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MORGAN HILL, CALIFORNIA

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The Bookworm Bulletin

Events of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library

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Dorothy Lazard via Zoom Thursday, October 19, 4–5 p.m.

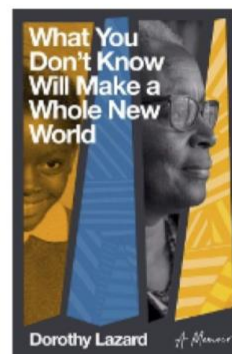
in the

Program Room, Morgan Hill Library



Celebrate National Friends of the Library week with a Zoom reading and Q&A with distinguished Oakland librarian and public historian Dorothy Lazard. Her new memoir shares how the library helped her dream during the late 1960s and 1970s. "The library was a great seductive classroom, fueling ... tactile and cerebral longings."

Program Room attendees may enter a drawing courtesy of FMHL for a copy of *What You Don't Know Will Make a Whole New World*. BookSmart also will have books for purchase at the event with author-signed bookplates.



Notes from the President

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In October we celebrate National Friends of the Library Week. We cannot thank our members, and especially our volunteers, enough for their dedicated support. Friends who volunteer are critical to our mission and ability to support the library. We are in the process of selecting this year's "Best of Friends" volunteer to be honored in October, an opportunity for us to highlight the contributions of one Friend distinguishable from others.

In the meantime, we are grateful that newer volunteers have joined our core of experienced materials donation sorters to identify those titles and media which will be sought out by our patrons. We also have newer volunteers whose fresh eyes and direct interaction with patrons in the Bookstore help us gauge customer preferences as items sell and shelves need restocking. We depend on all our dedicated volunteers to enable the Friends to cover programming and materials expenses not covered by the County Library District.

Hope to see you at our Bookstore and at our October events.

- Our **Big Book Sale is on October 7th**.
- We invited **Dorothy Lazard for a program on October 19th**. Lazard is a nonfiction writer and former librarian for almost 40 years, with many years at the Oakland Public Library and as lead librarian of the Oakland History Center. She received a Partners in Preservation Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022 from the Oakland Heritage Alliance and the 2023 Oscar Lewis Award for contributions to Western History from the Book Club of California. Her Program Room Zoom reading and Q&A will focus on her engaging memoir *What You Don't Know Will Make a Whole New World*.
- **To be scheduled in October**, Community Librarian Heather Geddes will join artist **Patricia Lewis** to unveil "**Limitless Possibilities**", a **watercolor painting created for the children's area**. We greatly appreciate **Friend Janet Kammermeyer** for her family's financial donations to FMHL, this painting the most recent example of their generosity which benefits our library and community.





Library News

Heather Geddes

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Happy Autumn, Friends! As we move into the Fall season I am so very appreciative of your efforts to make our library great. Your support of our 2023 Summer Reading Program meant that we were able to host 23 programs that were attended by 1,825 patrons. In addition 1,036 adults, teens, and children participated, read, and received books and prizes provided by the Friends.

October Events

October is Drawtober. Join us for in-person art meetups for adults and teens. Throughout the month, we invite you to get creative among fellow art enthusiasts during open workshops in the Morgan Hill Library adult program room. Drawtober is a fun challenge to draw, doodle or sketch every day using October-themed prompts (handouts available at the library). Meetups are every Sunday in October (except the 29th) from 3-4 pm.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month on Wednesday, Oct 11th, 6-7 pm, with a heartwarming bilingual concert for the whole family with duo Cascada de Flores. Arwen and Jorge have made music together and entertained folks of all ages for 21 years. They enjoy passing on what they love about the music that inspires them: Mexican and Latin music with its diversity of rhythms, roots and instrumentation. You will hear a wide variety of genres played on a dizzying number of traditional instruments, such as the guitar and *jarana* of Veracruz, the *vihuela*, the accordion, the donkey's jaw bone and percussive dance.

For some spooky October fun join us Tuesday, Oct 17th, 7:30 pm for a Horror Writers Association Panel and Book Readings. Authors Francesca Maria and Sumiko Saulson will be reading from their published work, discussing the importance of the horror genre and engaging in a Q&A with the audience.

E-Audiobooks

This summer I borrowed some audiobooks on CD from the library only to realize that my new car didn't have a CD player! Luckily, our library owns 1000's of downloadable audio books and it only took a few minutes to find a few great children's classics to listen to on our trip. You can access e-books and audiobooks through our [Libby app](https://sccd.org/resource/overdrive/) (https://sccd.org/resource/overdrive/) which is available from the App Store and Google Play. Our librarians are happy to answer any questions or help you need to get started.

FMHL Volunteers Are Wonderful!

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We value all our volunteers who give their precious time, many serving as volunteer Friends in more ways than one, mostly due to their willingness to help where needed. After the library closure, we lost both members and volunteers and understand when people need to wind down their commitments. That being said, we do have unfilled volunteer needs, including some which do not require a regular schedule. If you might be able to help the Friends with special projects, we can use occasional volunteers for defined tasks. Please reach out to me or Vicky, and we can get back to you with how the Friends needs might fit your specific interests, talents, and available time. Once again, we are indebted to all our volunteers for all they do!



Membership Update

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We need you. Come back!

The last few years have been difficult for the Friends of the Library. I know people hate to be reminded to renew their memberships or join something, but we need you. We depend on your support so that we, in turn, can support our much-loved library. They do so much for the community. Join us, help us help them, and help yourselves.

Our dues have been the same for over 20 years! \$10 for individuals, \$20 for families. You receive a discount card for use in the Bookstore, giving you a 50% discount off any book in the store once a month, plus early admittance for the best selection to our thrice yearly book sales!

Please become a new Friend or renew your membership! October is a good time to join because you receive the rest of this year plus the next year in your membership – 15 months.... a deal! If you already are a member, renew and reduce your year-end list of things to do.

It's easy to join - online at www.friendsmhl.org, by mail (FMHL 660 W. Main Ave. Morgan Hill, CA 95037), or come into the Bookstore and renew in person! The Bookstore has a new look, changing displays, and the same friendly "Friends". See you there!



Fall Book Sale

Saturday, October 7, 2023
Library Program Room

Members Early Preview 9-10 am

2024 Memberships Available

Valid Through 12/2024

Sale Open to All 10am-3 pm

Children's Books 10¢ Each

Other Books \$1 or Less

Special Sets Available

Fill Your Grocery Sized Bag 2-3 pm for \$4



Treasurer's Report

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As of September 12, 2023

Our net assets are \$163,000. This includes two CDs purchased this year, one in February for \$64,000 and one in July for \$40,000. The interest on both through August is \$1,348. Net assets include all monies brought forward from previous accounting periods.

Bookstore income year to date is \$26,900. This includes cash and credit in-store sales, Big and Special book sales, Bargain books and Online book sales. This year Donations and Grants totaled \$5,970. This includes \$1,137 of Crafts sales. Total Membership dues for this period are \$995.

Expenditures include a \$10,000 donation to SCCLD, purchase of graded reading kits with the \$500 Rotary Grant, and \$1,763 Bookstore/Sort Room and other book sales expenses. Speakers Forum, Tax Accountant fees, bank fees were another \$893.

We paid \$4,589 for Library expenses.

The number you are all waiting for. TA DA  Income minus expenses equals a net income of \$18,033.

Our October Big Book sale, membership renewals and increased Book Store sales during the holidays will increase this net number. Thinking positive.

Friends of the Library Calendar

Saturday	Big Book Sale
Oct. 7	10 am – 3 pm see page 6
Thursday	Dorothy Lazard via zoom
Oct. 19	4 – 5 pm see page 1 for details

To be scheduled... artist Patricia Lewis to unveil
"Limitless Possibilities", see page 2

