

## Upcoming Events

September 23 (4-6 pm) and September 24 (10 am-noon): Teen street art workshops with Scape Martinez to help design a large mural for the Teen Group Study Room. Sign-up with Nicole, nking@sccl.org, 779-3096, ext 3712.

Saturday, October 15  
**Big Book Sale**, Library Program Room  
9-10 am Preview Sale  
10-3 pm General Sale, All books will be \$1 or less.  
\$3/bag 2-3 pm.

Thursday, October 27: 7 pm.  
**Speakers Forum** with Friends member Marty Cheek, author of "Clean Energy Nation: Freeing America from the Tyranny of Fossil Fuels", which has just been published. It is written with Congressman Jerry McNerney and is available at BookSmart.

## Speakers Forum Oct 27: Martin Cheek

Join us on Thursday, October 27th for the Friends' own Martin Cheek, co-author of the newly published book, *Clean Energy Nation: Freeing America from the Tyranny of Fossil Fuels*. Cheek co-wrote the book with Rep. Jerry McNerney, PhD, (D-Pleasanton), who currently represents Morgan Hill and 11th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.



Marty, named Morgan Hill's 2011 Man of the Year, has been active with the Friends of the Library as well as the Poppy Jasper Short Film Festival, and Leadership Morgan Hill, and other groups. He has worked as a newspaper reporter and magazine writer for over two decades. He served as the European bureau chief



for Edittech International, a news service that focused on developments in science and the high-tech industry. At Edittech, he wrote more than 1,000 articles for magazines and newspapers in North America, Asia, Europe, and Australia. He also regularly wrote articles for San Jose Magazine profiling the Silicon Valley's leading business people. Several of his articles for this magazine have won Peninsula Press Club journalism awards.

*Clean Energy Nation* take an optimistic as well as realistic approach to exploring the options Americans have in achieving a sustainable energy future. It makes a compelling case for ending subsidies for petroleum companies, a position that has economic, national security, and climate ramifications.

## Please Volunteer to Help at the Taste

### 2011 FMHL Officers:

#### Elected Officials:

President — Teresa Stephenson  
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#### Other Board Members:

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The Friends of the Morgan Hill Library will once again have a booth at the 22nd annual Taste of Morgan Hill on September 24th and 25th. Our goal is to stimulate public interest in the library and the Friends, and to promote the resources, services, and needs of the library.

We will have two Friends to assist two library staff members in the booth. If you can help us staff the booth for an hour or two on Saturday or Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm, please contact Yvonne Duckett at 408-612-2342. Working in the booth is a fun and enjoyable way to meet people and promote the Friends and the Morgan Hill Library.



## Librarian's Report

Peggy Tomasso, Community Librarian



We had a great summer at the library. We had record sign-ups for the summer reading program for all age groups making this the best year ever! With the help of the Friends, we kicked off the summer reading program at the Mushroom Mardi Gras and signed up 41 listeners, 169 readers, 13 teens, 21 families and 66 adults.

This fall we will be losing a couple longtime staff members. Maona, Circulation Supervisor, has decided to retire in November and Rita, Reference Library Assistant, will be retiring at the end of December.

The 4th of July Parade was a great success. We handed out 1,500 scratch-n-sniff bookmarks and entertained a crowd of 48,000. We ran out of bookmarks and will need more next year! Pictured at right: Alicia, Kim, Hylary (in back), Marcus, Maona, Kelly (aka Red Riding Hood), Peggy (aka Mother Goose), Karen (Bookmobile Librarian) and Derek Wolfram, Deputy County Librarian.



Generous donations from the Friends funded the following programs this summer:

**Special family summer reading program** had 55 families participate. Each family got the prize of a special book that they could read together.

**Book prizes** for 989 children and 193 teens.

**Book Store gift certificates** for 165 adults.

**Children's programs:** Shadow Puppet Workshop, Python Ron, Andy Z's Music & Dance, ZunZun's Music from the Americas, and the summer reading program party.

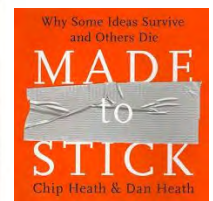
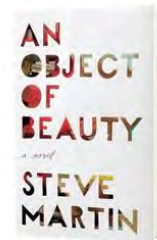
**Teen programs:** Getting a Henna Tattoo program, supplies for the travel crafts, cupcake decorating, and the international candy tasting. Friends also bought a Barnes and Noble Nook E-Reader for the teen's grand prize drawing.

## Books Among Friends

If you have a book you'd like to recommend, please send an email message to [emily@chocolatespoon.com](mailto:emily@chocolatespoon.com) for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter.

### **An Object of Beauty by Steve Martin**

Set in the Manhattan art scene of the last decade of the last century and the first decade of this century, this book draws on Renaissance man Steve Martin's keen interest in and knowledge of fine art. Martin, a musician, playwright, novelist, comedian, actor, and art collector, tells the fascinating story Lacey Yaegar's rise through the New York City art world. He creates memorable characters and spins a compelling mystery. Learn more about art history, art collecting, and psychology and enjoy a fine mystery and masterful writing along the way. - *Lisa Pampuch*



### **Made to Stick by Chip and Dan Heath**

The audio version of this book, available from the library, is a wonderful reading of one of the best business books I've read or listened to in a long time. The book addresses the questions of "Why do some ideas thrive while others die? And how do we improve the chances of worthy ideas?" providing stories and examples to help make any idea you convey more likely to have an impact and to "stick" with your audience. The opening story alone is bound to stick with you for a long time to come, perfectly illustrating the lessons shared throughout the book. - *Emily Shem-Tov*



## Staff Profile: Kim Watkins

In this issue of the newsletter, we'd like to introduce you to Morgan Hill Library's newest clerk, Kim Watkins, who transferred from the Saratoga Library early this year. She had worked at Saratoga Library over one year and also had experience volunteering at her children's elementary school library and working at the SJSU library while a student there.

**Q)** Are you from the area or just moved here? If new, what brought you to Morgan Hill?

**A)** I moved to Gilroy from San Jose 25 years ago. I was fortunate to be a stay-at-home mom raising four children. I did a lot of volunteering at their schools, served as a Boy Scout and Girl Scout leader, coached Odyssey of the Mind, and taught at AAUW Tech Trek camps.

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

**A)** I love working at the Morgan Hill Library. It is a very nice library with a strong community feeling. The staff is very knowledgeable and the patrons have been wonderful.

Libraries are great- It is like being a kid in a candy store. There is a large selection of diverse materials and I love being able to check things out for free. AND you can't beat the holds system. It's great to have the Friends bookstore right inside too; another option for me and the patrons.

**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 am very fond of mysteries, non-fiction, sci-fi/fantasy and cookbooks. I have recently read recommend:

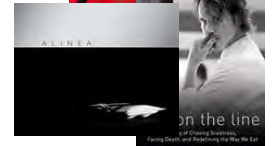
- *Betrayer* by C.J.Cherry; it's a fantasy and her latest Foreigner novel
- *Friday the Rabbi Slept Late* and *The Day the Rabbi Resigned*, by Harry Kemelman; mysteries
- *Life, on the Line*, by Grant Achatz; his autobiography;
- and *Alinea*, by Grant Achatz; cookbook

I am currently reading Stephen Ambrose's *D-Day*. I also have several issues of Fine Gardening magazine checked out. I am looking forward to reading Alexander McCall Smith's *The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party*.

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

**A)** At home I like to relax with my family, go on walks with our dog, Peanut, try new recipes and listen to Giants and Sharks games. I also enjoy going out to museums, festivals, and parks. I recently attended the Santa Clara County Model Aircraft's show in Morgan Hill, volunteered at the Gilroy Garlic Festival, and visited the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

My big adventure was visiting France this past June- my daughter spent one semester in Bordeaux, so it was fun to have her show us around. I found out about macarons (a type of cookie) there - a little embarrassed to say but I had them at a McDonalds. I liked them so much that I made them for my daughter's wedding.



## Charitable IRA Rollover Extended through 2011

Through 2011, individuals 70 -1/2 or older can distribute up to \$100,000 tax-free directly from their traditional retirement accounts (IRAs) and Roth IRAs to charities. Take advantage of this limited -time opportunity and make a donation to the Morgan Hill Library Foundation today. Visit [www.mhlf.org](http://www.mhlf.org) for more information.

## Planning for Puzzle Fest 2012 Under Way

Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Silicon Valley Puzzle Fest, a crossword and sudoku tournament benefitting the Morgan Hill Library Foundation, which will be held on **January 28-29, 2012**. Find more information and opportunities to get involved at [www.svpuzzle.org](http://www.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.*

## Books Among Friends

**Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout.** This book is a collection of short stories with the character Olive Kitteridge was in each as a main character, a supporting character, or as a person who made a difference in the life of the character or characters in the story. Olive Kitteridge is a middle school math teacher and a few of the stories had former students who were the main characters and she was merely mentioned or referred to in their story. Olive is a stern woman with irrational sensitivities who has trouble with the changes in the town she lives in and the people she knows. Her husband finds his loyalty to her a blessing and a curse. The stories are a great insight to human life, both joyous and tragic.  
- Jan Sanders



**Epitaph for a Peach by David Mas Masumoto**

This 1996 book chronicling a year on a family farm in Southern California has been on my to-read list for years. I was reminded of it after listing to a "Mr. Produce" report about the Sun Crest peach that is at the center of this book. After learning that Andy Mariani's Andy's Orchard in Morgan Hill is one of the few places still growing this peach, I visited for a taste, and borrowed the book from the Morgan Hill Library to complete the local experience. I recommend the peach and the book unreservedly. Masumoto is an organic farmer who realizes that his farming practice is not a panacea, and is not for everyone. For example, he realizes that his choice to not poison the groundwater with herbicides means that he instead poisons the air with diesel fumes to deal with invasive and difficult bermuda grass. He realizes that the vicissitudes of Mother Nature that he can endure thanks to the security provided by income that his wife earns are much more difficult for his neighbor and his large family to endure. Thus, they make different choices. Read this book to gain a better understanding of the pressures facing farmers in California, why the produce in your grocery store doesn't taste nearly as good as the produce from farmers like Masumoto and Andy Mariani, and about accepting imperfect choices. - Lisa Pampuch

