMHL Membership!

Please don't forget that January is the time to renew your annual membership for the Friends. Annual memberships are still very reasonably priced at \$10 per individual and \$20 per family with other options available. These prices are good through January 31, 2011 but may be subject to increases after that. You can renew your membership next time you come to the bookstore, or, print the form at this link, [http://www.friendsmhillibrary.org/download/FMHL\\_Membership\\_Form\\_2011.pdf](http://www.friendsmhillibrary.org/download/FMHL_Membership_Form_2011.pdf). Watch for the separate email letter from Joy Safakish, membership coordinator, reminding you to renew. Thanks!



## *Marty Cheek, 2011 Man of the Year*

Carol O'Hare

Congratulations to Friends member Marty Cheek, who has been named Morgan Hill's 2011 Man of the Year. He will be honored at the Chamber Celebrate Morgan Hill dinner on Saturday, January 29. Marty became active with the Friends of the Library in 2006, when we first started planning and fundraising for the new library. He volunteered to help with the groundbreaking ceremony, served as bartender at the summer author event fundraiser, and was part of the grand opening celebration committee. He has also been involved with other Friends special events: Silicon Valley Puzzle Fest (now put on by the MH Library Foundation), the reception for library artists and the Friends 35th anniversary party. Most recently, he participated in the 90th anniversary of woman suffrage program and organized the showing of the film about the 442nd Infantry. Marty has videotaped and edited many of our programs and events for showing on MHAT, channel 19 local access television.



Photo by Lora Shraft, Morgan Hill Times

Marty has other volunteer interests besides the Friends. He is vice president of the San Pedro Ponds Trail Volunteers, past president of Toastmasters, on the board of MHAT, involved with the Poppy Jasper Film Festival and helps with the 4th of July parade.

Marty has a regular column with the Morgan Hill Times and does other freelance writing. He has authored two books: a guide to Silicon Valley and one with Congressman Jerry McNerney, titled *Clean Energy Nation* that is due out in April 2011.

A native of Hollister, Marty attended Gavilan Community College and San Jose State University. He moved to Morgan Hill in 1999. He says, "Morgan Hill is a very active community with a lot of really caring people here who want to preserve our high quality of life. It's a great family town, and I encourage more people to be active in keeping it that way."

The Friends are grateful that Marty has chosen Morgan Hill to be his home and are very pleased that he is being recognized for all that he does.

## *Honorary Citizenship for Judy Little*

Friends' member Judy Little was one of two citizens from Morgan Hill who were named honorary citizens of Mizuho-machi, Tokyo, Japan, on November 10, 2010, by Mayor Koemon Ishizuka, the Mayor of Mizuho-machi. The event was Mizuho's 70th Anniversary as an incorporated city and the anniversary of its five-year relationship with Morgan Hill as sister cities. Along with Judy, Morgan Hill resident Brian Shiroyama was invited to Mizuho-machi and honored at the celebration.

Judy and Brian enjoyed many parties and tours of Tokyo and Yamanashi Prefecture during their trip. The week ended with tours of the traditional fall festival attended by the Commander and maintenance commander of U.S. Air Force base in Yakota, Japan and neighboring mayors, chairman of the Assembly, members of the Assembly and a Senator from Tokyo. Many volunteer Mizuho-machi citizens and air base workers were recognized and honored for their work in the community. Mayor Ishizuha received a proclamation from the City of Morgan Hill and Vice Mayor Hiroyuki Suguiru received the First Poppy Jasper Award from the City of Morgan Hill. This award honors his achievements in fostering Morgan Hill's relationship with Mizuho-machi as sister cities.



Judy Little receiving the Honorary Citizen of Mizuho award from Mayor Koemon Ishizuka.

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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.*

## Meet Your 2011 FMHL Board Officers:

**Elected Officials:**

President — Teresa Stephenson  
Vice President — open  
Treasurer — Gina Kightly  
Secretary — Valerie Chambliss

**Other Board Members:**

Past President — Vicky Reader  
Publicity and Marketing — Kathy Sullivan  
Bookstore Manager — Leigh Donaldson  
Membership — Joy Safakish  
Volunteer Coordinator — Karen MacDonald

environment where you can test yourself and enjoy friendly competition with other puzzle lovers! If you'd rather help out than compete, volunteers are always needed. Email [info@svpuzzle.org](mailto:info@svpuzzle.org) if you are interested. Proceeds from the event benefit the Morgan Hill Library Foundation, working to provide for the long-term funding needs of the library.

## Puzzle Fest is Here!

The Fifth Annual Silicon Valley Puzzle Fest is happening at the library the weekend of January 29th and 30th. We hope that you will join us on Saturday, January 29, for free workshops on puzzle topics. The workshop line up includes puzzle stars like Tyler Hinman, five-time champion of the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament held each year in New York, and Thomas Snyder, multiple-time Sudoku national and world champion. Workshop topics range from tips on solving sudoku and crosswords, to talks on crossword constructing and a discussion about the future of puzzles in a world of electronic devices and social networks. Visit [www.svpuzzle.org](http://www.svpuzzle.org) for the schedule, descriptions of each sessions and information about all our speakers.

On Sunday, January 30, join us for sudoku and crossword tournaments for adults and children. There's no pressure — it's a fun, relaxed

