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Library and Friends Receive Kaiser Grant

The Friends of the Library and the Morgan Hill Library recently received a \$1000 grant from Kaiser Permanente to support the Morgan Hill Community Conference: Uniting the Community for the Success of Our Youth. This is a one day event on April 12, 2014, that seeks to unite the community to help our youth thrive. The conference will provide educational opportunities for parents, grandparents, youth workers, businesses, or just about anyone looking to impact our youth in a positive way. It will include a variety of speakers, booths and presentations. The Library will present a workshop on academic success for students and how the library can be an integral part of that success.



The grant is from Kaiser's South Bay Public Affairs, Community and Government Relations, and Community Benefit. Funds will be used to help publicize the conference, pay for speakers, and provide refreshments. The event will take place at the Loritta Bonfante Johnson Education Center, 85 Tilton Avenue, Morgan Hill, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. If you have any questions regarding the grant or conference, please contact Nichole King, Teen and Adult Services Librarian at nking@sccl.org.

Volunteers Count



Bookstore and Book Sale Volunteer Update

The New Year has started off with a new schedule for the library, now open on six days a week with the addition of Mondays. That means more hours for our bookstore and a need for more volunteers to fill those hours. Thank you to all who have signed up for regular shifts or to sub when needed.

There are still many regular shifts that need to be filled. Those most urgently needed are

- 4th Monday of the month, 2-3 pm
- 2nd Friday, 10 am-1 pm
- 2nd Saturday, 1-4:30 pm.

Also needed are 5th Monday, 12-3, 3-6, 6-8 pm; Tuesday 6-8 pm; Wednesday, 6-8 pm (every other week); 4th Thursday, 4-5:30 pm; 5th Thursday, 4-5:30 pm; 5th Friday, 4-5:30 pm; and 5th Saturday, 1-4:30 pm

We're grateful that so many volunteers have already stepped forward to staff our February 15 book sale. Thanks to all who help with the big job of set up the day before the sale, work during the sale to make it a great experience for the community, and clean up at the end of the day. As usual, this sale has thousands of books, but we also have a great number of good quality children's books that are just waiting to be put in the hands of pre-readers, young readers, and teens. Each book is only ten cents each.

I also want to thank our great group of sorters who organize all the books for the store and the sale. They are the often un-seen backbone of our FMHL group.

The time and efforts put in by our volunteers all benefit our wonderful Morgan Hill Library and the community it serves. Thank you.

*Karen MacDonald – Volunteer
Coordinator,*
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Membership Means You Are a Friend of the Morgan Hill Library

The Friends are grateful for the many followers who have supported the Friends and the Morgan Hill Library over the years. We appreciate those who have volunteered their time, given a donation, or renewed their membership. Because of membership dues and book sale income, we have been able to fund the following in the past year:

- Most ever adult-teen-children participants in the Summer Reading Program, all receiving a free book or coupon.
- Special fun programs, including the Culinary Dude, henna tattoos for teens, free Zumba! classes, “Cupcake Wars”, and the Bubble Lady.
- In addition, the Friends regularly fund the Best Seller collection that makes popular books available for all ages.

Anyone can join our non-profit organization for a very reasonable \$10 per year for an individual membership. (Family memberships are \$20.) You can find an application online at <http://www.friendsmhillibrary.org>, or stop in at the Bookstore where a volunteer can help you. Renewals can be done totally online. All annual memberships expired on December 31.

Please support our commitment to keep the Library a strong community resource by joining us as a *Friend of the Morgan Hill Library*.

Joy Safakish – Membership Chair,
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Report from the Community Librarian

Peggy's Pages

Notes from
the Librarian

Peggy Tomasso
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Library Now Open on Mondays

You can now visit the library on Monday! The library's new hours are:

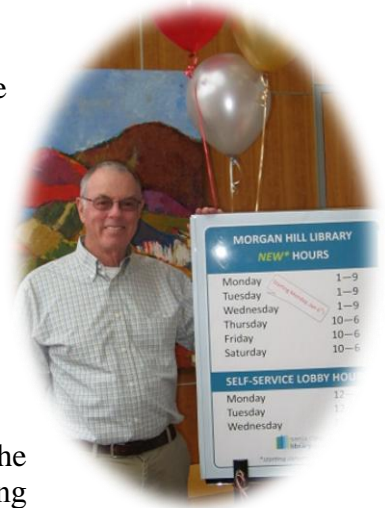
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
1 to 9, (lobby open from 12 to 1)

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
10 to 6.

Mayor *Steve Tate* stopped by on our opening day to congratulate us on our new hours.

With the library opening on Monday came the challenge of staffing the Friends' Bookstore during the new hours. I want to say a huge THANK YOU

to all the volunteers who have stepped up to take new or different shifts to keep the bookstore running. The money you raise makes all the difference in the programs and materials the library is able to offer. Kudos for all your hard work and dedication!



Morgan Hill mayor, Steve Tate, visits the library on Monday!

Community Conference Grant

The Friends and Library applied for and were awarded a \$1,000 grant through Kaiser Permanente South Bay Public Affairs to help support the Morgan Hill Community Conference on April 12. NBC Bay Area news reporter Damian Trujillo is slated as the keynote speaker. Check it out at <http://www.mhyouthconference.com/>.

Getting to Know Our Library Staff Members

Staff Member Profile: Judy Wolfhal

Judy Wolfhal is the library's new part-time Children's Librarian. She came to librarianship through cataloging and found that she loved public service as much as technical services. She has worked in a variety of libraries including a public library in Montreal, an airplane museum, and a community college outside of Seattle.

She is now happy to work with her friendly and helpful colleagues in serving the Morgan Hill community. She likes to read mysteries and has recently enjoyed Rebecca Cantrell's *A City of Broken Glass*, James Runcie's *Sidney Chambers and the Perils of the Night*, and Mary Miley's *The Impersonator*.



Introducing Judy Wolfhal

Silicon Valley Reads Events

Silicon Valley Reads 2014



**Speaking at the
Morgan Hill Library, 660 West Main Ave.**



Robin Sloan

**Author of
*Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour
Bookstore***

**Tuesday, March 4
7 p.m.**

Free Co-sponsored by Friends of Morgan Hill Library,
AAUW Morgan Hill, BookSmart and the Morgan Hill Times.
For Information: 408-779-3196 or visit www.siliconvalleyreads.org.

Books available (at 10% discount) at BookSmart and at the event.

A gleeful and exhilarating tale of global conspiracy, complex code-breaking, high-tech data visualization, young love, rollicking adventure, and the secret to eternal life—mostly set in a hole-in-the-wall San Francisco bookstore.



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2014 Silicon Valley Reads Events at the Morgan Hill Library

The theme for 2014 Silicon Valley Reads is “Books & Technology: Friends or Foes?”. The book selections for adults are *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan and *The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains* by Nicholas Carr. Mr. Sloan will speak and sign books at the Morgan Hill Library on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 pm.

On Monday, February 10, Steven Yvaska, antique columnist for the San Jose Mercury News, will be at the library at 7 pm to talk about how to evaluate “Treasure in Your Bookshelf.” You are invited to bring special books for his informal evaluation.

For artists and crafters, there will be an Altered Books Craft Workshop on Saturday, March 1, 12 noon, where you can learn how to take old books and make them into totally new books that are unique works of art.

There are also SVR selected books for children and author appearances. Chris Grabenstein, author of *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* will present a program for kids on Thursday, March 13, at 3 pm.

On Saturday, March 22 at 10:15 am, Bill Joyce and Joe Bluhm, the author and illustrator of *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore*, will do a fun family presentation. Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman will read from the book on Thursday, March 6, at 11 am, during story time.

There are over 100 events scheduled throughout the county for this annual celebration of books and reading, now in its 12th year. In addition to authors, there are panels, films, discussions, and an art exhibit. The Computer History Museum will host Silicon Valley Reads Day on Saturday, February 15, with free admission (must register ahead of time).

For details about all these events and more, pick up a copy of the Calendar of Events at the library, or go to www.siliconvalleyreads.org.

FMHL President's Message

Happy 2014!

I'd like to thank our newest officers for joining the board: **Ric Smith** as Vice President and **Charlene Wiltsee** as Secretary. We always like to see new faces. Great thanks to **Marti Jurick** for continuing as Treasurer. And a special thank you to **Valerie Chambliss**, our outgoing president, who served the Friends so well for two years. We also couldn't do this without the help of **Karen MacDonald, Joy Safakish, Mary Ringo, Roberta Henderson, Andrew Poth, Yvonne Duckett, Jan Sanders** and **Carol O'Hare**. They keep our operation running smoothly. Thanks to the AAUW Ukuladies for serenading us at the annual members' meeting in December. If you'd like to get more involved with the Friends and help to make our library the best in the world, just email me or any board member and we'll find a place for you.

It's time for Silicon Valley Reads again. Grab a brochure at the library or the bookstore and join in some of the many events happening all over the valley. I'll see you at our event on March 4 with Robin Sloan, author of *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore*. Also, Steve Yvaska will be in the program room on February 10 with 'Treasure in Your Bookshelf'. What treasures can be found on your bookshelf?



Steve Yvaska to speak Feb. 10th

I hope you will join us on February 15 for our winter Big Book Sale. We have many, many books for sale, and this time we have hundreds of children's books for ten cents apiece. Help us raise funds, so Peggy, our librarian, can check off all the 'wish fors' on her list. Every penny we earn goes back to the library for books, programs and even possibly a disk cleaning machine. Best Library Ever....

If you haven't already renewed your membership, please do so to continue your support of the Friends and the Morgan Hill Library. Discount cards for 2014 are available in the store. We're open on Mondays now! Have a wondrous and prosperous new year.

Teresa Stephenson – President, stephensonjr@earthlink.net

FMHL Treasurer's Message

Proceeds from Big Book Sales in 2013 were \$4,828—over 1½ times what we expected! Let's keep up our record with the upcoming Big Sale on February 15, 2014.

The grand total from Big Sales, Bookstore, and Online sales totaled \$47,709, which was used to pay for books, programs, classes, Silicon Valley Reads, and a new Pinterest Craft Club. We also contributed \$4,000 to the successful Parcel Tax campaign, which enabled the library to be open on Mondays! Thanks to all our volunteers, members, customers, and supportive Library Staff.



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MORGAN HILL LIBRARY

WINTER BOOK SALE



Saturday, February 15, 2014
10 am to 3 pm

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

Fiction, non-fiction,
hardcover and paperbacks

Hundreds of children's books
only 10¢ each



Members Only Preview
Saturday, February 15, 9 - 10 am
(before sale opens to the public,
memberships available at the door)