



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

Spring 2023

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June Book Sale

Guitarist  
Steve Lin

Saturday, May 27, at 2 pm

Enjoy an hour performance, including  
pieces by Bach, Taiwanese folk music,  
and new Japanese anime transcriptions!

Steve Lin has performed in the US  
and abroad. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize winner at the  
Boston GuitarFest and the East  
Carolina Guitar Competition, he has  
two albums on VGo Recordings and  
a third album with Black Cedar Trio.

Steve has his Doctor  
of Musical Arts and  
Bachelor 's in Music  
from New England  
Conservatory and his  
Master's in Music from  
Yale. He teaches at  
SJSU and West  
Valley.



Morgan Hill Library  
Program Room  
660 W Main Ave

# Notes from the President

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In February, Friends Karen MacDonald, Teresa Stephenson, and I carpoled to the Annual Library District Forum in Campbell. Community Librarian Heather Geddes would have joined us, but had to drive separately to show off the Bookmobile! We met up with Library, Culture and Arts Commissioners and Friends Suman Ganapathy and Katie Khera, so Morgan Hill was well-represented. Besides meeting library staff and advocates from sister libraries, we learned about the District's 2023-2028 Strategic Plan process and priorities.

In mid-April, I had the pleasure of representing the Friends as one of 24 Community Grant recipients selected by the Morgan Hill Rotary. The Rotary awarded our grant request to kick off the Graded Reading Kits project, a District Strategic Plan action item. The pilot will allow the purchase of the first curated book kits for the earliest readers at different skill levels. With ~1,700 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the MHUSD, we hope to increase the number of kits available for local circulation and welcome donations to this end. The Story Walk outside the library with a grant to the SCCLD Foundation and the mobile shelving kiosk featuring newer titles in our Bookstore were both supported by the Rotary in the past few years.

This spring update finds us with healthy overall sales thanks to our patrons and our dedicated volunteers. We are especially grateful for a Friend's unrestricted donation earmarked to enhance the welcoming, inclusive vibe of the Children's section with art work this summer. Our online storefront managed by Roberta Henderson and craft sales donated by Donna Cotich again boosted our sales, helping prepare for increasing library expenses associated with the return of more in-person programming.

Thanks for being involved with our library Friends!



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Book kits for the earliest readers at different skill levels.



Hello Friends volunteers and members. I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful spring weather. As we move into the summer please join us at the library for our 2023 Summer Reading Program, *Find Your Voice!* There will be engaging programs and prizes for library patrons of all ages to encourage reading and literacy throughout the summer.

If you are planning on staying local this summer, check out Discover & Go museum passes. With your library card you can access this free virtual museum pass program and reserve admission passes to more than 50 museums and cultural attractions throughout the greater Bay Area. Visit our website at, <https://sccld.org/museum-passes>, to get passes and start exploring today!

Please also join me in welcoming 6 new library employees to Morgan Hill.

Librarian Julie is joining our Children's team. She has jumped right in and is presenting storytimes and class visits. Julie enjoys spending time with her family and playing doubles tennis.

Librarian Shannon is joining our Adult team. Shannon has worked at libraries throughout SCCLD. She will be hosting adult programs and is taking the lead on restarting our ESL conversation club. Julie enjoys reading romances and posting content on her book Instagram.

Library Intern Angeles is currently working on getting her MLS degree through San Jose State. She will be working primarily with our Adult Services librarians to build her skill set and prepare for a career as a librarian.

Library Clerk Cara comes to Morgan Hill from the San Jose Public Library. She enjoys writing, playing video games, and taking her dog on adventures.

Library Page Amanda is a CSU graduate who has worked as a bookseller. She enjoys reading, photography and cooking.

Library Page Xerna is currently working on a graduate degree in Occupational Therapy. She enjoys traveling, painting and playing video games.



# More Library News...



A New StoryWalk! 2022 StoryWalk installation funded by Rotary Club of Morgan Hill with rotating stories set up by Friend Ric Smith.

You will be following the picture book **Mouse House Tales** by Susan Pearson, illustrated by Amanda Shepherd, and published by Blue Apple Books.

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**STEM StoryWalk®** Move, Read, Explore & Learn

In this StoryWalk, we focus on the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) concepts in **Mouse House Tales**.

Move along the story's path, Read the book, Explore the ideas and Learn together.

This StoryWalk® is sponsored by:  
Thank you to the Rotary Club of Morgan Hill, City of Morgan Hill, and Santa Clara County Library District for making this StoryWalk® possible.

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# Volunteers And Membership!

Membership Coordinator Donna Cotich djcotich@yahoo.com

Volunteer Coordinator Karen MacDonald karenmacdmhca@gmail.com

New Friends are joining, new Friends are volunteering!

We now thank those Friends who joined and volunteered most recently this year. They process incoming materials as “sorters”, cover one or more three-hour shifts in the Bookstore, and/or help at special sales - Sheila Dunwoodie, Jill McClaughey, Irene Peterson, Kris Shepherd, and Christopher Weimert. We also appreciate new Friends who joined the latter part of 2022 and became regular volunteers - Jane DeVine, Barbara Montes, Greta Salmi, and Sharon Wolf. All have provided fresh energy and ideas and add to our core group of reliable long time volunteers who help when needed or asked, including as subs so we can keep the Bookstore open.

Congratulations to Friend and volunteer Gabrielle Bates, who leaves our sorting operation to work at the Gilroy Library while she completes her MLIS!

If you have some time and wish to learn more about these or our other volunteer needs, please reach out to [info@friendsmhlibrary.org](mailto:info@friendsmhlibrary.org), so we can connect!

Friends of the Library Calendar Save the Date!!!

## Save the Date!

Saturday, May 27 – **Friends Host Guitarist Steve Lin**, 2 to 3 pm  
Morgan Hill Library Program Room - 660 W. Main

Thursday, June 1 to July 31 – **Summer Reading Program**, “Find Your Voice”;  
adults who sign up receive a \$3 coupon to our Bookstore,  
children receive a book from the Friends


Saturday, June 3 – **Friends Book Sale**, Member Preview 9 am,  
General Public 10 am, Bag Sale 2 to 3 pm

Saturday, Summer TBD – Friends Host **Children’s Program** with  
“My Stage Presence” Vocalists

## Q1 2023 Treasurer's Report

The January through March quarter ended with a P&L budget vs actual balance of -\$1,097, with total assets of \$143,982. Two Board decisions are reflected here: 1) the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit of \$64,000 with existing operating funds, as recommended by the Annual Independent Reviewer of the Friends 2022 financials and 2) a donation advance of \$10,000 made to the SC County Library District, as requested by Community Librarian Heather Geddes for their processing of Friends-funded programs or materials.

*The board appreciates Sherrie's various Treasurer duties and recommendations, such as offering patrons the convenience of credit card payments in our Bookstore and at sales.*




**Summer Book Sale**

**Saturday**  
**June 3, 2023**  
**10 am to 3 pm**

**All books \$1 or less**  
**2 pm bag sale: \$5 with library bag, \$4 with your own standard size bag**

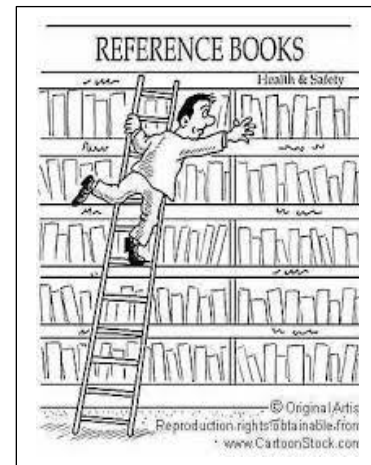

**Fiction, non-fiction, hardcover, paper**  
**Children's books, 10¢ each**

**Members Only Preview**  
Saturday, June 3, 9 - 10 am



(before sale opens to the public; memberships available at the door)

Save the date: **October 7, 2023, next book sale**



If you have not read the book The Maid by Nita Prose, you may just want to put it in your "to read" pile.

It is a heartwarming mystery that takes place in an up-scale hotel. The maid, Molly Gray, struggles with social skills and has trouble reading the intentions of others. This, of course, causes her trouble when she becomes a suspect to the murder of a rich man staying in the hotel. Voted one of the best books of the year.

*Reviewed by Jan Sanders*