

Friends of the Library
Morro Bay

At this point, I simply want to review what is currently being kept in storage by the Library, its organization and estimate the time needed to establish a useful indexing of the Branch material if, indeed, this will be a mutually acceptable project between the Morro Bay Library and administration.

Currently, each branch (and County Library administration) has its own correspondence folder(s) arranged by date as well as news clippings individually glued to a sheet of paper and arranged by date. Some (including Morro Bay) have notebooks of project-specific materials. There are hundreds of photos. Some are arranged by branch but many are unidentified and fairly useless for historical/research purposes. Additionally, there are several varying collections of items found in the Library's storage rooms.

1. Types of materials considered useful? Generally, the older, the better. Consideration must also be given to the space available for filing, etc. The intent is not to simply trade a stored collection in Morro Bay for storage some place else.
2. Access: The issue is time & personnel to sort and organize. Access to what is currently available (see Archives List) depends on when the office is open and the room is available (other meetings). The Archives are not a part of the public library rooms.
3. The two boxes of construction material are probably duplicated in the current collection. They need to be reviewed before the next step of indexing, etc.
4. Material duplicated (except any early documents) or unwanted items would be first offered to the SLO County Historical Society if the branch did not want them. If neither were willing to accept the items, they would need disposal. This, of course, depends on approval from administration.
5. Ultimate control on any donation remains with the County Library.

To reiterate, my hope is to assist in the preservation of the history of the County Library system and its branches. The above represent my personal thoughts at this point. Specific issues as to transportation, assistance, etc. will be addressed once it can be determined the size/relevance of items in storage.

I hope the above will be of assistance to you.

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