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



**Morgan Hill
Library 100 Year
Anniversary
Extravaganza**

The Morgan Hill Library and the Santa Clara County Library District are both commemorating their centennials with various programs and events this fall. Join in a celebration of 100 years of library service to the Morgan Hill community with a day of fun on Saturday, September 20, 1:00 – 5:00 pm.

There will be live music, vintage crafts, Germar the magician, W.E.R.C. raptors, and a special appearance by Geronimo Stilton.

**See page 4 for the complete
Centennial Activities schedule.**

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FMHL President's Message

Library Expansion!



Exciting Times!

Our library is starting to burst at the seams, and so the Friends has engaged Weston Miles Architects to put together a plan for how we can expand and improve it. We are working with Friends volunteers, Library staff, community groups, and yes, all the Friends membership to help understand what works and what doesn't and what can be improved. To that end, we will be sending out an email with more information and a questionnaire, so you can add your voice to the project. I encourage you to think about how you use the library and what you would like to see changed. We may not be able to do everything we would like, but let's not limit our thinking in the planning process. I am very excited by the possibilities and am looking forward to working with everyone.

A special presentation by Weston Miles Architects for members of the Friends is set for Tuesday, September 30, 7:00 pm at the library. Everyone is invited to offer input by completing the questionnaire and/or attending the presentation.

Bookstore cashiers will receive an additional questionnaire specific to their experiences working in the store. Your feedback is important.

For more details about the library expansion project, please see the letter from the architect on page 7.

Teresa Stephenson – President, stephensonjr@earthlink.net

Philanthropy Day Honorees - 2014

Three members of the Friends of the Library have been selected as 2014 Philanthropy Day honorees: **Valerie Chambliss** has been chosen by the Friends, and **Emily Shem-Tov** and **Lisa Pampuch** by Library staff. They will receive their awards at the Philanthropy Day dinner on Friday, November 14, to be held at the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center. The event is sponsored by the Morgan Hill Community Foundation as a way for non-profit groups to recognize those volunteers who help make their organizations successful.



Valerie Chambliss joined the Friends about six years ago and quickly became involved as a book sorter. She then went on to serve on the board as secretary (two years) and president (two years) and continues to assist with sorting books and book sales. She also willingly helps out wherever needed: organizing Friends' participation in Art a la Carte, coordinating a sale table at the Historical Society Holiday Boutique, and assisting with library programs for kids. She never—or hardly ever—says no!

In 2008 **Emily Shem-Tov** (left) and **Lisa Pampuch** (right) founded the Morgan Hill Library Foundation, whose mission was to support the long-term needs of the library.

They also started Silicon Valley Puzzle Fest, which originally was a fundraising event for the new library and then helped fund the Foundation. Over time, as their work and family commitments increased, they decided they could no longer continue with the work of the Foundation.



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The money they raised (more than \$35,000) was donated to the Friends to continue with their mission. Part of this Foundation money is currently being used to fund the study for library expansion.

BELIEVE
THERE IS
GOOD IN
THE WORLD
2014 National Philanthropy Day

Peggy's Pages

*Notes from
the Librarian*

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Summer was indeed a very busy time for the library with a record turnout of over 2,600 children, 390 teens, and 450 adults signing up for summer reading and record turnout for many of our programs. A huge THANK YOU to the Friends for your support of these programs that are so popular with our community.



This September kicks off Santa Clara County Library District's 100 year celebration, which will have activities happening through November. And not only is the library district celebrating 100 years, the Morgan Hill Library is also 100 years old, being the second library to join the District.

On Saturday afternoon, September 20, the library will have a HUGE party to celebrate! Come join us for all the festivities:

- 1:00-2:30 Get up close with local wildlife from the Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center
- 1:30-2:30 Get an autograph and bring your camera to take a picture with your favorite author and book character, Geronimo Stilton!
- 1:30-2:30 Live music with Undercover (80's cover band)
- 1:30-2:30 Make a vintage paper wreath, especially for teens
- 1:00-3:00 Ever wonder what Google Glass is really like?
Come try on a pair and see for yourself.
- 3:00-3:45 Magic show with Germar the Magician
- 3:00-4:00 Vintage Mason jar decoupage craft for adults
- 4:00-4:30 Zumba
- 4:30-5:00 Live Oak Emerald Regime Marching Band

And food trucks will be in the parking lot for your dining pleasure:
Melts My Heart (sandwiches), Swifty Sweets (frozen yogurt), and more



Volunteers Count



ESL Conversation Club

The Morgan Hill Library is starting a weekly English as a Second Language Conversation Club this fall. We are looking to recruit several volunteers to help new English speakers improve their listening and speaking skills.

If you are a native English speaker (not bilingual) who would like to volunteer, please email Adult Services Supervising Librarian Jeff Grubb at jgrubb@sccl.org. Plans are for the ESL Club to be a drop-in session from 4-5 pm on Thursday afternoons. Volunteers will be responsible for arriving early, helping to set up, going over the day's curriculum, leading small group discussions, and providing feedback to the Supervising Librarian.

Friends Bookstore

Because of changing schedules (and lives), we are in need of cashiers for the bookstore, especially those who can commit to a regular shift, whether once a week or once a month. Of course, substitutes are always needed, too. Currently, the Thursday 10 am - 1 pm shift is available, starting October 2.

We also need someone to create new shelf labels for the bookstore and a "cleaner," who is willing to dust shelves periodically. Other projects include networking with other area Friends groups, researching authors and other speakers for library programs, and finding ways to increase membership.

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Karen MacDonald.

Karen MacDonald –
Volunteer Coordinator,
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Friends Book Sale



The next book sale is Saturday, October 4, and volunteers are always needed to set up on Friday afternoon, work a shift during the sale on Saturday, and clean up afterwards. The June sale, which earned \$2,018 for the library, took 64 volunteer hours. Contact Karen if you can help out.

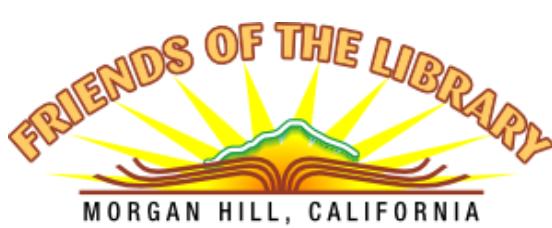
Additionally, we need someone to prepare a large collection of CDs, mostly jazz and classical, for the sale. They need to be sorted by genre (jazz, classical, opera, pop) and arranged on carts on Friday, October 3, the day before the book sale. There are about eight big boxes, so this could take a few hours. Contact Carol O'Hare, cbohare@garlic.com, to learn more.

Remembering Friends

FMHL volunteer **Marilyn Jimenez** passed away July 8 at the age 78. She and Lionel Mattos worked regular shifts in the Friends bookstore for the past five years. They also worked together as assistant treasurers, handling deposits from book sales and the bookstore. Marilyn is remembered for her sweet nature and optimistic outlook. We shall miss her.

Russ Pflasterer, a former book sorter, died August 9 at the age of 86. He was a dependable volunteer who was willing to do whatever was asked of him. He had moved to Hollister several years ago.

*We wrote your name in the sky
but the wind blew it away
We wrote your name in the sand
but the waves washed it away
We wrote your name in our hearts
and forever it will stay*



Fall Book Sale

October 4, 2014
Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm

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

Fiction, non-fiction, hardcover, paper
Children's books, 10¢ each.

CDs: extensive collection of jazz and classical \$1/disk
(not included in bag sale)

Members Only Preview
Saturday, October 4, 9 – 10 am

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

Save the date: February 21, 2015, next book sale



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August 31, 2014

Dear Members,

Morgan Hill Friends of the Library has embarked upon a project, with the assistance of Weston Miles Architects, to assess the current library's functionality for the Friends of the Library, staff, and patrons. The Friends are focused on developing a more functional bookstore, a safer storage area, and additional Book Sale space. This added space could also accommodate community classes and children's reading programs.

In addition, after meeting with the librarians and the head of the Santa Clara County Library District, the team has identified a number of other issues that could be mitigated as well. Weston Miles Architects has started analyzing these issues by interviewing staff and working members of the Friends of the Library. The staff and Friends have worked in the current library space for the past seven years and have offered very insightful opportunities for improvement. The interviews have been very helpful and the team is excited to see such community involvement and energy.

The next steps will engage specific user groups and then present all of the gathered information to a larger community group. This will encourage community involvement throughout this process and identify which issues affect multiple user groups. After this interview and analysis process, the project hopes to facilitate the suggested modifications with potential funding from both the City and the County Library.

At this point, we would like to engage the larger Friends group to assist us with any thoughts, concerns, or ideas that you may have to enhance the library's functionality now and in future.

Sincerely,

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Become a Member
or Renew Now!

Special on Friends' Memberships - Starting October 4th, new memberships will be valid for 15 months, that is, the remainder of 2014 until December 31, 2015 at the same cost as the 12 month membership. The Friends Discount card(s) will be valid for the 15 month period. Current members are welcome to renew their memberships for 2015. Contact Joy, Safakish, safakishj@yahoo.com.

The
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Save the Dates: Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Sep. 11 **Bookstore/Book Sale committee meeting**
10:00 am at Teresa Stephenson's home to discuss the fall book sale and bookstore related issues. If you can't attend the meeting but have suggestions or concerns, contact Carol O'Hare, cbohare@garlic.com.
- Sep. 30 **Special library expansion/utilization presentation** with Weston Miles Architects for members of the Friends, 7:00 pm at the library. For more information please contact Teresa, stephensonjr@earthlink.net.
- Oct. 4 **Friends Fall Book Sale**
10 am – 3 pm, with members only preview 9:00 – 10:00 am. This sale includes many children's books (10 cents each) and a large collection of CDs (mainly jazz and classical, \$1/ disk).
- Oct. 28 **Friends of the Library 40th Anniversary Celebration**
7:00 pm at the library. Details to follow.
- Nov. 14 **Philanthropy Day Dinner**
to recognize volunteers who have helped make non-profit organizations successful. RSVP details available soon.
- Dec. 9 **Friends of the Library annual membership meeting**
and election of 2015 officers, 7:00 pm at the library.
More to come.