



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MORGAN HILL, CALIFORNIA

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Events of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library

Winter 2023

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**8 DEC
FRIDAY 4 PM**

Program Room
Morgan Hill Library
660 W Main Ave

**RAGTIME
TO SWING**

A MUSICAL JOURNEY BY
MARK GAETANO

Experience the vibrant legacy of American music with Mark Gaetano's piano. Each note is a testament to his mastery in Music and Theater, and a reflection of his 50 years shaping local entertainment, from the Gaslighter Theaters to 88 Keys Cafe.

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Notes from the President

Vicky Reader, vevreader@gmail.com



October was a busy month. We held our last of three regular Big Book Sales this year. We also had a Zoom author reading with Dorothy Lazard during National Friends of the Library week. At the Volunteer Appreciation Tea hosted by Heather Geddes, old and new Friends met old and new library staff. Heather's photo shows the watercolor in the Children's Program Room which was unveiled at the tea. Artist Patricia Lewis painted *Limited Possibilities* as commissioned by Heather and the Friends and funded by donations from Friend Janet Kammermeyer, who also attended. The painting adds to the library's art collection which was funded by the Friends through the 2006-2007 Beyond Books Campaign.

Fall continues to be eventful. In November, Friends met for a special luncheon to recognize this year's Best of Friends. Read on to see why Treasurer Sherrie Wren was selected as the 2023 Best of Friends. Coming up on December 8th we have our Annual Friends Membership meeting at 3:30 p.m. to present and vote on the 2024 Slate of Officers. We also have an entertaining program for everyone that day from 4 to 5 p.m., featuring local pianist Mark Gaetano. Hope to see you there!

During this time of Thanksgiving, we again thank all our supporters who visit the Friends Bookstore and online storefront at <http://www.amazon.com/shops/MHLibraryFriends>), come to our sales, become members, or donate materials or funds. Your support helps our library in helping our community to thrive. We are most grateful for Friends who volunteer their precious time, from longtime dedicated volunteers to newer volunteers bringing fresh ideas and talents.

As this year closes, we are planning for the 50th Anniversary year of the establishment of our local Friends, culminating in a mid-October celebration during the 2024 National Friends of the Library Week. If you are one of the inaugural Friends during the mid-70's to early 80's, please drop us a line at info@friendsmhlibrary.org. We would like to hear your memories about being a Friend through all these years.



Winter book sale: February 3, 2024

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Library News

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Happy holiday season Friends of the Library! We recently hosted our annual volunteer appreciation event and would like to thank all of the Friends who volunteer to sort materials, work in the bookstore, with online sales, and at the book sales. We appreciate the time and effort you put into making our library a wonderful space for the community to use. You may also spot a new painting in the background of this photo. The piece titled *Limitless Possibilities* was created by artist Patricia Lewis and generously funded by Friends member Janet Kammermeyer.



Please join me in welcoming Marissa Jacobo to the Morgan Hill Library. Marissa is the new Acting Children's Supervising Librarian at Morgan Hill Library. She covered the same role recently at Gilroy Library and has been with SCC Library District, working at Gilroy since November 2014. Marissa also has worked at Salinas Public Library and Watsonville Public Library. She likes to spend time with her family cooking, crafting, and trying out new things in her free time.



I hope your upcoming weeks are filled with friends, family and joy. Please consider joining us for one of our upcoming programs:

In-Person:

Ragtime to Swing, Friday 12/8 4pm: Experience the vibrant legacy of American music with pianist Mark Gaetano

Coping with Grief During the Holidays, Sunday 12/10 2pm: This workshop is for teens and adults who will learn about tools to help process and understand feelings related to grief and loss.

DIY Holiday Ornaments, Wednesday 12/13 6pm: Celebrate the holidays with us by making DIY ornaments while watching the movie Home Alone. This event is for ages 18+, it is an adult and senior only program.

Holiday Concert with South Bay Singers, Saturday 12/16 2pm: Listen to this local choir and hear beloved songs that provide the backdrop to our Decembers for as far back as we can remember.

And

If you're interested in exploring the library's online resources, read on for two that might give you some creative holiday ideas. See page 7

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2024



President: Vicky Reader is a longtime volunteer with the Friends, having held the positions of president, secretary, newsletter editor and Speakers Forum coordinator in the past. She would like to continue serving as president during the Friends 50th Anniversary in 2024. Vicky serves on the board of the Santa Clara County Library District Foundation representing the Morgan Hill and Gilroy libraries.



Vice President: Joy Safakish has volunteered with the Friends for many years, serving as VP, membership coordinator and trainer of Bookstore volunteers. After training a Friend to take on membership duties, Joy still supports that role, along with continuing to distribute email communications to members. As VP, Joy is committed to supporting 50^h Anniversary activities in 2024. Joy also volunteers with AAUW as Wildflower Run co-director and was named their 2021 Philanthropy Honoree.



Secretary: Sheila Dunwoodie joined the Friends after retiring from Anritsu where she worked in the customer service department, then quickly turned her love of books into helping sort donations every week. Next, she took on the vacant role of secretary. Sheila is also secretary for the local Porsche club and is volunteering with the Wildflower Run.



Treasurer: Sherrie Wren has been on the Friends' board as treasurer for the past five years, during which independent annual financial reviewers have reported clear and accessible records. She was honored as the 2023 Best of Friends. Her Square implementation for credit card sales transactions has been widely used in our Bookstore. She also is the AAUW Morgan Hill membership co-VP and Wildflower Run Volunteer Coordinator, as well as a Santa Clara County master gardener.

How to Vote

The Friends annual membership meeting will take place on December 8 at 3:30 p.m. before the "Ragtime to Swing" program at 4 p.m. Election of officers will be held both in person on that day and electronically. All members may vote by email or phone no later than December 8th.

- By email: Put FMHL Vote in the subject line.
In the email body, state **YES** or **NO** for the slate of officers
Send to Carol O'Hare, cbohare@garlic.com
- By phone: Call Carol at 408-782-9029. Leave a message with your name and **YES** or **NO**

***** 2023 Best of Friends *****



Sherrie Wren
celebrated as
Best of Friends
for 2023

Sherrie Wren was celebrated as Best of Friends for 2023 at Mama Mia's on November 8. In 2019 Sherrie was recommended to be the Friends Treasurer. Since then, she has handled all treasury tasks and produced organized and complete records verified by independent annual financial reviews. She recommended the addition of credit card capability to Bookstore cashiering using the Square platform. She continues to provide ongoing Square training and updates to all cashiers. FMHL credit card sales through October 2023 are \$5,705, a 63% increase over 2022 credit sales. This year, Sherrie got Board approval to purchase two Business CDs which have earned \$2,070 through October. Sherrie also generously donated the furniture for the Bookstore cashiers' corner. Congratulations, Sherrie!



2023 Gift of Reading

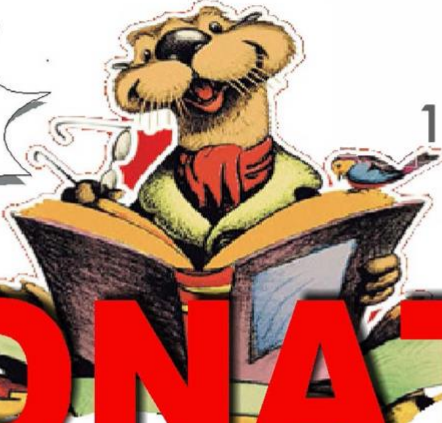
Share the love of books with local children and support 2023 Gift of Reading. BookSmart is again partnering with the Friends of the Library and AAUW to continue this tradition of providing books for underserved children in Morgan Hill and San Martin.

Members are encouraged to donate **new and like-new** books for ages pre-K to 14 years, books that you would want your own children (or grandchildren) to receive. BookSmart is offering a 20% discount on books purchased for the program. Cash donations are also welcome. A collection barrel is located at BookSmart, 421 Vineyard Town Center, and Craft Roots.

The deadline to donate is Friday, December 15.

If you would like to volunteer to sort books by grade level on December 16, please contact Carol O'Hare, cbohare@garlic.com.

Give the Gift of Reading to children in Morgan Hill and San Martin





Volunteers
Needed!

Donate by
12/15/2023

DONATE TODAY!

To donate online go to mybooksmart.com



Please donate new & "like new" children's books, for ages 1-14. A 20% discount will be offered on "Barrel Books" purchased at BookSmart for this book drive.

Donation barrels located at BookSmart & Craft Roots
A Joint Project of AAUW - Friends of the Morgan Hill Library & BCA

Library News *continued...*

Get Crafty with CreativeBug!

Wednesday, November 29th @ 1 PM

REGISTER: <https://sccl.bibliocommons.com/events/653823b38708684100f72c6e>

Join us for a 20 minute introduction and demo of Creativebug! There will be a short Q&A after the webinar. Discover classes and tutorials for all from beginners to more advanced crafters. [Creativebug](#) offers unlimited access to over 1,000 online art and craft video classes and tutorials. Topics include art & design, sewing, quilting, paper, knitting, crochet, food & home, jewelry, holiday & party, and classes for kids. Get ready for the holidays with homemade decorations and presents!

Find your Next Holiday Recipe with New York Times Cooking!

Are you looking to bake your holiday gifts this year? You can look to the [New York Times Cooking](#) to help you find incredible recipes. New York Times Cooking is an inspiring cooking guide, innovative, and interactive kitchen tool, and diverse recipe collection that helps home cooks of every level discover, save and organize the world's best recipes, while also helping them become better, more competent cooks. A tutorial on how to use the resource can be accessed on the resources page and on the [SCCLD Youtube channel](#).

In Memoriam

We were saddened to hear from her son that Virginia Benche passed away. Virginia was the first President of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library in 1974. She was honored as a distinguished Friend through a Lifetime membership when she joined us at our 35th Anniversary celebration in 2009. We thank her family for remembering the Friends as an important part of Virginia's community involvement. As we look ahead to 2024 and our 50th Anniversary of the Friends, we will remember Virginia for starting what has grown and continued to be a dedicated base of members, volunteers, and patrons all in support of our library.



We thank the Jackson Oaks Book Club in choosing to honor their fellow member Gale Hoover Hammond through a memorial donation to the Friends. Their wish is to place bookplates from them in our library's copies of Gale's favorite author's new book being published in February. Gale is remembered as an active committee member locally, including having been a popular columnist for the *Morgan Hill Times*.

Hats off to Roberta Henderson, who handles our Amazon storefront and online sales (amongst many other things behind-the-scenes)! We received this letter in the Friends inbox.

This past week I discovered an old friend had written a book which I wanted to buy. When I saw that Morgan Hill Friends was selling a copy on Amazon, I bought it from you.

I am an active Friend of xxxx (library within SC County Library District) and I work on our Amazon Sales filling orders. I must tell you I was blown away by the care you took to wrap and send this book. It was just a \$10 paperback, but it was wrapped in paper, plastic, covered with cardboard and then mailed in a padded envelope. That's more care than we would take with a \$100 hardcover book. I was snowed.

I just had to compliment you and didn't know who I should write to, so please send my compliments to whoever does your Amazon mailing. I'm truly impressed.