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EBay Savvy Friend Needed

The Friends of the Morgan Hill Library are looking for a volunteer to sell occasional items on EBAY. We try to sell everything on AMAZON, but infrequently have donations that just aren't suitable for selling on AMAZON. They may be old, rare books, art posters, or more recently, Beatles memorabilia.

Ideally the volunteer would already have experience selling on EBAY. The volunteer job would involve researching the item to determine a price, assessing and describing the condition of the item in detail, taking photos, listing the item on EBAY and monitoring sales, answering questions from prospective buyers and eventually, mailing the sold item. This job will involve relatively infrequent sales, but once you list something, you will need to be available to follow through on the sale.

Please contact Roberta Henderson, robtom1@verizon.net, if you are interested in being our EBAY on-line sales volunteer.

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Volunteers Count

The Friends bookstore continues to do well with the help of our volunteers. All regular shifts are filled, and there is a list of trained substitute cashiers who are able to fill in when needed. Online sales are amazing, thanks to **Roberta**, our online bookseller. She does a superb job of listing books on Amazon, describing each in detail, packing them when sold, and mailing them in a timely way. It's a big job, and we are fortunate to have such a tireless and dedicated volunteer.

In addition to on-going book sales, our volunteers sometimes help with "special events". At the end of April, we participated in **Art a la Carte** at the Community Center. This free event for children is designed to promote art and culture and contribute to their creative development through a variety of art projects and entertainment. At the Friends booth, children decorated bookmarks using colored pens, stamps, and stickers.

Art a la Carte



On May 8th, some of our volunteers helped with a special kids program at the library sponsored by Lawrence Hall of Science called the **Build It! Festival**. The activities were designed to create experiences involved in the building process, including planning, visualization, engineering, patterning and measurement. Thanks to our great volunteers who helped to make these two wonderful programs possible.

Build It! Festival



Our **big book sale on Saturday, June 9th** is fast approaching. We need volunteers to set up on Friday morning, June 8th, work at the sale and clean up afterwards. If you are able to help, please contact me at karenmacdonald@charter.net.

The Friends of the Morgan Hill Library organization is fortunate to have so many dedicated and faithful volunteers who help raise funds so that we are able to purchase many things that the librarians have on their wish lists. The patrons of our Morgan Hill Library reap the benefit of all your hard work. We have a great team!

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

Henry Ford

Karen MacDonald – Volunteer Coordinator,
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Peggy's Pages

Notes from the Librarian

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5th Birthday Party

Summer Events

- Magic Show
- T-Rex Thunderlizards' Wild West Review Puppet Show
- Pajama Party story time

- Henna Tattoo
- Paranormal investigator
- Movies
- Book Group



Happy 5th Birthday to the library! Join us in celebrating one of Morgan Hill's greatest treasures at the **Big Birthday Party Extravaganza** on July 21. There will be something for everybody: live music, storytelling, magic, treats, and much more.

Summer is almost upon us and many other great events are planned. The **Summer Reading Program** sign-ups start June 1 at the information desk or online. Everyone is welcome to join from babies to seniors.

These are just a few of the programs planned for this summer.

For kids:

Magic Show on June 20 at 2 p.m.

T-Rex Thunderlizards' Wild West Revue Puppet Show on June 27 at 2 p.m.

Pajama Party story time every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. starting June 13.



For teens:

Henna Tattoo program on June 19

Paranormal investigator (adults welcome) on June 26 at 7

Tuesday afternoon movies; spooky story contest; **Reads and Eats Book Group** on June 28 and July 26 at 4 p.m. with pizza!

For adults:

Free **Zumba** classes every Thursday at 5:45 p.m.

How to raise chickens with poultry expert, James Adkins, on June 7 at 7p.m.

Historical fiction panel on July 12 at 7 p.m. with authors C.W. Gortner (*Last Queen, Confessions of Catherine de Medici* and *Tudor Secret*) and Gillian Bagwell (*Darling Strumpet* and *September Queen*).

For more information about these programs, check the library website, www.santaclaracountylib.org/morganhill. It will be a very busy and exciting summer!

Peggy's Pages (continued)

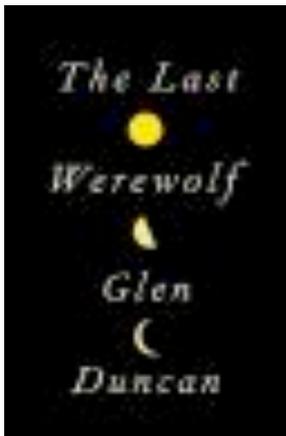
Silicon Valley Reads:

A record crowd turned out for the Silicon Valley Reads presentation with Sumbul Ali-Karamali, author of *The Muslim Next Door: The Qur'an, the Media, and that Veil Thing*. Marty Cheek interviewed her, AAUW provided refreshments, and a great time was had by all.

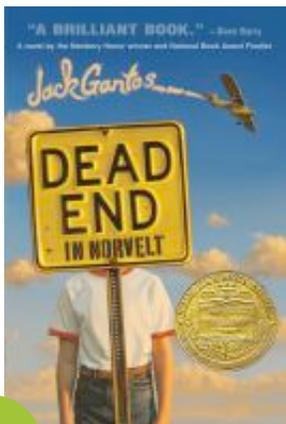


Recommended Reading:

Every once in a while I read a book just to read something I would not normally pick up. Even though I do read science fiction and fantasy, I haven't been interested in vampires, werewolves, and other supernatural beings since watching the old movies with Bela Lugosi, Lon Chaney, and the funny spin offs with Abbott and Costello. I knew I desperately needed some updating with the popularity of the Stephenie Meyer's Twilight series, the Sookie Stackhouse series by Charlaine Harris, which had been made into the hit TV series True Blood, and too many others to name.

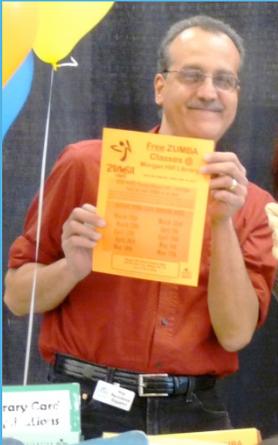


The *Last Werewolf* by Glen Duncan is a literary tale that (and here is the warning label) uses crude language, is intensely dark and violent, yet is vividly engaging. The story unravels from 200 year old werewolf Jacob Marlowe's point of view when he has decided to commit suicide and end his race. As the story progresses, the reasons for his despair and what life as a werewolf is like unfold. Even though there are many things about Jacob's life that are abhorrent, he becomes a sympathetic character that is as captivating as he is repugnant. [Check out the author speaking about The Last Werewolf](#) on YouTube.



On a completely different track, I always read the new Newbery Award winner, which is the American Library Association's pick of the best-written book for children. *Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos is laugh out loud funny. It follows a character named Jack Gantos and a town that is filled with zany characters. Jack is grounded for the summer, yet manages to have one wacky adventure after another. I was lucky enough to have met the real Jack Gantos a few years ago, and he showed me his childhood diary that had a flattened road-killed rat pressed in the pages. So as I read this book about the fictional Jack and knowing something about the real Jack, I wondered how many of the stories were really autobiographical.

Meet the *Bilingual* Staff – Ray Melendez



Ray Melendez

Ray Melendez works at the Morgan Hill Library as a part-time bilingual staff member. He has served our community's Spanish-speakers since 2008. For the past several years, Ray's salary has been paid for by the Friends, as one of those "extras" that are not part of the library budget.

Ray works at the reference desk every Wednesday evening and does the Saturday morning bilingual story time. His services are well utilized. Last year alone, he answered 1,297 questions using his Spanish speaking skills.

In addition to Morgan Hill, Ray works full time in the Monterey County library system in Salinas, where he has been since 1987.

Ray was born in Manhattan but spent some of his early years in Puerto Rico. He is married with two children, one grandchild, a dog, a cat and a cockatiel. He loves volleyball, running, sports, dancing, reading, listening to music (salsa and oldies) and books on tape (especially on his long commute from his home in Fremont). His favorite book is *The Three Musketeers* by Alexander Dumas. His favorite phrase is "Don't worry, be happy."



Ray gets into the act at the Taste of Morgan Hill

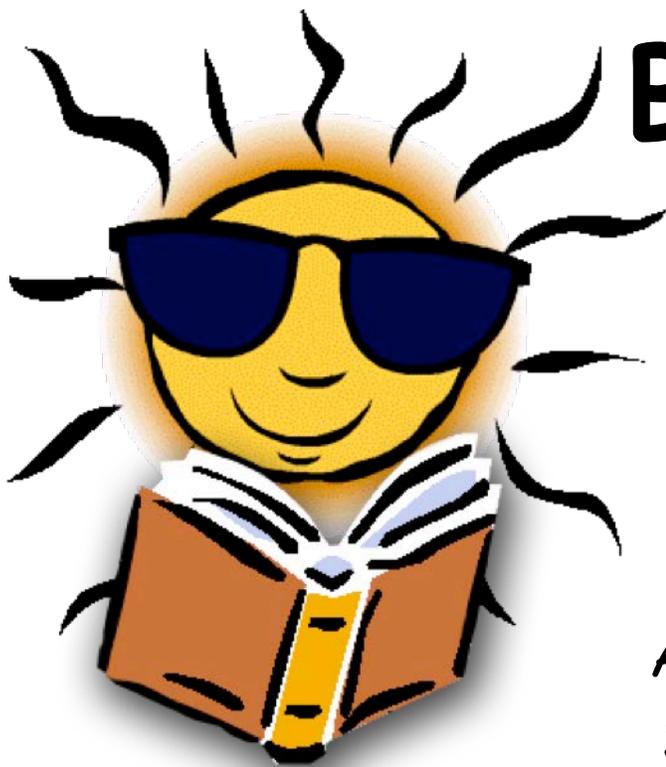
Ray says: "My experience with the Morgan Hill Library staff and community has been very gratifying and fulfilling. I was offered the opportunity (among other duties) to help and educate the Hispanic residents of Morgan Hill about the purpose of the Library and its resources. I have had much pleasure in serving the Morgan Hill community while learning from, and working with its residents. It is so important for all to understand what the library has to offer. Thank you for the opportunity to help fulfill this purpose."

Farewell to a Friend

Sandy Snively, a retired math teacher and former member of the Friends, passed away on April 14 at the age of 69 years. She and her husband Bob were longtime library supporters and major contributors to the Friends Beyond Books Campaign that raised funds for the new Morgan Hill Library. Sandy's family has designated the Friends as a recipient of memorial donations. If you would like to make a gift in her memory, you can contribute online at www.friendsmhlibrary.org, or you may send a check made out to FMHL to 660 West Main Ave, MH 95037, with Sandy's name in the memo line.



Get ready for Summer



Book Sale

Saturday,
June 9, 2012
10 am to 3 pm

All books \$1 or less
\$4 per bag 2-3 pm

Fiction, non-fiction, hardcover, paper
(many cookbooks and science fiction)
Children's books and small paperbacks 10 cents each

Members Only Preview

Saturday, June 9, 9 - 10 am

(before sale opens to the public, memberships available at the door)

FMHL President's Message and New Officers/Directors

We are happy to report a reasonably steady flow of good-quality donated books that has led to a steady income at the Bookstore and in online sales. As summer approaches, we encourage our entire newsletter readership to go through their bookshelves and clear space for summer books, as we can always use a few more books to sort. In addition, our membership numbers are up from last year, and we are preparing for our second Big Book Sale, to be held on June 9. All this good news is due to hundreds of hours put in by a devoted cadre of volunteer Friends. Thank you all!

On April 28th, the Friends enjoyed visiting with kids and their parents at Art a la Carte, a free, hands-on arts and craft event. Children decorated bookmarks, chose a book to take home, and learned of upcoming programs at the Library. Over 130 children visited our booth.

As the Library's much-anticipated 5th Birthday celebration approaches, the Friends are working in collaboration with the Library staff to offer a variety of fun presentations and events to mark the day. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for more details about the July 21st party. Yvonne Duckett is coordinating the event. Please contact her with your offer to help, yduckett@yahoo.com.

Valerie Chambliss – President, vjchambliss@gmail.com



Claudia Efthimos, GRI Realtor for Signature Homes and Estates, recently won the ProQuest's "Promote Your Library" sweepstakes during National Library Week April 18th. Thanks to Claudia, the Morgan Hill Library received a donation of \$250.

Treasurer's Message

The Friends Bookstore averaged over \$2,700/month during the first four months of 2012. We also received almost \$1,700/month in online sales, and \$1,500 at the Big Sale on February 11.

We have been able to provide our library with \$3,000 for adult and teen bestsellers, \$1,500 for Children's Programming, and \$2,200 in teen programs.

Marti Jurick – Treasurer, momool@aol.com





**Friends of the
Morgan Hill Library**

**Invite you
to join us
for the**

5th Birthday Party

**for the
Morgan Hill Library**



**Saturday, July 21, 2012
10 am - 4 pm**

**Taiko drummers at 10, cake and refreshments at noon,
"Sing with Me" at 11, Gernar the Magician at 2 pm,
"Frank Dicker Band" and "Free Spirit" music from 1 - 4,
balloons, face painting and more!**



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New Bins! Thanks to Friends!

Thanks to the Friends, the library was able to acquire two new book bins for the very popular toddler book collection.



Library Birthday Party! Can you Help?

The 5th birthday party is coming up in July and we need a little help from our friends. We still need:

Friends to distribute Birthday Flyers around town.

2 Friends to bring a dozen blown up balloons.

2 Friends to bring a cooler of ice.

2 Friends to bring a 24 pack of bottled water.

2 Friends to bring 500 birthday paper plates.

5 Friends to bring packets of forks.

2 Friends to bring 1,000 birthday paper napkins.

Expenses will be reimbursed.

Friends to dress as characters from a book and mingle with our guests.

If you can help, please contact Yvonne, yduckett@yahoo.com.