

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MORGAN HILL, CALIFORNIA

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Winter 2020

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

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WHEN? Saturday, February 8 through Friday, February 14

WHERE? Dickey's BBQ at Cochrane Commons Shopping Center

WHAT? FMHL receives a portion of store sales and any catering

HOW? Present flyer or social media post at purchase

WHY? Proceeds will be used for expenses related to MH Library expansion

Get the flyer at the Library, the Friends Bookstore, the Book Sale on February 8, or on our website or Facebook.

Menu: <https://www.dickeys.com/menu/plates-48>



Friends Receive Rotary Grant

Rotary

Club of Morgan Hill



We will be expanding the bookstore this year and would like to express our appreciation to the Rotary Club for an \$800 grant for new bookshelves. The schedule is still to be determined, but we look forward to having more room (and new bookshelves!) so that we can offer a wider selection of books and media to our patrons. We will have more news as the project progresses.



Notes from the President

Vicky Reader, vevreader@gmail.com



Welcome to 2020, which arrived with some changes to our Board. After serving seven years as President, Teresa Stephenson has chosen to fill the Bookstore Manager role. She will continue as the Friends lead for the additional store space that has been approved but not yet scheduled. Hats off to you, Teresa, for wearing many different hats over the years as a Friend!

We are fortunate to have the support of other Board members continuing or taking new roles, as updated on our "Contact" Friends web page. I am especially pleased to welcome the fresh eyes of new Board members - Kim Ewertz as Secretary and Donna Cotich as Membership Coordinator – and am pleasantly surprised to see quite a few volunteers and members still involved from 10 years ago when I last served as President.

This year Community Librarian Heather Geddes and her capable team have additional requests both for the long-awaited expansion in process and the changing needs for library services to keep patrons engaged. With the priceless dedication of volunteer Friends and funds delivered from our group to cover our budgeted library expenses as managed by Heather, we can be proud of actively supporting our library for over 45 years. Thank you for being an important part of our vibrant Morgan Hill Library community. Thank you for being a Friend.

Membership Update

Donna Cotich, Membership, djcotich@yahoo.com

Join or Renew your FMHL Membership

Support your library by joining or renewing your membership in the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library today. We offer \$10 individual, \$20 Family, \$50 Sponsor, and \$100 Patron memberships on an annual basis (January 1 to December 31). There are also 5-year memberships available. A Business level \$250 annual membership includes a FMHL website acknowledgement.

For less than \$1.00 per month, you receive a Member Discount card that allows you to purchase one item per month in the bookstore for 50% off its marked price. Plus, you gain early access to our quarterly book sales before they open to the general public. Flash your Member Discount card and in you go.

All memberships and donations are tax deductible for the calendar year in which they are made. FMHL is a non-profit, charitable organization with an all-volunteer staff.

As a Friend of the Library, you are also eligible to volunteer with us as a sorter, cashier or general helper at our quarterly book sales.

Visit our website http://www.friendsmhl.org/help_the_friends.html. You can download a membership application, pay online with PayPal or a credit card, or stop by the Bookstore with your check. Remember, the earlier you renew, the more you can utilize your discount card!



Wonderful Volunteers!

Volunteer Coordinator Karen MacDonald karenmacdmhca@gmail.com

Shout Out to Volunteers

Thanks so much to these volunteers who have taken on responsibility for certain genres in the bookstore. They keep their area well stocked and rotate books and media as needed. This makes the store more attractive to our customers and helps to keep the shelves full.

Jan Sanders, Fiction
Fran Hopkins, Art and Business
Carol O'Hare, Old and Rare
Tricia Smoot, Children's
Janet Franklin, Bargain Books
Gabrielle Bates, CDs
Kathrin Hardie, Mystery

Do you have a genre that you would like to take over and keep organized? Perhaps you are particularly interested in DVDs, Self-help, Nutrition and Fitness, Biography, Cookbooks, Gardening, Crafts and Hobbies, or other non-fiction. Please contact me and let me know how you want to help. Janet would like some help and is looking for a volunteer to help stock and alphabetize Romance, Mystery, and Fiction in the Bargain Books. She will train you.

Library News: Update on Expansion

Heather Geddes, Community Librarian hgeddes@sccl.org

With the start of the New Year we are working hard to prepare for our new spaces. Construction of the expansion on the west side of the library is moving quickly and continues to progress on schedule. We expect to complete our expansion early summer 2020.

The library has also received a \$10,000 grant from the state to revitalize underutilized spaces. We will be renovating our children's computer areas by purchasing new mobile furnishings. The area will also highlight recommended grade-level literature and create a new graphic novel zone. This project will be completed by May 31st.



Julian Guthrie

Author of Alpha Girls

“I can’t wait to share the inspiring, untold stories of incredible women who helped build some of the foremost companies of our day. I’m eager to talk in actionable terms about how women can succeed in male dominated industries, how men can be great allies, and what this means for boys and girls who want to be the next generation leaders and innovators.”

- Julian Guthrie



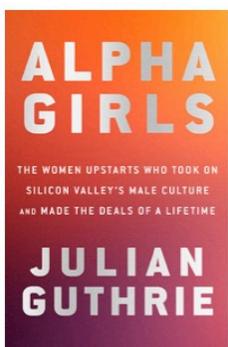
**Saturday,
March 28
1 PM
Morgan Hill
Library**



Silicon Valley Reads in an annual 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.

Read • Think • Discuss • Engage

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Alpha Girls:
*The Women Upstarts
Who Took on Silicon
Valley's Male Culture
and Made the Deals
of a Lifetime*
by Julian Guthrie



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Silicon Valley Reads 2020

This year's theme is *Women: Making it Happen*, marking the centennial anniversary of women's suffrage in the United States. From the tenacious individuals who worked hard to get women the right to vote to the women and girls in the 21st Century breaking gender barriers to excel in all areas of life, this year's featured titles include remarkable stories from Julian Guthrie, author of [Alpha Girls](#), and Catherine Chung, author of [The Tenth Muse](#).

Events will be happening across our library district in February, March, and April. In addition to the appearance of the author of *Alpha Girls* at the Morgan Hill Library on March 28, the library will be hosting the following events:

- Tuesday, March 3, 7:30pm – Book Discussion: Alpha Girls
- Wednesday, March 4, 4pm – Learning from the Lemonade Stand for Kids & Parents
- Saturday, March 7, 2pm - Drumming Workshop
- Monday, March 23, 7pm – Tea with Alice and Me

For details about these and other SVR events, go to Silicon Valley Reads.

<http://siliconvalleyreads.org/calendar/Pages/Calendar-of-Events.aspx>

Book Review

Jan Sanders



Have you ever read a book and when you got to the end you said, “wow”? Well, that's exactly how I felt after reading [People of the Book](#), by Geraldine Brooks. It is a story about a woman rare book expert (Hanna) who gets the job of a lifetime –analyzing and conserving the Sarajevo Haggadah, one of the earliest illustrated Jewish volumes. What she finds are tiny artifacts in its ancient binding. The story is told through two narratives. One is contemporary and tells the story of Hanna's analysis and conservation of the book. The other takes you back into European history, wars, and family tragedies, which give some insight as to how those artifacts got into the binding. This back and forth narrative builds tension and engages the reader. It is believable, and was inspired by a true story. A fabulous read.

Members at Distinguished Author Series

Teresa Stephenson, Carol O'Hare, and Elizabeth Mandel are pictured with their copies of [The Library Book](#), signed by author Susan Orlean (seated). They, along with Karen MacDonald and Susan Anderson, heard Orlean in December at the Campbell Heritage Theater, as part of the Distinguished Author Series funded by the Santa Clara County Library District and Foundation. Orlean was an engaging and entertaining speaker, and her book is highly recommended for anyone who loves books and libraries.

