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

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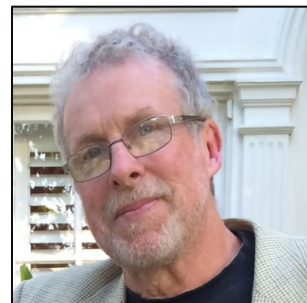
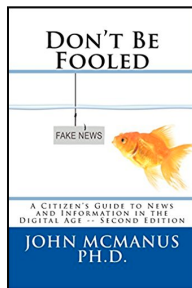
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## Friends Speakers Forum: John McManus, Don't Be Fooled

January 29<sup>th</sup> 7-8 pm

### CAN YOU SPOT FAKE NEWS?



Former journalist, professor, and media researcher John McManus brings a candid perspective and practical method to separating real from fake or misleading news. With recent examples in the 2017 edition, he provides “basic tools and habits of mind” for evaluating the reliability and trustworthiness of the info we receive.

Join the conversation!  
Book available for library check out,  
copies also available for signing at the talk.  
Morgan Hill Library, 660 W. Main Ave.

# Notes from the President

Teresa Stephenson, [tcstephenson@garlic.com](mailto:tcstephenson@garlic.com)



Happy New Year! I am looking forward to breaking ground for the library expansion this year...and a new book store. The board will be working on how to organize our new space. I think you will be very pleased with the expanded space; more room to move around, more shelves and a sort room that doesn't give you claustrophobia.

But in the short term, I hope you will join us for our speakers' forum this month. It looks to be timely and informative. February will bring our winter book sale and a special 'old and rare' book sale which will include some interesting non-book items that have come into the book store. The flyer is elsewhere in the newsletter. Save the date!

See you at the library!  
Teresa Stephenson

## Membership Update

Joy Safakish, Membership, [safakishj@yahoo.com](mailto:safakishj@yahoo.com)

### January is 'Join the Friends' month!

Annual memberships still at \$10 for individuals, and \$20 for families. Members receive a Discount Card and early entry to Book Sales. Join online at [Friends of the Library](http://Friends of the Library), or, fill out a membership form at our Bookstore, located inside the Library.



## Thoughts on Books

If you like dark, twisting, psychological thrillers, then The Forgetting Place by John Burley is a must read. A female psychiatrist at a state mental hospital finds herself in the center of a shadowy conspiracy. Menaker State Hospital is corrupted – silence the innocent, conceal injustice, contain secrets... The new patient doesn't seem to belong there, and the hospital administrator has fallen silent. Dr. Lise Shields is trying to find answers, and it could cost her -dearly. John Burley is a master at medical and psychological detail. His writing showcases ways in which the dangers of the outside world pale in comparison to the human mind. Nothing is as it appears to be...

**\*\*Angle of Repose** by Wallace Stegner (winner of the Pulitzer Prize) is a novel about an American family which includes two stories, past and present. Confined to a wheelchair, retired historian Lyman Ward decides to write his grandparents' story, chronicling their days spent carving civilization into the surface of America's western frontier. He actually learns a great deal about his own life in the process. The novel includes local settings -Almaden Quicksilver Mines, Santa Cruz, and Grass Valley. While the novel started out slow, it is well-written with a richness of detail, and grabbed my interest. Angle of Repose is a reading experience to be enjoyed and remembered.



## Winter Book Sale

**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**10 am to 3 pm**

**All books \$1 or less**

**Fiction, Non-fiction, CDs, DVDs**

**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)**

**Special Old and Rare and "interesting" Book Sale Saturday, February 17, 12-3 pm**



# Library News

Heather Geddes, community Librarian

## Language Learning at the Library

Have you ever wanted to learn a new language? Studies show that learning a new language boosts brain activity, builds confidence, and can help you discover new cultures. The Morgan Hill library has many options to make language-learning fun, free and convenient for you.

1. Rosetta Stone online – Download the Rosetta Stone app onto your phone or tablet, set up an account using your library card, and then begin learning. Lessons focus on refining grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation skills using interactive voice comparison, illustrative images, quizzes, and challenges.
2. Downloadable audiobooks with Overdrive – Learn Italian, Spanish, German, Russian, Japanese, Chinese, or French using your phone, computer or tablet. Learn key words, numbers, phrases, sentence structure, and grammar through listening and repetition.
3. Downloadable audiobooks with RBDigital – Learn a foreign language with Pimsleur using your RBDigital account and a computer, tablet, or phone. Pimsleur uses an integrated system to immerse you in a foreign language, encouraging you to hear, understand and use language all at the same time.
4. CDs and books – The Morgan Hill library has a wide selection of cds, books, and dvds available in a variety of languages.

Please feel free to contact me ([hgeddes@sccl.org](mailto:hgeddes@sccl.org)) or any librarian to get started learning today!

## Reading is the Foundation of Wisdom - Joy Safakish

When was the last time you read a book, or a substantial magazine article? Do your daily reading habits center around tweets, Facebook updates, or the directions on your instant oatmeal packet? If you're one of countless people who don't make a habit of reading regularly, you might be missing out. Reading has a significant number of benefits, including: Stronger Analytical Thinking Skills, Stimulate Mental Facilities, Memory Improvement, Role Model for Children, Stress Reduction, Builds Vocabulary, Sparks Creativity, and, It's free Entertainment

An old English prayer states, "Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom." The FMHL agrees, and as part of its function, encourages a community of active readers. We're a business dedicated to supporting the Library and we foster its core values. A notable value to the library is that it promotes the love of books and the importance of reading. Everyone benefits from reading on a regular basis - think about it...

### Sparks Creativity

Builds vocabulary      Stress Reduction

Free Entertainment      Expands Knowledge

Enhances Memory      Improves Writing Skills

Role Model for Children      Stimulate Mental Facilities

Improves Focus and Concentration      Stronger Analytical Thinking Skills

Make a habit of reading regularly. You can support the Morgan Hill Library by becoming a member of FMHL. January is '**Join the Friends**' month with annual memberships still at \$10 for individuals, and \$20 for families. Members receive a Discount Card and early entry to Book Sales. Join online at [Friends of the Library](#), or, fill out a membership form at our Bookstore, located inside the Library.

The links below offer additional reasons why reading should be a part of your everyday life!!

[http://skdesigns.com/internet/articles/prose/anon/take\\_time/](http://skdesigns.com/internet/articles/prose/anon/take_time/)

<https://www.lifehack.org/articles/lifestyle/10-benefits-reading-why-you-should-read-everyday.html>

I can't understand why a person will take a year to write a novel when he can easily buy one for a few dollars.      *-Fred Allen*





## Special Sale

# OLD, RARE AND “INTERESTING” BOOK SALE

Plus

Ephemera and Non-Book Items

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Noon to 3 pm, Library Program Room



Children’s books from 1961 Bobbsey Twins (\$1) and 1949 Junior Classics (\$20) to adult 1912 fiction (\$2), 1983 technology (\$2) and 1944 German military (\$35) to 1910 leather bound encyclopedia (\$125) and 100s more

Variety of ephemera and non-book items also included.

Go to [www.friendsmhllibrary.org](http://www.friendsmhllibrary.org)  
for a partial list of sale items.

# Friends of the Library Calendar

## Save the Dates:

### Silicon Valley Reads ([www.siliconvalleyreads.org](http://www.siliconvalleyreads.org)) at the Morgan Hill Library

- Thursday, February 1 Special storytime reading, *Mango, Abuela and Me* 11 am
- Saturday, February 3 Special storytime reading, *Mango, Abuela and Me* 10:15 am
- Tuesday, February 6 “Mindfulness for Teens” 4 pm  
Book Group, *Goodbye, Vitamin* by Rachel Khong 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, February 13 “CareMapping Workshop”, interactive two hour program 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, February 21 “Happy Birds” parrots children’s visit 3:00 pm
- Saturday, March 10 Teens workshop, “Solidifying Your Mindfulness Practice Through Bullet Journaling” 3:00 pm
- Saturday, March 24 Author Rachel Khong discusses her book *Goodbye, Vitamin*; co-sponsored by the Friends of the MH Library 3:00 pm

### Friends Speakers Forum ([www.mhlibrary.org](http://www.mhlibrary.org))

- Tuesday, April 10 Four Shillings Short presents “Around the World in 30 Instruments”, a free educational concert for all ages 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, April 24 FMHL co-sponsors a return visit by Venerable Tenzin Chogyi 7 pm

## Have you ever...

Enjoyed a book so much you put off reading the last couple of chapters to make it last longer

Loved a book so much you hugged it to your heart... for a long time

Talked to the character in the book you were reading

Spent the day moping around because you finished reading a really good book series

Read a book so good you had to keep stopping just to say whoa..

Had this thought after finishing an amazing book:  
“well this sucks. What am I supposed to do with myself now?”

