Friends of the Morgan Hill Library Speakers Forum

Present: Mariachi Los Toritos

Join us in kicking off National Hispanic Heritage month with a special musical performance. The Mariachi Academy in Gilroy is proud to feature their students, aged 7-15 years old, who continue their study of traditional mariachi music. “Learning the culture and playing a tradition”, these Mariachi Academy students share their growing knowledge of traditional arrangements and lyrics when they perform, while also helping to preserve the richness of the music. All are invited to this free performance.

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 7 – 8 pm
Morgan Hill Library, Program Room
Library located 660 West Main Ave., Morgan Hill
Here’s hoping you attended, and enjoyed, our birthday party on July 22, and my thanks to the volunteers who worked so hard to make it great. Thank you all!

We are getting excited about the design and construction of the library expansion and we’re looking forward to an enlarged bookstore and sorting room. Thanks to the library and the support of the community, our donations are overflowing; usually the sort room is claustrophobic!

Thanks to everyone for making our organization so successful. We can’t do it without you.

Check out the scheduled events in this month’s newsletter. There’s always something of interest going on in Morgan Hill!

See you at the Book sale on October 7th!

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**Fall Membership Special**

Now is the best time to become a member of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library! Our fall membership special is back - join FMHL at the October 7 Book Sale, or anytime through December 31, 2017, and for the regular price of $10 your one year membership fee will be good for the remainder of 2017 and all of 2018. What a great bargain!

There are additional membership options for families, businesses, a 5-year span, as well as lifetime memberships.

Benefits of your membership include a monthly discount card, and early admittance to the Friends’ book sales.

The majority of FMHL members live in Morgan Hill, but we have members all over the South Bay, including, San Martin, Gilroy, and San Jose. We are grateful for the many people who have supported our library over the years.

Help keep our library a valuable resource for the community. Check out our website at: http://www.friendsmhlibrary.org, or stop in at the Bookstore to learn more.
A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

The afternoon of July 22 Morgan Hill Library celebrated a decade of community service by celebrating its 10th anniversary in grand style. Balloons decorating the entrance of the building announced to all passersby that there was a party going on, inside and out.

The rhythmical beat reverberating from the Taiko Drum concert began the celebration with a performance that set everyone’s feet a tappin’, and their hands a clappin’. All who were near ventured inside to see what all the excitement was about, and no one was disappointed!

Art projects, a live presentation of birds of the wild, and renown performer, Gemar the Magician, captivated the children’s attention while the adults were treated to live music performed by Frank Dicker, a preview of the library’s future expansion, and the groundbreaking of that expansion.

No celebration would be complete without refreshments, and there were plenty on hand, including three large “10th Anniversary” cakes, and a myriad of cookies. Lemonade was also served to go along with the bevy of sweets. It was definitely a summer party to remember!

The success of the celebration was due to all our FMHL members who helped make the day possible. You are the best!

Dianne Brady

Fall Book Sale
Saturday, October 7, 2017
10 am to 3 pm
All books $1 or less

DVDs $1 (not included in Bag Sale)
2-3 pm bag sale - $5 per bag

Members Only Preview 9 – 10 am (before sale opens to the public)
Memberships, good through 2018, available at the door
Summer Reading Wrap Up
A huge thank you to The Friends of the Library for supporting our 2017 Summer Reading Program. We hosted 23 programs attended by 1998 children, teens and adults. Sponsorship of this program by The Friends ensured that every single teen and child participant received a free book to keep. In addition, this summer the library piloted our “Lunch in the Library” program providing 3406 healthy free meals to children and parents in our community.

Nancy Macias joins the Library
This autumn the library is working on a plan to increase our visibility in the community through a series of outreach efforts. As a part of this, Nancy Macias has joined the library’s staff as our new Library Assistant.
Nancy attended Gilroy High School, Gavilan College, and San Jose State, and began working for the library system at the Gilroy Library in 2012. She then moved to the Morgan Hill library as a clerk before being promoted to the Bookmobile’s Library Assistant.
We are thrilled to have her return to the Morgan Hill Library bringing a wealth of outreach experience. Nancy likes sewing and crochet, is fluent in Spanish, and has a very sweet little Yorkie named Berry who is four years old.

Virtual Reality at the library
Explore new worlds with the Santa Clara County Library District’s Virtual Reality Experience! This fall the Morgan Hill library is piloting a project to bring Virtual Reality to our library system.
Patrons are invited to try out our Oculus Rift headset, controllers, and any one of our VR experiences to discover the magic of virtual reality! We will be hosting a Virtual Reality Open House on September 29th from 4-5pm where you can explore our world through Discovery Channel videos, or explore whole new worlds through First Contact and Dreamdeck games.
Friends Speakers Forum Presents:

Gary Noy

Tuesday, October 10, 2017
7 pm – 8 pm

Come and be entertained by Gary Noy, historian of the Sierra Nevada and the American West. His 2014 *Sierra Stories*, a California Legacy book, is in its third printing and won the 2016 Gold Medal for regional nonfiction from the Next Generation Indie Book Awards.

Noy will draw upon material from his 2017 *Gold Rush Stories*, bringing to life little-known tales about individuals who participated in the California Gold Rush. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Morgan Hill Library, Program Room, 660 West Main Avenue  (408) 779-3196

What did one math book say to the other math book? Do you want to hear my problems?
FMHL Proclamation of Commitment

Whereas, the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library commit to raising money to enable our library to move from good to great -- providing funds for books and media, needed equipment and funds for the library’s expansion.

Whereas, the Friends are able to continue providing program support as we’ve done in 2017; which included the adult and children’s summer reading programs, Speakers Forum with guest authors, Silicon Valley Reads presentations and the 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Whereas, the Friends strive to keep membership prices low to encourage all to join. We commit to keep Bookstore books and media prices low and provide low cost books though regular Book Sales to encourage all to purchase materials for reading.

Whereas, the volunteers of FMHL continuously gift their time and commitment to the library and strive to set an example of how volunteering can lead to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community;

Therefore, in synch with the American Library Association, we honor October 15-21, 2017, as National Friends of Libraries Week in Morgan Hill. We salute our volunteers and appreciate all they do to make our library and our community so much better.

The LukeS of MH

The Library Ukulele Society of Morgan Hill meet on the third Tuesday of the month.

Library Program Room  5-7pm
First meeting is September 19, 2017
All are welcome!
Bring your uke and music stand!
Contact Karen MacDonald for more information

Did You Know...

The Guinness Book of World Records holds the record as the most frequently stolen library book.
Friends of the Library Calendar

- **Tues, Sept. 12**: Mariachi Los Toritos, 7 to 8 pm
- **Tues, Sept. 19**: The LukeS of MH, 5 to 7 pm
- **Fri, Sept. 29**: Virtual Reality Open House, 4 to 5 pm
- **Sat, Oct. 7**: Fall Book Sale, 10 am to 2 pm
- **Tues, Oct. 10**: Author & Educator Gary Noy, 7 to 8 pm
- **Oct. 15-21**: National Friends of Libraries Week
- **Tues, Oct. 17**: Best of Friends Luncheon, 11:30 am, must RSVP
- **Sat, Feb. 2**: Winter Book Sale, 10 am to 2 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Celebrate Friends of the Library Week
“Best of Friends” Luncheon to Honor Vicky Reader
Tuesday, October 17, 2017, Ladera Grill, downtown MH
Details to follow. RSVP will be required.
Contact Teresa Stephenson tcstephenson@garlic.com

America’s first lending library was established in 1731, Philadelphia, by Benjamin Franklin. It was a paid subscription-based service, but paved the way for the library systems we use in North America today.
Pictures From the 10th Anniversary Celebration!
Photos by Andrew Poth