



Among Friends

Morro Bay Friends of the Library newsletter

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To stimulate public support of the Morro Bay Branch of the San Luis Obispo County Library by fostering and establishing closer relations between the library and the citizens and organizations of Morro Bay, by focusing public attention on library services, facilities and needs and by soliciting gifts, endowments and bequests to provide financial aid for adequate facilities and needs.

Your Voice Counts!

As members of the Friends you have a voice in what happens within the Friends organization. No better time is this voice important than when you vote for a new Board of Directors. Your next opportunity to do this will be **Friday, November 21 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** at the Morro Bay Library Program Room.

At this, the annual Membership/Elections Meeting, you will not only vote for officers, but you will have the opportunity to learn about what your Board has accomplished this past year on behalf of the Morro Bay Library.

We will also bring you up to date on the status of the Morro Bay Library Lease negotiations; show you how your Friends dollars have supported the Morro Bay Library this past year; tell you what programs the

Morro Bay Library will bring us in 2009; and inform you why the Friends are gearing up for a capital campaign.

Most important—you will vote for a slate of directors who will help guide the organization into the future and continue to be strong stewards of our Morro Bay Library.

Our bylaws, available online at: www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org require that we have a quorum present in order to elect next year's board of directors to continue the business of the Friends. If you have never come to a meeting before, or if it has been a while since you have attended one, we really want you to come to this one!

Remember, it only takes one person to make a difference – and that person could be you!

Refreshments will be provided!
See you there!

–Karen Robert, President



Among Friends is the quarterly newsletter for the Morro Bay Friends of the Library. It is distributed to all members. Circulation is approximately 400. Additional information about the Friends is available at <http://www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org/> or call 772-9268.

We encourage submissions of library-related material. **The deadline for publication is the 8th of each month of publication—January, April, July and October.** Articles are to be submitted to Robert Davis in any of the following formats: email to slobike@yahoo.com either in text or as attachments in Word or WordPerfect; CD in Word or WordPerfect, or in written form legible for transcription. Nothing will be accepted verbally. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject material. Each article is the opinion of its author and does not necessarily represent the opinion or endorsement of the Friends or the Library or the editors.

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Why Join A Reading Group/Book Club at the Morro Bay Library?

A book discussion group (sometimes referred to as a ‘book club’, sometimes as a ‘reading group’) is simply a group of people who get together on a regular basis to discuss books.

You can think of many reasons to join a book club. Groups are an excellent way to enjoy books more and challenge your mind. They encourage you to read more, or to read books that you might not normally choose.

Most people join our book club to have fun, make friends, stimulate the brain cells and meet like-minded people! We also celebrate local authors each 4th Wednesday by hosting them as part of our program.

Join us each Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12 :00 p.m. in the Program Room at the Morro Bay Library.

For more information on book lists

and discussion dates, topics or the event schedule, check the calendar of events in this newsletter, call the library at 772-9268, visit our website at www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org or come by the Morro Bay Library and pick up the latest bookmarks. Everyone is welcome!

If you have ideas for books for our 2009 book club, please contact Karen @ 772-6394 or Karen-bookclubideas@live-now.org

Library Hours

Mon - Closed	Tue - 11am-8pm
Wed-Fri - 11am-5pm	Sat - 11am-4pm
Sundays - Closed	805-772-6394

Upcoming Events

All events occur at the Morro Bay Library Program Room unless otherwise noted.

Reoccurring Every Month!

- 1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm - Readers' Community Book Discussion Group
- 2nd Wednesdays 10:00am-12:00 pm - Inspirational Topics Discussion Group
- 4th and 5th Wednesdays 10:00am-12:00pm - Celebration and Appreciation of Literature through local author readings, special presentations and other literary activities.(details below)

November

- 5 *I Feel Bad About My Neck* by **Nora Ephron**. This is a candid, hilarious look at women who are getting older and dealing with the tribulations of maintenance, menopause, empty nests and life itself.



Catherine Ryan Hyde at a 4th Wednesday reading

8 Book Sale (9-10am Members Only) 10am-2pm Sale; 1-2pm \$3 bag sale

- 12 *If You Love This Planet - A Plan to Heal the Earth* by **Helen Caldicott, M.D.** This book describes in easy-to-understand language the scientific and medical consequences of the greenhouse effect, ozone depletion, deforestation, species extinction, toxic chemical pollution, nuclear waste, food contamination and the ever-present threat of nuclear war. Just in time to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. A renowned nuclear activist, Dr. Caldicott focuses her attention on ecological issues and what we can do to protect our environment.
- 19 *Limitations* by **Scott Turow**. The action centers on the fictional Kindle County in Illinois, where some familiar characters, including George Mason from *Personal Injuries* and Rusty Sabich, the hero of *Presumed Innocent* come together. Mason is now an appellate judge, faced with the challenge of crafting the decision in a high-profile case involving a sexual assault that reawakens his long-suppressed guilt over his role in a similar incident decades before.
- 21 **Morro Bay Friends of the Library Membership & Elections Meeting** - 11:30a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Refreshments served. Public welcome. **Make Your Vote & Voice Count.**

December

- 3 **No assigned book.** Discussion of non-reading list books, fiction or non-fiction, that you have found especially interesting, informative or inspirational. Bring a book that has had an impact on your life to share with the rest of the group.
- 10 *Awareness* by **Anthony De Mello**. Using humor, compassion and insight, the beloved and best-selling late author teaches us to welcome the challenge of knowing ourselves and living the "aware" life. This is a masterful book of the spirit, challenging us to wake up in every aspect of our lives.

January

- 21 *First to Kill* by **Andrew Peterson**. A dramatic, action-packed debut....Our first Readers' Community Book Discussion Group meeting of the year will host the author who will answer our questions about his dynamic new thriller.
- 28 *Visioning® Ten Steps to Designing the Life of Your Dreams* by **Dr. Lucia Capacchione**. Join us for a free workshop on Visioning® which helps individuals access the right side of the brain, open up to intuition, emotions and pure motivation from the heart's desire.



Chamber Mixer

The Chamber of Commerce mixer on August 25th was a huge success!



We had great attendance—lots of local politician

s and Chamber & community members. And the food was fabulous. Noah Smukler and Laura Lopez did a wonderful job preparing and serving locally-grown organic tapas and fruit with chocolates (local too, of course).

It is extremely valuable for Morro Bay Friends of the Library to be Chamber members and to participate in the Mixer. It says *Welcome* to the business community and paves the way for networking, support, advocacy and community. It lets local people see their library as a valuable community resource.

Hosting the Mixer sends a strong message to the community, City officials and Chamber that the Friends and Library staff are involved. Members and guests will remember



the pleasant evening and know that there was a special effort to create a very nice event. This builds lasting goodwill within the business community.

A HUGE THANKS to the committee: Susan McElhinney, Joan Decker and Joan Petersen. Thank you Ric Deschler for set-up/take-down, Karen Robert and Joan Petersen for greeting guests; Stewart and Susan McElhinney for tending the drinks; Betty Forsythe for offering membership opportunities; Susan McElhinney and Joan Petersen for handling the eight dozen roses and Joan Decker for bringing the wine. And thank you to Eufhoria and Tobin James Cellars for their donations.



Library Report

Our summer reading bug infestation was a huge success. The number of children signed up to “Catch the Reading Bug” was the largest ever at an impressive 416.

The number of children who completed the program was also up from the previous year with 248 finishers.

The reward incentives were very nice, especially the canvas reading bags provide by our generous sponsors—the Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Public Libraries, CloudStar and the Surfrider Foundation.

The programs were again very well attended, with an average attendance of 80. Thank you Friends for sponsoring these entertaining programs. Parents and children are always so appreciative!

Thank you also for the extra goodies that we were able to give to our wonderful Morro Bay kids like the bug picture frame and bug finger puppets. (We had grown-ups trying to purchase the bug finger puppets from us when they were on display at the desk.)

It was a fun, fast, and very successful summer. Hope yours was as well!

—**Mary Blair**

Book Sale update

by Laurie Allen

On August 9th we had our summer book sale. It was a resounding success, almost \$3500 in 5 hours! For those of you who have never come to the sale, picture the program room filled with happy, intent people finding books to enjoy at really reasonable prices.

To give you an idea of what an extraordinary group of volunteers we have, the number of people who helped put the sale on totaled about 60. It takes that many folks to get the room set up, put the books on the tables, cashier and help customers on the day of the sale and clean up afterward.

That's a lot of dedicated people and the entire Board thanks you all for the hard work. The proceeds from our quarterly sales translate into more books, DVDs, CDs and magazines for our library. The impact is direct and ongoing.

Another big thank-you goes out to all the people who donated such wonderful books, videos, CDs and DVDs to the sale. Please continue to bring your donations to the library. We are collecting for our November sale!

When you buy a book, read it and then give it to us to sell. It's a wonderful way to reuse, recycle and replenish all at the same time.

See you on **November 8th**.



Friends said good-bye to Leabah Winter September 19



For those of you who may not get the Tribune, I thought I would share this letter to the editor.

–Karen Robert

September 5, 2008 Letters to the Editor
– *The Tribune*

Morro's library rocks

The public library in Morro Bay should be complimented.

I am a visitor from the San Joaquin Valley. I do not know of any valley public library that has Wi-Fi available “around the clock.” Even though the library is closed on Mondays, people are able to avail themselves of this service by being close to the library—within range of the server. It is hard to believe that this service is absolutely free. No coffee or meal is needed to use this facility.

The librarians are very cordial and most helpful. There are also computers available for public use, even though the time is limited—which is very understandable.

The availability of books and publications is also excellent. Thank you again, Morro Bay citizens for providing this delightful venue.

Rene Lastreto

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Connections to the Future

by Ric Deschler, Treasurer

Today, the Morro Bay Library serves as a vital resource to the citizens of Morro Bay. It also serves our surrounding community members as well as the many thousands of tourists who visit our wonderful city. Your library helps to educate our youth as well as act as a social hub for the exchange of ideas and knowledge. We are fortunate to live here and have access to all that has been provided by our library.

Over the years, this community has had a deep and proud involvement in cultivating and maintaining this vital institution. The current Morro Bay Friends of the Library (FOL) was established and incorporated in October 1982. Their primary goal was to raise money to build the current library building to replace a rented storefront operation. The community response was inspiring. After many volunteer efforts and donations, on December 20, 1985, the new library was opened.

Since that time, the FOL continued to raise funds to provide financial support to the Morro Bay Library so that it has had sufficient books, materials, landscaping, and various furnishings for more than two decades. Now, with a view toward the future, we wish to encourage members of our community to remember the value that they have received from the Morro Bay Library in the past as well as today and make a connection with the future.

To ensure the Morro Bay Library's long-term financial stability, you can develop a gift using a Planned Giving process in your will when you plan the distribution of your estate. Making a bequest is as simple as inserting a few sentences into your will leaving a set dollar amount or specific asset to the "Morro Bay Friends of the Library, Inc." It would be good to discuss the various methods of bequests with your attorney or financial advisor. They can help you so that your wishes are easily fulfilled after your passing. You or your advisors may also meet with the officers of the FOL to better tailor your assets to the current or future needs of the library. We want to make sure that your generous gift will be utilized where the need is greatest.

Year-end Giving

When considering your 2008 charitable contributions, please keep in mind the support work done by your Morro Bay Friends of the Library. Your donation of cash or securities will help assure the Library's continued high level of service to the community. Consult your tax advisor about the benefits of contributing.

The FOL works closely with the Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Public Libraries. As a foundation, they can provide us with management of larger, endowment-sized donations that are designated and restricted for the

Morro Bay Branch Library. This is why it is best to discuss with us your wishes in advance so that we can make sure your desires are met for the future.

Your 'Connections With the Future' can also happen today. Your generosity is welcomed at anytime now or in the future. With the current state of the economy, direct cash donations to the FOL have been down this year. We know that there are many worthy and competing needs throughout our community and appreciate any donations that you may wish to make today. Your financial support today and in the future will guarantee that the Morro Bay Library will continue to provide your community as an exceptional resource.

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Newsletter Advertising

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