

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 1
 Sign-ups for Summer Reading Program begin, and continue through August 1. See story below for more details.

Saturday, June 4
Big Book Sale, Library Program Room
 9-10 am Preview Sale
 10-3pm General Sale

Thursday, June 23 – 7pm
 Spellman series author **Lisa Lutz** speaks, Library Program Room

Friends of the Library Book Sale: Stock up for summer reading

The next Friends of the Library Book Sale takes place on **Saturday, June 4, 10 am-3 pm**, in the program room of the library. All books are \$1.00 or less, and only \$3 per bag for the last hour of the sale. Children's books are 10-25 cents each. Books of all types will be included: fiction, non-fiction (many business titles), old and rare, hardcover, and paperback.



The Preview Sale for members of the Friends is on Saturday, 9-10 am, before the sale opens to the public. If you need to renew, memberships can be purchased at the door. All proceeds go to benefit library programs and services. Teachers and representatives from non-profit organizations may take leftover books for free at the end of the sale. Contact Carol, cbohare@garlic.com, 782-9029 for details.

Summer Reading Program Time!



Families throughout our area enjoy Summer Reading Club at the library every year. In fact, summer reading programs have been around since the 1890s to encourage school-age children to read during their summer vacations. Join us for this year's program, One World, Many Stories, at the Morgan Hill Library.

Summer reading clubs are not just for kids; the library features a wide variety of programs and events for teens and adults also. You can sign up on or after June 1st at the library or online at <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/>.

Besides being fun and free, the Summer Reading Program includes many benefits:

-  Helping children gain knowledge and skills during the summer, instead of losing them.
-  As children change from "learning to read" to "reading to learn," they can use their reading skills for studies and recreational reading. Free reading allows kids to choose materials they enjoy—popular items they can discuss with their peers. They become better readers, writers, and spellers without a school setting.
-  The performers, craft programs and literary events that libraries host in the summer also bring in new library users, previous non-readers, and pre-readers to the library.
-  Parents can enjoy the opportunity to explore the library when they bring their children to summer programs and find things for themselves also, including bestselling fiction, non-fiction, and DVDs.

2011 FMHL Officers:

Elected Officials:

President — Teresa Stephenson
 Treasurer — Gina Kightly
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Other Board Members:

Past President — Vicky Reader
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 Volunteer Coordinator — Karen MacDonald
 Speakers Forums — Carol O'Hare

Message from the President

Teresa Stephenson, stephensonjr@earthlink.net

I'm still waiting for summer to get here (my tomatoes aren't growing very well) but in the meantime I am looking forward to our next book sale on June 4th. It's always fun to search the boxes for authors you might have missed or that one book you need to finish a trilogy. Who knows what the sorters have tucked away? Books have always been an adventure for me and I am constantly amazed by the breadth and depth of the books that come into our store. From best sellers to obscure texts, they flow into our bookstore and back out into the community.



In order to do all this though, we need volunteers. About half the membership has volunteered at one time or another and I salute all of you for your support for the library and the Friends. I'd like to see some of you from the other half of the membership give volunteering a try. You'll make new friends and be an even bigger part of our success.

We need volunteers who are interested in helping to run the organization of the Friends. We're splitting the bookstore management into smaller tasks so that it won't take a major commitment of your time. We have some vacant positions on the board of directors. We'd love to have enough caring volunteers so that the work of the organization doesn't fall on the same sets of shoulders all the time. It's a way of giving back to our community and making it a great place to be. You'll have a voice in how things get done and can network with the wider community of Morgan Hill. It makes you feel good for making a difference. Think about it. I'd like to hear from you.

Librarian's Report

Peggy Tomasso, Community Librarian

So many good things happening are at the library this summer. We are launching a special family summer reading program which will include special events targeting new parents and parents with very young children. In addition, each participating family will receive a free special family book at the end of the program.



Starting June 1st children, teens and adults can join the Summer Reading Program at the library! Everyone from babies through adults read for fun, entertainment, and gets a prize. Sign up anytime through August 1st. Also check out the schedule of library programs and events on the library's website to find out what great things are coming soon. A HUGE thanks to the Friends for all prizes and programs they provide for the Summer Reading Program which would not happen without their generous support.



Lisa Lutz, author of the hilarious Spellman series and a new book *Heads You Lose*, which is a stand alone title that she co-authored with her ex-boyfriend David Hayward, will be coming to the library on June 23 at 7 p.m. Extra copies of her books have been purchased by the Friends. Come and check them out!

I have a long list of books I hope to read (and listen to) this summer, but my biggest challenge is finding a "good read" to listen to on the vacation road trip with my husband who does not like listening to books in the car. I finally won him over with biographies especially of famous musicians.

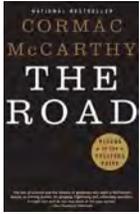
We both enjoyed *Room Full of Mirrors* by Charles Cross about the life of Jimi Hendrix. Our only complaint was that it would have been really nice to have some cuts of his music when there were interesting tidbits about a certain song or way he played something. We are currently listening to *John Lennon: the Life* by Norman Philip, which describes John's parents and family and what he was like as a child and young man before he became famous (He was an accomplished cartoonist!). I am looking forward to listening to *Divided Soul: the Life of Marvin Gaye* and *Life* by Keith Richards, which is partially narrated by famous fan Johnny Depp.

Enjoy your summer!



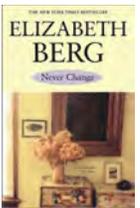
Books Among Friends

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 for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter.



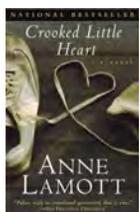
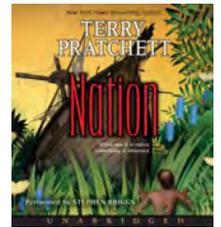
The Road, by Cormac McCarthy is guaranteed to leave an impression on you. It is a postapocalyptic novel about a journey. There is no hope, but a father and son are sustained by love and continue on the journey together. There is page after page of hardship, but the relationship between the two is profound. McCarthy's writing is magnificent. He has a gift for language, and is a powerful storyteller. It is a bleak, dark story, but one that is hard to put down, as if reading keeps hope alive. - *Jan Sanders*

Bossypants by Tina Fey is a fun read that provides a behind-the-scenes look at how Saturday Night Live and 30 Rock operate. Fey relates anecdotes from her childhood that help to explain her unique sense of humor and dispenses career advice that's applicable to women no matter what industry they're working in. She also gives a lot of background information about her masterful Sarah Palin impression and how she almost refused to do it. You'll enjoy spending a few hours in Fey's head while reading *Bossypants*. - *Lisa Pampuch*



Never Change, by Elizabeth Berg is a novel that celebrates life to the fullest. Myra is content with her job as a visiting nurse, but everything changes when Chip, the golden boy she adored in high school, refuses treatment for an incurable disease, and is assigned as her new patient. Past memories and longing are now dealt with every day. This book is about the wisdom and closeness that crisis can bring. The story will make you question who you are, and who we want others to think we are. - *Jan Sanders*

A funny and engaging audio book can make a commute fly by, and there are many YA books with excellent audio book productions that fit the bill. Terry Pratchett's *Nation* is one of those ones where I had to be extra careful not to be so swept away that I drove right past my exit. A sole survivor of a tsunami finds himself rebuilding his entire nation along with a shipwrecked girl from a land far away and, eventually, other survivors of the storm. The book takes on issues like gods and death and science and empires, but in a lighthearted, hilarious way. - *Emily Shem-Tov*



Crooked Little Heart, by Anne Lamott is a coming-of-age novel in which tennis becomes the metaphor for life's toughest lessons. It is about a family whose joys and sorrows seem magnified. Rosie is obsessed with tournament tennis, her mother is a recovering alcoholic still grieving the death of her first husband, and Rosie's stepfather has his own demons. Rosie's athletic gifts give her strength until she notices a shadowy man who is stalking her from the bleachers at every tournament. Who is this man and what does he want? Can Rosie continue to focus on her game, or will she become unraveled? Will this be the thread that unravels the family, or binds it together? - *Jan Sanders*

The Friends Donate to the Morgan Hill Library Foundation

At a recent board of directors meeting, Teresa Stephenson, President of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library, presented a donation of \$5,000 to Emily Shem-Tov, President of the Morgan Hill Library Foundation. This contribution was made possible by community support of the Friends bookstore and big book sales. The Friends of the Library is a volunteer organization that raises funds to provide programs and activities and to purchase materials and furnishings that are outside the scope of the Library budget. The Morgan Hill Library Foundation supports 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.



From Left: Carol O'Hare, Vicky Reader, Teresa Stephenson, Emily Shem-Tov, and Lisa Pampuch

Staff Profile: Kelly McKean

In this issue of the newsletter, we'd like to introduce you to Kelly McKean, Morgan Hill Library's newest adult services librarian. A native of New Zealand, Kelly has been working for Santa Clara County Library system for two years and transferred to Morgan Hill Library (from Saratoga) last June. Happy 1st year anniversary at Morgan Hill to Kelly!



Q) What brought you to the US/California/Morgan Hill? What has been the biggest difference you've found here compared to New Zealand?

A) I married an American man who had a home in Hollister, we married four years ago and three years ago I moved from New Zealand to the USA. There have been a myriad small things that are different about the US that I didn't expect, the biggest adjustment was in food. While overall the food is similar its the tiny differences that have made a big impact on me - I can't get custard powder in my local safeway and I can't just pop down to the local dairy (corner store) for a pie!

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

A) The people of Morgan Hill are what I like best. The staff are great to work with, the community values the library and there is a real sense of the library as part of the community.

Q) Any great books that you've read lately that you would recommend? What books are on your to-read pile that you are looking forward to?

A) I'm currently reading the final of Steig Larssons series, *The Girl who Kicked the Hornets Nest* on my Nook. I also have *Bloody Jack* by L.A. Meyer on CD in my car. Beside my bed I have *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Dumas and an Amanda Quick romance novel. On my next to read list is *A Dance with Dragons* by George R R Martin that is being released in July (finally) and the new autobiography by Rob Lowe (because I was a teenager in the 80s and watched all those 80s movies).



Q) Can you tell us something about yourself that we might not know about you?

A) I am a 'staff member' for a text-based online roleplaying game. I've been working on the game for 8 years, it's a voluntary effort with about 20 staff members at any given time. The game has been in around for over 20 years and shows no sign of losing its loyal fanbase. I put in a lot less time working on the game than I used to and now spend most of my time on the administrative side of managing the staff.



I'm an avid rugby league fan and sometimes stay up late to watch my team, the New Zealand Warriors, play games. I still have a season ticket and like to see that empty seat on the half-way line and know that it's mine.

Q) Any must-see places or tips for people traveling to New Zealand from here? Anything you miss that you'd want them to bring back for you?

A) If you're thinking about visiting New Zealand, do it! It's a great place to visit and as my husband has said, they know what to do with tourists. If you have time to spare I recommend seeing the country from top to bottom. Start with Cape Reinga where a light house marks the end of land then work your way down the North Island making sure to visit the Bay of Islands, Coromandel Peninsula and Rotorua. Take the ferry from Wellington to the South Island and make time for Queenstown and the Milford Sound then finish up in Invercargill where the best oysters are found.

My list of things to bring back from NZ include: Vegemite, Watties Tomato Sauce and Milky Bar chocolate.

Q) What are you most looking forward to this summer?

A) Vacation! I don't have concrete plans at the moment but I'm taking two weeks this July to do something fun with my son and husband. I'm currently leaning towards a road trip.



Recent Happenings



A delegation from the Morgan Hill Library staff, Friends of the Morgan Hill Library, and the Morgan Hill Library Foundation attended the Santa Clara County Library's Friends and Commissioners Forum on March 4th. Everyone enjoyed meeting library staff, learning more about how the library is funded, the importance of literacy programs, and the library's e-resources. Pictured above, left to right, are Library, Culture and Arts Commissioner Murv Little, Friends President Teresa Stephenson, Community Librarian Peggy Tomasso, Past Friends President and Library Foundation Vice President Lisa Pampuch, Past Friends President Vicky Reader, and Library Foundation President Emily Shem-Tov.



A special thank you to all the Friends who helped out at Art a la Carte on April 30th.



The children attending the annual free festival enjoyed the bookmarks, stickers, and free books.



On January 25th, County Librarian Melinda Cervantes made a presentation at the Morgan Hill Library to interested community members about the special tax that represents approximately 20% of the library's budget that expires in 2015. She described the upcoming effort to pass a new tax and the probable effects on library service if the special tax is not extended. Pictured above during the presentation are Mayor Steve Tate (left), Melinda Cervantes (center), Morgan Hill Community Library Peggy Tomasso.

Leadership Morgan Hill Honors Mike Johnson

This year's Leadership Morgan Hill Excellence Award Dinner and Benefit will honor Mike Johnson of Johnson Lumber and Ace Hardware. Mike is known for his community service and generosity to non-profit groups, including the Friends of the Library. He was a major donor to the Friends' Beyond Books Campaign, providing half the cost of the "Once Upon a Mushroom" bronze sculpture that is located in front of the library. The event takes place on Saturday, August 6, at Jason-Stephens Winery on Watsonville Rd in Gilroy. The dinner and benefit will feature a silent auction, dinner under the stars, an award program, and music and dancing. Tickets are \$95 each and can be ordered online at <http://www.leadershipmorganhill.org/> or by contacting Cricket Rubino, 778-7211.

"Smart Investing @ Santa Clara County Library" Program Initiative to be Funded by a \$100,000 Grant



In an effort to promote investor education and empower Santa Clara County library users with useful financial knowledge, Santa Clara County Library will be launching the "Smart Investing @ Santa Clara County Library" Program this spring. The two-year project will be funded by a \$100,000 grant from the American Library Association and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority that was awarded to the Morgan Hill Library Foundation.

Santa Clara County Library, working in partnership with the Morgan Hill Library Foundation, was one of only 20 libraries nationwide selected to participate in the program. With the funding, Santa Clara County Library will be working with a number of community partners to provide training to increase knowledge of financial and investment information by reference librarians. Also, funding will help strengthen the collection of library materials available on financial topics and services to better assist library patrons.

Phase One of the "Smart Investing @Santa Clara County Library" Program will start this spring with staff training, collection enhancement, and web development components. It will focus on staff training workshops on financial topics and reference sources, which will be made available free to all librarians within the Pacific Library Partnership (PLP), a consolidation of four regional library systems. Santa Clara County Library will develop a series of online training videos and resources to help library staff from anywhere in the country become more knowledgeable about reference services in the areas of personal finance.

Santa Clara County Library will also design a new 24-7 financial education web portal that will offer a variety of investor education resources, investment-related library collections, online videos, databases and reliable websites, materials and tools. Some of these resources will be available in Spanish, Mandarin and Vietnamese.

Phase Two of the "Smart Investing @Santa Clara County Library" Program will begin with public workshops to be scheduled at Santa Clara County libraries from September 2011, through fall 2012.

Scenes from Puzzle Fest 2011



The Fifth Annual Silicon Valley Puzzle Fest was a great success. A benefit for the Morgan Hill Library Foundation, Puzzle Fest drew participants from across the region as well as 60 local volunteers, including many friends, like Teresa Stephenson, below left, and members of the Live Oak Future Business Leaders of America chapter.

If you'd like to attend or volunteer at next year's event, mark you calendar and save these dates: **Jan. 28 and Jan. 29, 2012.** More information is available online at svpuzzle.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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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.

Teen & Adult Photography Contest

Take a picture of yourself or someone else reading this summer on vacation or during other summer activities, and turn it in to be entered into a random drawing.



You can submit one photograph. It must be original work and can be color, black & white or sepia.

To enter, email your high-resolution .jpg digital photo file

(at least 300 pixels per inch, low-resolution digitals cannot be accepted) to
library.morganhill@yahoo.com. File size limit is 5MBs.

Additional details at http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/summerreading/picture_yourself_anywhere_2011.html

New Charges for Non-Residents



In response to dramatic reductions in state funding and an increasing demand for library services, on April 28, the Santa Clara County Library District Joint Powers Authority approved an \$80 annual library card fee for non-residents of the District, effective July 1, 2011.

By paying the annual fee, people living outside the Santa Clara County Library District can enjoy the same borrowing privileges as District residents. For \$80, you can have access to over 1.8 million books, videos, CDs, DVDs and audio-books; online resources valued at over \$500,000 annually; downloadable audio-books, ebooks and music; and wireless, PC, online access to the internet in the library and homework assistance.

If you currently have a library card and do not reside in the Santa Clara County Library District, the card will be disabled on July 1, 2011. When you next visit any Santa Clara County Library, you can choose to pay the \$80.00 fee and your card will be active for one year from the date of purchase. The card allows the same privileges as residents of the Santa Clara County District enjoy and are the same privileges available with a current library card.