



## The Bookworm Bulletin

Events of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library

Fall 2021

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### Library Re-Naming Ceremony

Please join us on Saturday, October 9, at 10:30am for a ceremony re-naming our library building in honor of former mayor Steve Tate. We will also be celebrating our new Children's Activity Room and expanded Friends Bookstore, plus the Friends October book sale!

Mayor Tate served on the library joint powers authority for 20 years and led two county campaigns to continue the parcel tax to support the library. He is a Friends member and bookstore volunteer. His passion and enthusiasm for library services has resulted in a strong, vibrant library system with outstanding collections and programs for our residents.

**Book Sale: Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

10 am to 1 pm.

Outside, in front of the library

# Notes from the President

Vicky Reader [vevreader@gmail.com](mailto:vevreader@gmail.com)



## **We're back!**

If you have not yet visited the post-construction Friends Bookstore, we have reopened to positive feedback from patrons and volunteers alike. Not only does the added space display many more desirable books and other items at great prices, but people also are enjoying a more comfortable and pleasant browsing experience. We are working on being open the same hours as the library is open, just as we had been before the library closure and construction.

## **Materials Donations**

Many spent the pandemic time reading; some bought new books and others sifted through their treasured collections and then prepared them for donation. We appreciate donors taking the time to review our Donation Guidelines for materials that our customers would like to see in the bookstore. We know donors want to be able to bring donations to the store at their convenience and we are working toward that. In the meantime, while we manage space constraints and recruit and train more volunteers, we have been accepting donations since May through appointments. Donors are asked to email us at [info@friendsmhlibrary.org](mailto:info@friendsmhlibrary.org) or to contact me directly to arrange a mutually convenient time to drop off books.

## **Call Out for New/Renewing Members and Volunteers**

We are highly dependent on volunteer Friends who faithfully volunteer on an ongoing basis. With the loss of some of our dedicated members and volunteers having to reduce or discontinue their activities for various reasons since the pandemic, we now need new members and volunteers to continue the level of support and funding that FMHL has provided to our library for 47 years. Do consider helping us if you can: come to our Fall Book Sale on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>; join or renew your membership early; learn about volunteer opportunities. In addition to the work associated with book sales, we also need assistance with other typical duties of an all-volunteer nonprofit, such as website content development, grant writing, marketing communications, and growing our board competencies. If you have an interest in helping the Friends, please contact me or Volunteer Coordinator Karen MacDonald.

*Finally, to all our volunteers, members, and interested others who support our efforts, we cannot thank you enough for your loyal and patient 'friendship' while we grow into (and quickly outgrow!) our new expanded space.*



# Library News

Heather Geddes

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## Happy Fall Friends!

As we move into the Fall season, I am grateful for your continued support of our library. Patrons have been telling me that they love our renovated Friends bookstore. I am excited to announce several new services and events at our library.

## Homework Help for Teens

New to the library this fall will be an in-person homework help program for students in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Bay Area Tutoring Association will facilitate peer-to-peer instruction and collaboration to encourage student engagement and mastery. The academic coach to student ratio is one coach for up to eight students with help in Math, English, History, and Science. The program will run from 3:30-5pm, Mon – Thurs beginning September 27. Students can register online on the library's website.

## Digital Reel – Newspaper Microfilm Collection

Digital Reel provides online access to SCCLD's microfilm collection of historical local newspapers, digitized for enhanced access and searching capabilities. Pictured here are Friends members helping microfilm the original print collection in the 1970's. Now this same collection is available to patrons over the Internet.

Access from Home: From outside the library you can access Santa Clara County historical newspapers from 1895-1923. The archive includes local newspapers from Campbell, Gilroy, Morgan Hill and Saratoga.

Access from the Library: From within the library, you can access our entire collection of Santa Clara County historical newspapers from 1895-2018.



A LONG SLOW process is gradually being completed, with the help of the Friends of the Library. The effort is being made to organize and microfilm all issues of the Morgan Hill Times and San Martin-News from the first issue, dated April 12, 1894, to the present. Of the total number of publications, nearly 4,700 issues, almost all are in existence and have been placed in

chronological order. The first 13 years have been microfilmed and are available for viewing at the Morgan Hill Library. The remainder are expected to be complete within the next few months. Pictured working in the Times advertising section are Frances Cassidy, left, and Dorothea Pardoe, president of the Friends of the Library.



**Friends of the Morgan Hill Library**

# **Fall Book Sale**

**Saturday, October 9, 2021**

**10 am to 1 pm**

**All books \$1 or less**

**Children's books 10¢ each**

**\$5 per bag 12-1 pm**

**Sale takes place outside in front of the library.**

**2022 Memberships now available. Good to Dec. 2022**

**Visit the Friends Bookstore off the lobby.**





## Visit the Bookstore and Renew your Membership

Our annual membership drive starts in October. If you haven't checked out our new Friends Bookstore, now is a good time to visit the store and renew your membership and pick up your 2022 discount card. If you are a new member, you will receive a discount card that is valid for the remainder of 2021 and all of 2022. Card holders receive a 50% discount on any one purchase per month (including gift items).

The bookstore is bright, cheery and full of books waiting to find a new home. Our new gift section has microwave cozies, masks and greeting cards. To make it easier to shop we will soon be accepting credit cards for purchases of \$10 or more.

We offer \$10 Individual, \$20 Family, \$50 Sponsor and \$100 Patron memberships on an annual basis. There are also \$50 Individual or \$100 Family memberships good for five years. Lifetime memberships are available for \$500. A Business level \$250 annual membership includes a FMHL website acknowledgement.

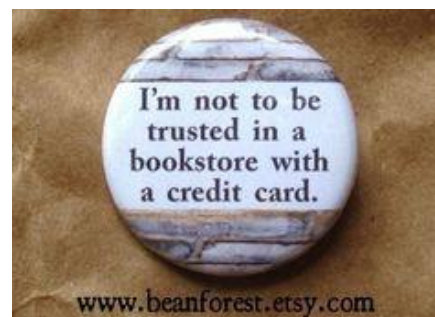
You can join or renew your membership at the bookstore or at our next big sale on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Or visit our website [http://www.friendsmhlibrary.org/help\\_the\\_friends.html](http://www.friendsmhlibrary.org/help_the_friends.html). You can download a membership application, pay online with PayPal or a credit card.

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

Support the Library and join the Friends!



"Oh I could tell you where self-help is, but that'd sort of defeat the purpose, wouldn't it."





# Wonderful Volunteers!

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## Become a Friends Volunteer

### Sorters and Bookstore Cashiers

Things have been looking up these last few months; sorters and book sellers have been working in the library as we try to get back to some semblance of normal. However, many of our experienced volunteers have had to take a break for a variety of reasons, so new volunteers are badly needed to fill open shifts in the bookstore and to help sort donations. Part of the challenge has been that library hours are expanding, and we'd like to have the store open when the library is.

If you are looking for a fulfilling volunteer job, we would love to have you join our FMHL family. Or if you know of anyone who would be willing to help us, please spread the word.

### Book Sale, October 9<sup>th</sup>

We also need volunteers for the outside book sale on Saturday, October 9, 10am-1pm. We need volunteers for set-up at 8:30-10am, to work the sale at 10am-1:30pm, and to help with clean-up starting at 1pm. Some heavy lifting may be required. The more volunteers we have, the faster clean-up goes. I hope to see many of you at the sale -- either as a volunteer or patron. Be sure to let your friends know about the sale, too.

Please contact me to learn more about these volunteer opportunities.

## Treasurer's Report

Sherrie Wren, Treasurer, [twowrens10@gmail.com](mailto:twowrens10@gmail.com)

**Through September 18, 2021**, we have maintained financial vitality and continued to support the library programs and expenses. Limitations were several weeks of pandemic closure, limited hours upon reopening and unavailable volunteers.

Two Special Book Sales in April and June earned \$1,350. Donna Cotich's Mask and Cozy sales brought in \$1,090. Online book sales came close to \$8,000. Bargain books brought in nearly \$400. Other donations through Benevity, YourCause, HCA and individuals gave us \$4,080. Bookstore sales brought in \$3,900 and continue to average \$250 per week.

We supported Library children's programs with \$2,200. From that, 650 children enjoyed the Summer Reading Program. Also \$670 was spent on Teen and Adult Library programs.

We paid \$800 for the bookstore remodel and equipment, \$6,300 for the sort room remodel and \$6,900 for the children's library expansion.

As volunteers and community members regain confidence in public involvement, our book sales income will increase.

## Community Partnerships and “Friendships”

Vicky Reader, President

Thanks again to the **Rotary Club of Morgan Hill** for awarding the grant request prepared by former, long-time Friends President Teresa Stephenson. This mobile shelving unit for the children’s section of the expanded bookstore was purchased with Rotary funds. Besides being functional, it is eye-catching for displaying special materials.



Thanks to **Linda Manzur** for organizing a **student book drive at Mount Madonna School** with the Friends being the recipient of their donations. Friends Janet Franklin and Rod Skinner helped with the receipt of the books, with Janet swiftly placing the best books in the expanded children’s area of the bookstore.



Community Librarian Heather Geddes asked for support with the Galvan Park beautification project to be completed in October. The Friends board agreed to fund the **Little Library installation and the mural artist’s stipend** at the site where both will be located. Library staff will maintain the Little Library with honor books to benefit the families using the park, plus the 100+ kids and teens served by the local Boys and Girls Club.



## Community Partnerships and “Friendships” Continued...

Friends are sharing books with **Joyce Bedard at P.A. Walsh STEAM Academy for a new Pop-Up Library** for K-5 children who prefer to read in a shaded area during recess. Karen MacDonald, who taught there for many years, is working on continuing this recent partnership.



Friends are partnering with **San Martin teacher and MH library patron Julie Hoefling and her students at Everett Alvarez High School in Salinas** to provide books for home libraries. Teens reading with younger siblings and modeling reading books instead of excessive smartphone usage is part of their community service literacy project called “Project Read/La lecture/La lectura.” Friends Roberta Henderson and Karen MacDonald arranged for the first handoff.

