Saturaday, February 25th, 3:00 pm at the Morgan Hill Library

Adam Benforado, author of *Unfair: The New Science of Criminal Injustice*

A child is gunned down by a police officer; an investigator ignores critical clues in a case; an innocent man confesses to a crime he did not commit; a jury acquits a killer. The evidence is all around us: Our system of justice is fundamentally broken.

But it’s not for the reasons we tend to think, as law professor Adam Benforado argues in this eye-opening, galvanizing book. The roots of injustice lie within the minds of each of us.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library, AAUW Morgan Hill, and the MH Times.
Winter Book Sale

Saturday  February 18, 2017  10 am to 3 pm
All books $1 or less
Fiction, non-fiction, hard cover and paperbacks
Children’s books, 10¢ each

2 pm bag sale:
$5 with reusable library book bag,
$4 bring your own (standard size)

Members Only Preview
9 – 10 am
(before sale opens to the public,
memberships available at the door)

A Silicon Valley Reads Event
Santa Clara County Poet Laureate Arlene Biala
Visits the Morgan Hill Library
Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7 pm

Arlene Biala shares readings and brings her popular POETree, focused on the theme “...and justice for all,” to the library. Attendees will help create artistic and poetic leaves for the POETree sculpture. This is a free program for all ages.

2017 Silicon Valley Reads Events are located HERE.
SVR books available at BookSmart at 10% discount.
Notes from the President
Teresa Stephenson, tcstephenson@garlic.com

Thank you for renewing your membership in the Friends. We can’t do this without you.

Did you know that the library will be ten years old in July? We would like to have a party on July 22nd to celebrate this and perhaps even a groundbreaking ceremony for the library expansion project. That would be something to celebrate! If you would like to help with the planning for this event please email me at tcstephenson@garlic.com. We have great parties!

Also in the newsletter is information for this year’s Silicon Valley Reads. Don’t forget to check out the events planned for our library.

Come to the book sale on February 18th!

I would like to give my greatest appreciation to all of our volunteers who make this organization so successful. With your help we have been able to provide all the funds that the library has required to make our library one of the best places in the community. If you are not a volunteer and have some spare time, consider helping the Friends. We are always happy to see new faces. Help keep our organization strong.

I wish everyone and happy and prosperous New Year.

Teresa

Membership Update
Joy Safakish, Membership, safakishj@yahoo.com

Friends Continue to Support MH Library

We welcome many new Friends of the Library in 2017 and thank the many former Friends for re-joining us. As most members know, all proceeds generated by the Friends activities are funneled back to our Library. There are many examples of FMHL funds supporting the Library:

- Best Seller Book Collections, Adult, Teen, Child
- Children’s Programs & Supplies
- Adult & Teen Programs such as Book Club & Summer ‘Read for the Win’ challenge
- Library Materials, Furniture, Equipment
- Silicon Valley Reads

Community members can “give back” to their library by attending the Friends’ Book Sales, by becoming a member and by patronizing the Friends’ Bookstore. In return, the Morgan Hill Library does an outstanding job to meet the needs of our community. For over ten years the annual FMHL membership fees are still the same: $10 for individuals, $20 for families. Membership is open to all persons and includes a Discount Card (a once a month purchase at 50% off on any one Bookstore item for Jan.-Dec.) and early admittance to Book Sales.

Join the Friends to support your library at www.friendsmhlibrary.org/ or stop by the Bookstore for a membership form.
New Community Librarian Heather Geddes

The Morgan Hill Library will soon be welcoming Heather Geddes as the new Community Librarian. Heather comes to us from Watsonville Public Library where she was the Principal Librarian, overseeing the entirety of system-wide public service, including collection development and the management of the main library. She has a commitment to shaping library policy to facilitate public access and remove roadblocks to access. She has been a strong city and community partner, serving on a city negotiating committee and on the Rotary Club of Freedom for 10 years where she also served as president. She currently serves as the co-chair of the Monterey Bay Area Cooperative Library System (MOBAC) Reference Committee.

Heather has overseen numerous ambitious projects including the digitization of over 100 years of local community newspapers, and a collaboration with Digital Nest and local high school students to produce documentary short films—a highlight of the Watsonville annual Film Festival.

Heather’s first day with Morgan Hill Library will be February 27th. Welcome, Heather!
“A Life of Simplicity”

Venerable Tenzin Chogkyi
Tibetan Buddhist Nun

Venerable Tenzin Chogkyi will share the story of her life as a Buddhist nun when she speaks at the library on Tuesday, February 28, at 7:00 pm. She currently resides at Vajrapani Institute, a Tibetan Buddhist retreat center near Boulder Creek in the Santa Cruz Mountains. A popular Buddhist retreat leader and teacher, she is also an activist concerned with prison reform, equal rights for all, and ending human trafficking.

Venerable Tenzin first became interested in meditation in the early 1970s. Thirty years later her spiritual path then led her to the monastic life, and she ordained as a novice nun in 2004 under the Dalai Lama. In her teachings, she connects the worlds of Buddhist thought, current affairs, and the field of positive psychology. She has been resident teacher at Vajrapani since 2015.

The program is co-sponsored by AAUW Morgan Hill and the Friends of the Library.

To learn more, check out the website, Vajrapani Institute.

There is so much more to a library than just books. From information gathering to social gathering, libraries have held a storied place (sorry!) in society throughout history. We know the first library was established in Alexandria, Egypt, and that Library of Congress holds the most volumes, but did you know that there is a 3500-volume collection of Gourmet magazine cookbooks at an NYU library? Or that there is an entire library dedicated to books about books in Manhattan?
Friends of the Library Calendar

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Mon, Feb. 27  Silicon Valley Reads, Poet Laureate, Arleen Biala, 7 pm

Tues, Feb. 28  Buddhist nun Venerable Tenzin Chogkyi, 7 pm

Upcoming Morgan Hill Library Events

Mondays in February (except 2/20), 12:30-3pm: Play of the Hand: Free Bridge Lessons
Play of the Hand is a free series of 10 intermediate bridge classes taught by Al Peponis, ACBL accredited instructor.

Friday, February 10, 4-5 pm: Python Programming & Minecraft
Learn about API, programming concepts like variables, data types, Boolean logic, conditionals and loops. Start off with modifying small programs, and soon you'll be writing your own programs that use Python to interact with Minecraft. Sign up to reserve a spot or drop-in and see if space is available. No programming experience is required. For 3rd-8th graders.

Friday, February 24, 4-4:45pm: Inclusive Sensory Storytime
Sensory Storytime is an interactive and educational program that is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges. This inclusion-friendly storytime features stories, interactive songs, movement activities and fun to stimulate all five senses and promote learning. Any child ages 1 to 7 years old can attend with a parent/caregiver. Siblings are welcome. Registration is required; you must sign up in advance. Call 408-779-3196.

Tuesday, February 28, 7:30-8:45 pm: Books with Dessert Book Club
A good book, good company and some tasty treats. Bring a dessert to share and join us as we discuss the Make Your Home Among Strangers by Jennine Capo Crucet.