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Report from Membership

Joy Safakish

The Friends are grateful for the many persons who have helped support our library over the years. We appreciate new members, members who return year after year, and those who make donations. You can help keep the library a valuable resource for our community by joining the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library.

We welcome everyone to join our non-profit organization. The cost is a very reasonable \$10/year for an individual. Benefits include a monthly discount card and early admittance to the Friends' book sales. Check out our website, <http://www.friendsmhlibrary.org>, or stop in at the bookstore to learn more. For those with an annual membership, it is now time to renew.



Silicon Valley Reads 2015



Homeland & Home: The Immigrant Experience

Cristina Henriquez at the Morgan Hill Library



March 24, 7 PM

660 West Main Ave

Morgan Hill

408-779-3196

Cristina Henríquez will discuss her novel
The Book of Unknown Americans.

Silicon Valley Reads is an annual community program that selects books focused on a contemporary theme and offers free events throughout Santa Clara County to engage the public in reading, thinking and discussing the topic. Our goals are to encourage the love of reading and learning and to have a welcoming forum where our diverse community can come together to share different perspectives.

This FREE Program Co-Sponsored by:

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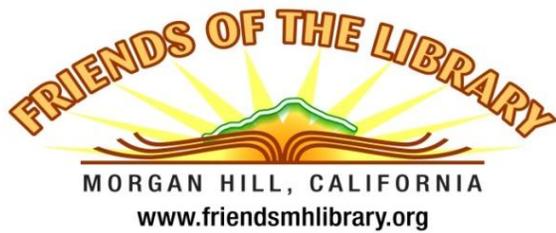
BookSmart

American Association of University Women

This is one of more than 100 SVR events throughout the county.

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**Morgan Hill
Library**

Winter Book Sale

Saturday, February 21, 2015

10 am to 3 pm

All books \$1 or less

Children's books only 10¢ each

Fiction, non-fiction, many cookbooks

2 – 3 pm Bag Sale

\$5 including a reusable library bag

\$4 if you bring your own bag

Members Only Preview

Saturday, February 21, 9 - 10 am

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

Peggy's Pages

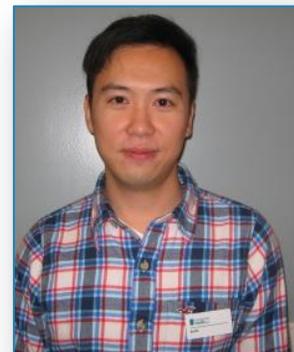
Notes from the Librarian

Peggy Tomasso
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Many wonderful things have started off this New Year. The Friends received a \$1,000 grant from Rotary to help fund the new Lego workshop that the library is hosting every Monday at 4 pm for ages two and up. The library also has several new staff members whom we are delighted to welcome.

New Library Clerks

Ka On Fong has worked for the SCCL District for eight years, at both the Saratoga and Gilroy libraries. He was born and raised in Hong Kong and graduated from SJSU with an Economics degree. He practices Muay Thai (martial arts) several times a week and also plays the piano and guitar. He has a cat named Tiger and loves all things "cat" and music.



Nancy Macias came to us from the Gilroy Library. She has worked for SCCLD for two years. She was born in LA and moved to Gilroy when she was young. She graduated from Gilroy High and attended Gavilan College and San Jose State. She has a Rottweiler named Cali. She loves to go to small SKA/rockabilly concerts and spend time with friends, and is an avid A's baseball fan.

New Children's Librarians

Phi Huynh graduated from SJSU this past winter with a Masters in Library and Information Science. She enjoys spending time with her family, cooking, trying new restaurants, reading, Sunday fun-day, and hearing the sound of her son's laughter. After having a child, she realized that she will never get eight hours of uninterrupted sleep again (at least not for a really long time), and the best coffee is the first sip from a freshly brewed cup.



Lewis Sievers has worked as a Library Page at San Francisco Public Library, a Library Aide at Oakland Public Library, and as a Library Media Technician at Grant Elementary School in San Lorenzo. He currently lives in San Francisco with his girlfriend and their two cats. He loves sci-fi books, movies, and enjoys playing online games World of Warcraft and Destiny.



Welcome to our youngest member, *Quinn Clementine*, Saralyn's daughter, who was born Christmas Eve. Quinn joins her big brother Owen, who is four. Saralyn will return from her maternity leave in July.



Volunteers Count

Karen MacDonald

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Thank you

We have a dedicated group of volunteers who put in many hours to make our bookstore so successful. Each month, bookstore cashiers put in approximately 200 hours, and sorters work about 176 hours, plus all the time of the online seller. This is truly impressive. Thank you to all. The proceeds from your efforts go to our own local library that benefits the people in our community.

Even though we are fortunate to have so many volunteers, we can always use more help. Here are some jobs that can probably be done in an hour or so a couple of times a week. Training is available on Monday or Tuesday mornings.

- Take responsibility for one section of the bookstore, such as children's, self-help, or biography. This would involve organizing, stocking, and rotating books.
- Sort and price children's books, selecting some for the store and others for the sale.
- Assist in packing books for book sales.

Most of our bookstore time slots are filled with regular volunteers, who seem to love being a cashier (especially now that we have a new cash register). But we still have a few open shifts. Can you help fill them?

2nd Saturday of each month, 1-4:30 pm

2nd Thursday, 4-5:30 pm

4th Thursday, 4-5:30 pm

Please contact Karen at karenmacdonald@charter.net to volunteer for any of these positions.



Notes from the President

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Happy 2015!

I'd like to thank returning board members, Vice President **Ric Smith** and Treasurer **Marti Jurik**, for signing on for another year, and **Jan Sanders** for taking on the position of Secretary.

We also couldn't do this without the help of **Karen MacDonald, Joy Safakish, Mary Ringo, Roberta Henderson, Andrew Poth, Yvonne Duckett, Vicky Reader, Valerie Chambliss** and **Carol O'Hare**. They keep our operation running smoothly. If you'd like to get more involved with the Friends, just email me or any board member, and we'll find a place for you. We're always looking for more volunteers.

Library Expansion

If you didn't attend our annual membership meeting in December, you missed an exciting presentation by Lesley Miles of Weston Miles Architects (and a member of the Friends!). She showed the plans we've been working on to expand the library. After talking to Friends, Library staff, community groups, and library patrons, she and her associate, Nathan Thome, have designed an addition to the library that will add needed space (including a bigger bookstore) and enhance everyone's library experience. All of us on the board are excited about the project. Currently, we are in talks with the city and the county library about funding. Take a look at the plan that is on display in the bookstore.

Upcoming Programs

I hope you will join us on February 21 for our Winter Book Sale. We have many, many books for sale, including lots of children's, science fiction, and cookbooks. Funds from the sale allow Peggy, our librarian, to provide a host of 'extras' for the library and its patrons. Also, be sure to attend the Silicon Valley Reads author presentation on March 24. This is always a special event.

Library, Cultural and Arts Commission Openings

The Library, Culture and Arts Commission currently has three vacancies. Anyone interested in becoming a commissioner and providing guidance to the city on matters concerning the library and arts in Morgan Hill can visit the city website for more information at www.morganhill.ca.gov.

Membership Renewal

If you haven't already renewed your membership, please remember to do so. New discount cards are available in the store. You can't find a better bargain.

I am looking forward to an amazing year.

Volunteer Opportunity with the ESL Conversation Club

Since November, our library has been holding a weekly Conversation Club for those who wish to learn and practice their English speaking skills. The goals of this program for those whose primary language is other than English are to:

- Enable participants to speak English in a casual, friendly, respectful, and fun environment
- Build their confidence and improvement in English speaking and listening skills
- Make friends with people from other non-English speaking countries using English as a medium of communication

Jeff Grubb leads the drop-in sessions on Thursdays from 4-5 pm in the library Program Room. He prepares the interactive materials around a timely theme each week, allowing participants to listen actively and comment or ask questions in a conversational rather than a classroom mode.

Friends member **Vicky Reader** shared,

“The Conversation Club is welcoming for participants and volunteers alike. I am inspired by the dedication of our regular attendees. Some have been in our community for a short time, others for years. Some are in ESL classes, others learn from their children or grandchildren, and all want to improve their English skills.”



Contact Jeff at jgrubb@library.scc.org or 408.779.3196 ext 3710 if you would like to volunteer.

FMHL Budget and Library Requests

In 2014 we earned \$5,630 from Big Book Sales. This was \$930 over our budget and \$800 more than in 2013. This year should be off to a good start with our first Big Sale on February 21.



We also made more than \$750 at our two special children’s book sales, and another \$350 at the Historical Society Holiday Boutique. With \$28,590 from the Bookstore and \$19,696 from online sales, our total book sale income was over \$55,000! This allowed us to support our library with books, programs, classes, and Silicon Valley Reads.

We couldn't do this without our volunteers, members, customers, and supportive library staff members. Thank you to all of you!

Marti Jurick, Treasurer, momoo@aol.com



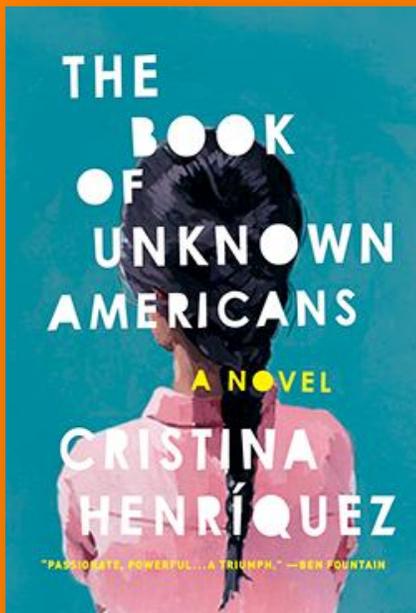
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“We’re the unknown Americans,” says a character in Cristina Henríquez’s novel, “the ones no one even wants to know, because they’ve been told they’re supposed to be scared of us and because maybe if they did take the time to get to know us, they might realize that we’re not that bad, maybe even that we’re a lot like them.”

The Book of Unknown Americans is composed of stories from immigrants from different Latin American countries, including Mexico, Panama, Guatemala, Paraguay, Nicaragua and Venezuela, who each describe their reasons for coming to the United States. At the heart of the book is the relationship between two young people who fall in love and how their families’ hopes collide with reality.

***Named one of the 100 Notable Books of 2014
by the New York Times***

“Through Henríquez’s unadorned prose, these immigrants’ struggles ring clear, their voices rising above that din of political debate.” *USA Today*