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Sue Diaz, author of *Minifields of the Heart: A Mother's Stories of a Son at War*, will discuss "invisible wounds" from a mother's perspective. In her book, she recounts the emotional rollercoaster her family and other soldiers' families experience both during deployment and returning home. Books available at BookSmart and at the event at 20% discount.

Thursday, January 31, 7:00 pm

Mary Cortani, founder of **Operation Freedom Paws** in Gilroy, will talk about her organization and how it helps war veterans begin the process of healing their "invisible wounds" by training their own service dogs. In recognition for her work, Mary was one of ten finalists for CNN's Hero of the Year award.

Tuesday, February 12, 7:00 pm

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Volunteers Count

One thing that Friends like to do is to have fun and all are invited for an entertaining afternoon of potluck dining and no-holds-barred White Elephant gift opening on **Sunday, February 17th**.



The party starts at 3 pm at 1026 Llagas Road (.6 mile west on Llagas after turning off Hale). Bring an appetizer, salad or dessert and something wrapped that you think someone else might like (or you just want to get rid of!)

Please RSVP to Valerie by February 13th at 408-779-7337 or vjchambliss@gmail.com.

Volunteering Counts!

The most important hour of your week may be the one you give away.

Artist Scape Martinez' book published in Chinese

Scape Martinez, the artist who created the mural "Inspire" in the teen group study room, has had his first book published in Chinese. Now, *GRAFF: the Art & Technique of Graffiti* will be available to Chinese fans of the art form.



Friends Volunteers

In recent weeks we have lost a few of our regular bookstore volunteer cashiers for various reasons and so are looking for some replacements, as well as more substitutes.

If you are interested in working in the bookstore, please contact me to discuss options and to arrange training. If you are already a trained sub, check out the Google calendar to see when you might be needed:

<http://tinyurl.com/FMHLBookstoreCalendar>

February 23rd is the date of our Winter Book Sale. We will need volunteers to help in many capacities.

Set up for the sale takes place on Friday, February 22 at 12:30pm and usually takes just a couple of hours. We appreciate any help you can give to get this big job done.

Volunteers are also needed for the day of the sale—working as a cashier and clean-up at the end of the day. Please send me an email if this fits in your schedule.

We are so lucky to have such wonderful volunteers. Thank you for all the time and effort you put into making our book store and book sales a great success.

Thank You 

Karen MacDonald,
Volunteer Coordinator
karenmacdonald@charter.net

With Condolences

We are sad to report the unexpected death of Friend Isabelle King on Dec 29. She was a regular volunteer in the Friends bookstore, and she will be missed. Our condolences to her family. We also offer sympathies to library staff member Kathleen Diaz, on the sudden death of her son Bryan.

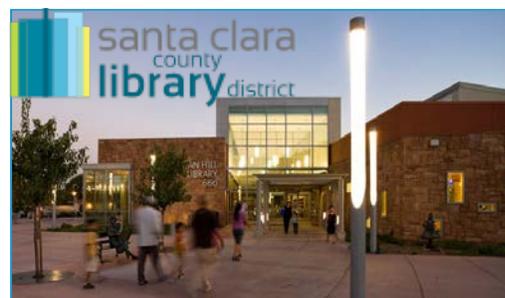
Peggy's Pages

*Notes from
the Librarian*

Peggy Tomasso
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Another year has gone by, and once again the Friends have given so much to the library and community:

- a fabulous 5th birthday party,
- new street art in the teen area,
- countless children's programs and supplies for activities,
- and events for adults and teens.



Now the Friends have also started supporting a bestseller collection for children, including console games and DVDs, as well as books.

Highlights of 2012

- 823,544 items were checked out, 77,123 requests or holds were picked up, and 2,270 new cards cards were issued.
- Circulation of the Adult and Teen Bestseller collections increased by 7% increase over last year.
- Ray, our bilingual librarian, answered 1,335 questions for Spanish-speaking patrons and presented 45 bilingual storytimes.
- Children's services presented 183 storytimes with 10,113 participating. There were 121 other programs (like class visits, puppet shows & Halloween Fest) that served 6,686 for a total of 304 programs with 16,799 in attendance.
- Teen services presented 64 programs with 1,448 attending. 13,938 teens (ages 13-19) have library cards at the Morgan Hill Library.
- Adult Services had 137 programs with 2,786 attending.
- The number of people coming into the library ranges from 1,100-1,200 per day.
- Our highest of the year was 2,485 in January 2012 during Puzzle Fest.
- Fridays are our quietest days with gate counts under 900.
- During lobby hours on Tuesday from 10-1, about 150-225 people check out 150-180 items each day.
- Our busiest month is July. Quietest months are November and December.

Silicon Valley Reads author at Gilroy Library, 350 W 6th St.
Saturday, February 2, 2 pm

The Long Walk: A Story of War and the Life that Follows by Brian Castner is the second book selected for the 2013 theme of the "Invisible Wounds of War." The author, a bomb-disposal veteran of the Iraq War, traces his three tours of duty and the challenges he faced while re-acclimating to civilian life.

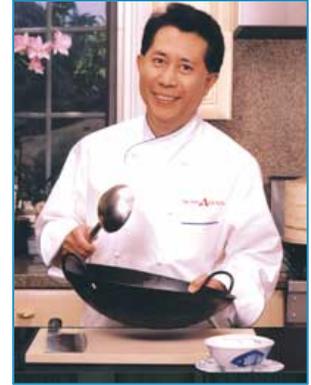
Don't Miss this Upcoming Event

Yan Can Cook!

February 14, 7:00 PM – Martin Yan

The famous host of over 3,000 cooking shows broadcast world-wide, Martin Yan enjoys distinction as a certified Master Chef, a highly respected food consultant, a cooking instructor and a prolific author. Come experience this energetic celebrity chef live and for free at the Morgan Hill Library!

This event is part of the Library's **Spring Focus on Food** programs. Check out some of the other programs:



February 16 - Julie Lerner: ***Nutrition for Toddlers & Preschoolers***, 3:00 PM

March 23 - Culinary Dude: ***Pizza time for children 4-11***, 2:00 PM

Learn how to cook food your favorite stars love! - for teens 12-18, 4:00 PM

April 6 - Culinary Dude: ***Healthy and Delicious for Children***, 4-11, 2:00 PM

April 6 - Culinary Dude: ***Sushi making for Adults***, 4:00 PM

April 18 - Yummy Tummy Farms: ***Gardening Together***, 7:00 PM

April 20 - Trudy Scott: ***Anti-anxiety Food Solution***, 4:00 PM

Getting to Know Our Library Staff Members

Staff Member profile: Lucia LeBlanc



The library welcomes Lucia LeBlanc as our new Senior Library Clerk. Lucia replaces Margaret Rose who retired at the end of December 2011. Lucia will finish her 11th year working for the Santa Clara County Library District in April.

She started at Saratoga Library in 2002, and for the last five years she has worked at the Campbell Library until taking her new position at the Morgan Hill Library.

Lucia loves reading, baking, reading about baking, and making lists for her blog, which you can find at:

www.sccl.org/about/library-news/sccl/blogs/luciaslistmania.

“Each library I've worked in has its own distinct character, and I look forward to discovering what makes Morgan Hill Library unique! “





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MORGAN HILL LIBRARY

WINTER BOOK SALE



Saturday, February 23
10 am to 3 pm

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

Fiction, non-fiction,
hardcover and paperbacks

Children's books and
small paperbacks only 10¢



Members Only Preview
Saturday, February 23, 9- 10 am
(before sale opens to the public,
memberships available at the door)

FMHL President's Message

I hope you are all enjoying a great start to 2013. We ended 2012 with the Friends annual meeting that featured a fun and informative olive oil tasting with Carol Firenze. We learned about the history of olive oil, its uses beyond cooking and that "extra virgin" doesn't always mean it really is.

Things are in full swing at the Morgan Hill Library, as the Friends board met to establish a budget for the upcoming year and approve our librarian's requests for \$41,000 for programs, services and furnishings. It is so satisfying to have the confidence to say "Yes!" to Peggy's requests, knowing that many volunteers and supporters will be working diligently all year to meet the challenge of funding these worthwhile projects.

If you have not yet renewed your Friends membership for 2013, please stop in at the bookstore to do so, or go online and make use of our PayPal system to pay your dues. We hope that you will want to continue to support the Friends and the library.



If you have noticed that the names of officers and committee chairs sound familiar, you are not wrong; all of the 2012 board agreed to continue to serve in 2013. However, we would certainly welcome fresh faces. Members are encouraged to attend the next board meeting on Tuesday, **April 16th** at 7 pm, and share new ideas and energy. As it stands, I am serving a second year as president, **Teresa Stephenson** is vice-president, **Vicky Reader** is secretary and **Marti Jurik** is treasurer. **Joy Safakish** keeps track of membership, **Karen MacDonald** organizes volunteers, **Mary Ringo** directs bookstore sales, **Roberta Henderson** runs online sales, **Andrew Poth** maintains our website, **Jan Sanders** takes care of publicity, **Yvonne Duckett** publishes our newsletter, and **Carol O'Hare** coordinates book sales.



We still need someone to organize programs or speakers forums during the year and a volunteer to take charge of refreshments for board meetings and library programs. Please contact me if you would like to be more involved with the Friends, and we can discuss possibilities.

I hope to see many of you at the Friends White Elephant Party on February 17.
Best wishes to all for a memorable 2013,
Valerie Chambliss

Valerie Chambliss – President, vjchambliss@gmail.com

FMHL Income and Library Requests

Treasurer's Report



Thanks to many wonderful volunteers, the Friends Bookstore sales totaled \$31,000 net in 2012, plus an additional \$4,600 from Big Sales.

The fantastic online seller, **Roberta Henderson**, netted \$19,000!

The funds were used to provide the library with a sign stand, a mural, Zumba classes, book trucks, security gates, browsing boxes, bookshelves, and over \$27,000 worth of books, materials, and programs!

2013 Memberships

It is time to renew your membership for the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library. Your membership helps our library in many ways. The Friends support:

- *Adult and Teen Bestseller Collections*
- *Children's Bestseller Collection*, new and already very popular
- *Guest Speakers & Special Programs*
- *Children and Adult Summer Reading Programs*
- *E-tablets with pre-loaded software for children*, coming soon

Membership forms are available in the Friend's Bookstore inside the Library. You can also join at the Friend's website, www.friendsmhl.org, either using the PayPal option or printing a form and mailing it.

2013 Individual Memberships are still at the low price of \$10. Benefits of membership include:

- *FHML Discount Card (50% off one item monthly at Friends Bookstore)*
- *Early admittance to our Big Book Sales*

If you've become a 2013 member but don't have your Discount Card, please check with the cashier at the Bookstore. Discount Cards are held there for 5-year and lifetime members, and for mail-in and internet orders.

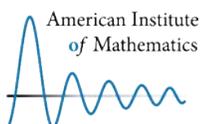
Join the Friends and help create positive change in your community.

Joy Safakish – Membership Coordinator

Climate Disruption: What Math and Science Have to Say

Two Bay Area mathematics institutes. AIM (www.aimath.org) and MSRI (www.msri.org), will co-host a public lecture at the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco on March 4 at 7:30 pm. The talk is part of the Mathematics of Planet Earth (MPE2013) initiative (see mpe2013.org) and will be sponsored by the Simons Foundation. The speaker, Emily Shuckburgh, is the head of Oceans Research at the British Antarctic survey and is reputed to be a terrific speaker. The presentation will be geared toward a general audience.

AIM is offering members and their guests complimentary tickets to the lecture. In addition, if 50 Morgan Hill people register, they will provide a bus to San Francisco at a nominal charge (perhaps \$5 - \$10 per person).



To obtain complimentary tickets, go to the website <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/317234> and use the discount code "earth." If you wish to ride the bus, please contact Jan Conrey, jco5nrey@gmail.com for details.



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Do you...



We 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 and taking photos,
- listing the item on EBAY,
- monitoring the sales,
- answering questions from prospective buyers and,
- 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.

