



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MORGAN HILL, CALIFORNIA

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The Bookworm Bulletin  
Events of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library

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### Friends Help at Art a la Carte

FMHL sponsored a booth at Art a la Carte on Saturday, April 30th. The annual event, hosted by Morgan Hill's Library, Culture and Arts Commission (LCAC), is designed to promote art and culture for children ages 2-10.



Friends **Murv and Judy Little, Arnavaz Wadia and Anabel Ellison** help the little ones with a craft activity.



Made from clothespins and craft sticks, these biplanes were crafted by the kids to illustrate the transportation theme.

# Volunteers Count



We are fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers who give of their time and energy to work in the store, sort donations, stock, sell books on-line, handle money, and much more. We appreciate all that you do. But of course, we always can use more help as summer approaches and schedules change.

## Bookstore

CAN YOU HELP?

We need volunteers to work the following regular shifts:

### starting in July

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month 1-4:30 pm

4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. of each month, 4-5:30 pm

### starting in September

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month 10 am-1 pm

4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month 10 am-1 pm

If we have volunteers, we'd like to be open every Monday and Tuesday, 6-8 pm.

We also need cashiers for Thursday, July 24, both the 10 am-1 pm and 4-5:30 pm shifts.

If you can work one or two times a month, that would be great. If you can only be a sub, those are needed, too.

## Stock and Sort

We could also use a volunteer to stock shelves in the store and Bargain Books on Monday mornings and/or Saturday afternoons for 1-2 hours. Sorters are always needed, especially on Thursdays. Usual hours are 9:30-11:30 am but are flexible.

If you can fill any of these jobs, let me know. Your help makes our store run smoothly and earns money to support the library. And we have a good time, while we're at it!

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**Karen MacDonald** –  
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## Membership Continues to Grow

The number of Friends of the Morgan Hill Library has steadily grown over the past 35 years. We welcome many new Friends and have seen many previous Friends join us again.

All proceeds generated by the Friends are funneled back to our library in the form of Book Collections, Silicon Valley Reads, summer book programs and much more. Community members can help the library by attending FMHL Book Sales, becoming a member and by patronizing the bookstore. In return, the Morgan Hill Library does an outstanding job to meet the needs of our community.

Annual membership fees are still \$10 for individuals, \$20 for families. Membership is open to all persons and includes a Discount Card and early admittance to Book Sales. Join the Friends to support your library at [www.friendsmhillibrary.org/](http://www.friendsmhillibrary.org/) or, stop by the Bookstore for a membership form.

**Joy Safakish** –  
Membership Chair,  
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## FMHL BOOK REVIEW

### *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*

by Gabrielle Zevin

This is a novel for anyone who loves books, bookstores, and bookish people. A.J. Fikry is a cranky, depressed bookseller whose beloved wife has recently died; his store is struggling; and a rare book, his prized possession, has been stolen. Then a baby girl is left in his store and his life changes. He also develops an up-and-down relationship with a new publisher's rep. Chapter openings that are mini-reviews of classic titles are an added feature. It was a quick read, funny, entertaining, and charming.

**Carol O'Hare**

# Peggy's Pages

*Notes from  
the Librarian*

*Peggy Tomasso*  
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Summer is upon us, and the Summer Reading program at the library is in full swing. The library is a hive of activity for all ages and inclinations. Check out the wide variety of programs.

## **FOR KIDS**

June 18 Python Ron, June 25 Fire & Ice with Mad Science, July 2 Magician Brian Scott, July 19 Hands on Universe, July 23 Carnival of the Animals Puppet Show, July 30 Summer Reading Wrap-up Party

**Pajama Party:** Kids come in their PJs for a special series of bedtime storytimes featuring stories, songs and science experiments. Wednesdays at 7 pm, June 13 - July 23. A huge thanks to **Valerie Chambliss** and **Murv and Judy Little** for volunteering to help with the science experiments at these programs. Hopefully nothing will blow up!

**Creative Writing Workshop for Kids:** Children will be exploring writing topics through music, art, and drama. Workshops will be held on June 13, 20 and 27, from 3-4:30 pm.

**Local Wildlife Workshops:** Santa Clara County park ranger will bring animal skulls and pelts and talk about how animals obtain food, shelter and water. Workshops will be on June 19 and July 17 at 3:00 pm.

## **FOR TEENS**

June 10 Craft Sharpie Art, June 13 Teen Lock-In 7:00-10:00 pm, June 21 Culinary Dude, June 24 International Candy Tasting Contest, June 25 Mad Science Bay Area, July 8 Zen Doodling, July 15 Summer Cupcake Decorating, July 22 Henna Tattoos, July 29 Summer Tag Scrapbook

Manga and Anime Discussion Club: June 12 and 19, July 10 and 24, August 7

Teen Movie and Snacks: June 17, July 1, August 5

## **FOR ADULTS**

June 21 Cooking class with the Culinary Dude, June 23 Water Saving Tips for the Summer, July 19 Hunt for the Next Earth, July 26 Portable Planetarium, August 11 Growing Fall and Winter Vegetables.

Zumba every Monday 5:30-6:30 pm

Bring Your Own Baby Book Club Mondays, June 30, July 28 and August 25 at 3:30 pm

Books with Dessert Book Club Mondays, June 30, July 28 and August 25 at 7:30 pm

**All these programs are possible because of the generous support of the Friends. In addition each child and teen who sign up for the summer reading program will get to pick a free book. Adults will receive a coupon good for \$3 worth of merchandise in the Friends Bookstore.** There is a grand prize drawing for adults, teens, and children who read five books over the summer and log their titles online. Adults and teens will have a chance to win a Google Nexus 7 tablet or an iPad mini, and children can win an iPod shuffle.



# *Summer Book Sale*

**Saturday**

**June 28, 2014**

**10 am to 3 pm**

**All books \$1 or less**

**\$4 per bag 2-3 pm**

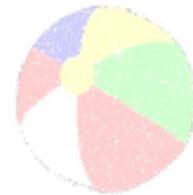
**Fiction, non-fiction, hardcover, paper**

**Many children's books, 10¢ each**

**Members Only Preview**

**Saturday, June 28, 9 - 10 am**

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



**Save the date: October 4, 2014, next book sale**

## FMHL President's Message

### Art a la Carte

Once again we participated in Art a la Carte, a free crafts event for kids, which was a rousing success. Kids and volunteers had a great time. In addition to the airplane craft, we also provided about a hundred free children's books. Many thanks to **Valerie Chambliss** and our volunteers. A good time was had by all.

### Teacher Discount

At the last Board meeting, we voted to extend a 10% discount to teachers on ALL purchases in the bookstore. Please spread the word to any teachers you may know.



### Water-Wise Gardening

It looks like it may be a long hot summer this year. Please do what you can to conserve water. The library has had many talks by Master Gardeners on landscaping with native plants and water-wise gardening. The next presentation will be on June 23 at 7 pm in the program room. Come and learn tips for saving water. Our library has many interesting programs – see Peggy's article and check out the events calendar on the library's [website](#).



### Summer Book Sale

We have lots of books again for our next sale, including boxes and boxes of children's books. I hope you will join us on **June 28** for our summer Big Book Sale. Come early for the best selection. Remember, members can buy books an hour before the sale is open to the public.

If you haven't already renewed your membership in the Friends of the Library, please remember to do so.

Have a wonderful summer!

**Teresa Stephenson** – President, <mailto:stephensonjr@earthlink.net>

## FMHL Treasurer's Message

Sales at the Friends Bookstore and online have been down in the first four months of this year. However, the Big Sale in February and a Children's Book Sale in March have helped keep us close to the total income that we expected.

The Friends have paid for a number of activities to date: Chamber Music by the Bay, a presentation on Drought Resistant Plants, participation in Art a la Carte, and a celebration to mark the opening of the library on Mondays. In addition, we will be supporting several exciting summer programs, including the summer reading programs for kids and adults.



**Marti Jurick** – Treasurer, [momoo1@aol.com](mailto:momoo1@aol.com)



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Coming in September 2014:  
Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the county  
library system and of the Morgan Hill Library.  
Details to follow.

### Welcome New Library Staff

**Jeff Binschus** has joined the staff as our new Senior Clerk. Jeff has worked for the library district since 2001 as a page, clerk, and materials handler at the library's services and support center.



He loves to travel, and he and his wife have been to the UK, Italy, France, Mexico, and around the Caribbean. He also loves automobiles - whether it is wrenching, driving, racing or just reading about them. He comes from a family with a French background, so he loves fine dining with all its complexities. His wife is in nursing school studying to become a RN, and they have a 12 pound cockapoo.