We are ending the first half of the year with a brighter outlook, now that the library is open daily and offering in-person programs again. Recent highlights include:

- Positive impact on sales from Treasurer Sherrie Wren’s recommendation to accept credit card payments for sales in the library
- Critical lead roles filled with Sort Room Manager Jan Sanders and Bookstore Manager Teresa Stephenson

With appreciation for your ongoing support, we are able to offer quality books to the community at very low prices. Please continue to:

- Visit regularly to check out our changing treasures in the Bookstore, or online at [http://www.amazon.com/shops/MHLibraryFriends](http://www.amazon.com/shops/MHLibraryFriends).
- Come to our Special Sales and the next Big Book Sale scheduled on October 8.
- In October, join the Friends or renew your membership, good through December 2023.
- Consider making a monetary donation.

Thank you for being a Friend!
Happy Summer Everyone!
We are halfway through 2022, and our library is having a very busy summer. Visitation is up 47% from the same time last year and 18% over the past month. Over 1000 adults, teens, and children have signed up for our summer reading program, “Read Beyond the Beaten Path.” Our popular free summer meal distribution program has returned this summer, and we’ve provided over 2200 healthy meals to children and families in June and July.

This summer we’ve also introduced our “Libraries Outside” program where patrons can check out nature daypacks from Gilroy and Morgan Hill libraries to use to explore local and county parks. Each pack contains guidebooks, binoculars, compass, bug magnifiers, and a first aid kit. You can also check-out Santa Clara County park vouchers for free day parking at a county park. The nature daypacks and Santa Clara County park vouchers may be checked out for three weeks with no renewals or holds. These items are very popular, so call ahead to see if they are available.

Check us out @MorganHillLibrary on Facebook or at morganhill_library on Instagram. We post daily on upcoming programs, new displays, and feature items from our collection.
Welcome to our new volunteers. Once trained as a bookseller or sorter, please let Volunteer Coordinator Karen MacDonald know your availability for a regular shift or as a sub. We always need subs to cover when the scheduled worker can’t come in. Subs are a very valued and important part of our organization to keep the store open.

Open bookstore shifts are indicated by “???” on the volunteer calendar at http://www.friendsmhlibrary.org/help_the_friends.html.

If you have any questions about how your interests might support the Friends, contact Karen, karenmacdmhca@gmail.com. Thank you!

Thank you to all our volunteers who:
- Work in the bookstore
- Organize a genre section
- Sort and process books
- Train new volunteers
- Do whatever needs doing!

Please join them. We need you!

Friends of the Library Calendar

Sat, Oct. 8    Fall Book Sale
              10 am to 3 pm

Also in October (Date to be announced)

Best of Friends Luncheon
Here is our financial outlook as of June 30, 2022.

The addition of Square POS to allow credit/debit purchases, is a success! Since mid-March we have made $1,396 in credit/debit card sales (books & media, mask sales, memberships). That was the amount deposited after Square POS fees (2.6% + 10¢ per transaction). Thanks to all the willing volunteers who were trained.

With total books and media sales of $17,165 (including the bookstore, online sales, bargain books, and Special/Big Book Sales), at week 26, our average income per week was $660.

Online sales alone brought in $6,745. Thank you so much, Roberta.

Are we complaining yet? Of course not.

Total mask & cozy sales were $566. Total membership sales were $806. Thank you, Donna Cotich, for everything you do.

Sole donor and corporate matching funds came to $3,490.

After expenses, our June 30 balance was $18,240.

If you read just one book a day to your child, they will have been read 1825 books by their 5th birthday

well... if your child demands the same 3 books be read over and over and over then you would have to say they have been read to 1825 times, but not necessarily 1825 books.
Unfortunately, we were not able to celebrate the Library’s 15th Anniversary exactly as planned. Community Librarian Heather Geddes arrived early Saturday morning to find flooding in the expanded Children’s area and into part of the “old” children’s section. Our celebration was planned to take place in the new Children’s Activity Room, where exhibits, morning and afternoon music performances, and a chat with Steve Tate were set up. Long story short, after visits from emergency services and restoration management teams, that area and the rest of the library were closed, except for lobby services. The program room remained open, so the Friends book sale took place.

But, as they say, “The show must go on!” The morning performance moved outside, extension cords were set up, and picnic blankets were spread on the lawn for patrons to enjoy the show. We had to start late, and the Sobrato Jazz Combo students were kind and hardy enough to take the brunt of the noontime sun.

While Steve Tate was able to meet with a few people, his scheduled talk was cancelled. We still look forward to his Library “Musings” as the mayor who advocated strongly for our current library during his term and cut the ribbon 15 years ago at the Grand Opening. Last October, he was honored when his name was added to the library. Just as important for the Friends, he continues to volunteer in our Bookstore on a regular basis!

The afternoon music with the Russell Zimmer Jazz Quartet took place in the program room as the Children’s Activity Area was still inaccessible. Zimmer has performed at the library previously, most recently pre-COVID in 2019. His quartet and guest vocalist fully entertained everyone in the room.

Although nothing went quite as planned for this special event, we still celebrate 15 years in our new library building. The library quickly re-opened, but with a portion of the children's area and the new space remaining closed. Water damage was limited to the flooring and lower portions of the walls. Repairs are currently underway, and this portion of the building will likely remain closed for several more weeks.
Russell Zimmer, DMA, is a MHUSD educator and active performer. He coordinated the outdoor morning student jazz combo and is a repeat library performer with his jazz quartet which performed in the Program Room in the afternoon for the Library's 15th Anniversary.

The Sobrato Jazz Combo includes current and former Sobrato High School students.