Friends of the Library Annual Meeting
December 3

All are invited to the Friends of the Library Annual Membership meeting, to be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, December 3, in the Library Program Room. Our kick-off entertainment will be the AAUW Ukuladies performing Christmas tunes, with sing-along opportunities. In addition to enjoying seasonal refreshments, the business at hand will be to elect the 2014 Friends of the Morgan Hill Library Officers and to revel in year-end reports. Come one, come all!

Slate of Officers
President: Teresa Stephenson
Vice President: Ric Smith
Treasurer: Marti Jurick
Secretary: Charlene Wiltsee

President: Teresa Stephenson currently is Friends vice president. She has served as secretary and membership chair, as well as president. She works a regular shift in the bookstore and helps at book sales. She is a WERC volunteer and an IBM retiree.

Vice President: Ric Smith is a longtime member of the Friends and works a shift in the bookstore twice a month. He is also an active volunteer with WERC, as well as helping other non-profit organizations.

Treasurer: Marti Jurick has served as treasurer for the past two years and also works in the bookstore. She is secretary for AAUW and was board clerk for the County of Santa Clara before retiring.

Secretary: Charlene Wiltsee joined the Friends two years ago after retiring from her job as Spanish teacher at Live Oak High School. She first volunteered as a book sorter and now works a regular shift in the bookstore.

Nominations may also be made from the floor.
**Friends of the Morgan Hill Library**

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**Winter Big Book Sale**

Saturday, February 15, 2014, 10 am to 3 pm
To volunteer to help, contact Karen MacDonald, karenmacdonald@charter.net.
Members-Only Preview Sale 9 – 10 am.

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**Give the Gift of Reading**

Share your love of reading with under-served Bay Area children by donating books to the Gift of Reading program. This annual project collects **new or nearly-new books** and distributes them as holiday gifts. Especially needed are pre-school and elementary level books, as well as books in Spanish or Vietnamese. Books (unwrapped) may be dropped off at BookSmart or the Morgan Hill Library. (BookSmart will give a 10% discount on books purchased for the Gift of Reading.) The deadline is Fri., Dec. 13. The project is sponsored by RAFT (Resource Area for Teaching) and the San Jose Mercury News.

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**Membership Renewal**

It is time to renew your Friends of the Library membership for 2014. You can join at [http://www.friendsmhlibrary.org](http://www.friendsmhlibrary.org), or sign up in the Bookstore. A basic membership remains the reasonable price of $10. If you have a question about your membership status, please contact Joy Safakish at safakishj@yahoo.com. Your membership dues may be tax deductible.

One benefit of membership is getting one book at half price each month. The new 2014 Discount Cards are now available in the Friends Bookstore. Tell your friends that if they join now, their membership will be good through 2014, and they will get the half price discount for the rest of 2013.

Thanks to all new and returning members for supporting the Friends and the Morgan Hill Library for another year.

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**Silicon Valley Reads**

The theme for 2014 Silicon Valley Reads is “Books and Technology: Friends or Foes?” The selected books are *The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains* by technology writer Nicholas Carr, and *Mr. Penumbra’s 24 Hour Bookstore*, a first novel by Bay Area writer Robin Sloan set in Silicon Valley and San Francisco. Mr. Sloan will be appearing at the Morgan Hill Library on Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

The library’s **Book Club** will move to the last Monday of the month, starting in January, and it will include dessert! The January book is “The Book Thief” by Marcus Zusak.