

**Morro Bay Friends of the Library  
Advisory/Vision Final Report  
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In March 2010, I joined the Morro Bay Friends of the Library Board of Directors in the Advisory/Vision position. In the past 9 months, I have been focused on the future direction of our Library in regard to the Library Expansion Project.

The goal of the Advisory/Vision position is to be a liaison between the Morro Bay Community, the Morro Bay Friends of the Library and the Morro Bay Library Staff.

On May 7, 2010, I met with the incoming branch manager Dani Porter to discuss the results of the FOL document "*Our Vision of Morro Bay Library's Future -- Where do we want to go?*" as a point of reference for getting to know the Library community in Morro Bay. Another goal of this meeting was to begin to develop a relationship between the branch manager and the MBFOL in regard to the Library Expansion Project.

At the same time, I began to visit various libraries in the county to gather ideas and inspiration to bring back to Morro Bay for discussion among the Friends of the Library in regard to our future library remodel. I focused most closely on Los Osos and Cayucos---libraries of similar size to Morro Bay.

Of particular interest to me was how other libraries balanced the need for space in each library. How did these libraries find balance between the need for a lively children's area and a more reserved adult reading space? How did these libraries utilize their space to allow for small and large group programs? Were their Friends groups involved in fundraising for various library improvements?

For further detail, please see photos of the various libraries posted on the Friends' website.

In September, Jackie Kinsey was hired as the new branch manager following Dani's resignation in July.

I am pleased to report that I had a very positive meeting with Jackie on November 2, 2010 regarding the future Library Expansion Project in Morro Bay. I am confident that a strong relationship will continue to develop between Jackie and the MBFOL as we work together on the future expansion of our library once the program room becomes available for total library use on March 1, 2011.