



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.

It's Time... Answer the Call to Service Today by Volunteering at your Morro Bay Library.

If you haven't noticed, the wedding cake display in the library features some wonderful books on volunteering, activism, and making a difference in your community. It also has **Volunteer Interest Forms** you can fill out that assist us in matching you to the perfect volunteer position at your Library. Why do I mention this? Because, it is the beginning of our Friends of the Library, **Call to Service** Campaign.

If you've never been involved in community service before, volunteering at the Morro Bay Library may be a good place to start. Want to improve your customer service skills? You may get free on-the-job training. Have you been out of the workforce raising children? Volunteering may be a painless way for you to get back into the routine of working before taking the plunge into a paid position. Have you recently retired and are looking for something to do with your time? This may be the perfect place for you to be to get your needs met.

When asked why they like to volunteer at our Library several of our Friends volunteers said they do it because they want to:

- Help others
- Make a difference
- Find purpose
- Enjoy a meaningful conversation
- Connect with our community
- Feel involved
- Contribute to a cause that they care about
- Use their skills in a productive way
- Develop new skills
- Meet new people
- Explore new areas of interest
- Impress their mom
- Impress themselves
- Expand their horizons
- Get out of the house
- Make new friends
- Strengthen their resume
- Feel better about themselves



Linda Walker considers answering the Call to Service campaign

As Friends, we believe that the satisfaction and pride that come from helping others at our Library and within our community are important reasons to volunteer. We also believe that as a volunteer, you certainly return to our Library some of the benefits that our Library gives you. Won't you join our **Call to Service**? When you commit your time and effort to your Library, the feeling of fulfillment can be endless. Besides, your volunteering will definitely help others and may help you, too. Call me. Let's create the right fit for you.

– **Karen Robert, President**, 772-9268.



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We encourage submissions of library-related material. **The deadline for publication is the 6th day of each month of publication—January, April, July and October.** Articles are to be submitted to Robert Fuller 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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From the Membership Chair...

Thank you to all members for your support—both financially and the time you donate to the Morro Bay Library and Morro Bay Friends of the Library. In March we started a membership awareness table. Friends are volunteering to share information about becoming a friend and how to participate in library programs and upcoming book sales.

Our table will be in the foyer on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Please stop by and pick up information to share with neighbors and friends.

If you would like to have a guest speaker share the benefits of our Library with your business and/or non-profit organization, please let me know. I would like to share what the Morro Bay Library and Friends of the Library can offer to you,

your organization and/or business, and how easy it is to become a member..

Thank you for your support and ideas. I hope you have wonderful spring.

Jennifer Redman

New Library Hours

Mon - Closed	Tue - Wed 10am-7pm
Thu-Fri - 10am-5pm	Sat - 10am-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.

May

- 6 *Dreams from My Father – A Story of Race and Inheritance* by **Barack Obama** In this lyrical, unsentimental, and compelling memoir, we learn about the beginnings of our first African-American President of the United States.
- 7 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** office hours – MB Library Program Room 4-5 pm

9 Book Sale (9-10am Members Only) 10am-2pm Sale; 1-2pm \$3 bag sale
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- 13 *The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success* by **Deepak Chopra** Explore his laws of success and how it can help guide us to the fulfillment of our dreams.
- 15 Friends – Board of Directors Meeting – 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Open to the Public
- 20 *The Confessions of Max Tivoli* by **Andrew Sean Greer** Set against the backdrop of San Francisco at the turn of the twentieth century, this book is a daring feat of the imagination,
- 27 **Point Piedras Blancas* by **Carole Adams and John Bogacki** Enjoy a slide show, pictures and an historical discussion with local author Carole Adams during our 4th Wed program.

June

- 3 *The Dogs of Babel* by **Carolyn Parkhurst** A novel of astonishing and lasting power – a story of marriage, survival, and devotion that lies too deep for words.
- 4 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** office hours – MB Library Program Room 4-5 pm
- 10 *Giving – How Each of Us Can Change the World* by **Bill Clinton** President Clinton, “my hope is that the people and stories in this book will lift spirits, touch hearts, and demonstrate that citizen activism and service can be a powerful agent of change in the world.”
- 17 **To Discourage Me is No Easy Matter - The Life of California Pioneer William Goodwin Dana* with **Joe Dana** Join local author and great-great grandson of Captain Dana as he recounts the stories in his new book detailing many of William Dana’s early days.
- 24 **Carrillo’s Defiant Daughters* by **Loren Luis Nicholson** Learn how a local author took a love of history and created a beautiful work of fiction during June’s 4th Wednesdays program.

July

- 1 *When the Emperor was Divine* by **Julie Otsuka** This is a haunting evocation of a family in wartime and an unmistakably resonant lesson for our times.
- 2 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** office hours – MB Library Program Room 4-5 pm
- 8 *Three Cups of Tea* by **Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin** This is a story of a riveting adventure and a testament to the power of the humanitarian spirit.
- 15 *The Final Solution: A story of detection* by **Michael Chabon** A mute boy, an 89 year old retired detective, an exotic African parrot – what is the mystery surrounding them?
- 17 Friends – Board of Directors Meeting – 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Open to the Public
- 22 **Shedding Skins* by **Marion Wolff** Explore the holocaust through a survivor’s eyes and experience & what it took for her eventual transformation and renewal.
- 29 **Your Perfect Right – writing, editing & publishing books* with **Dr. Bob Alberti** Meet local author and current San Luis Obispo County Public Libraries Foundation President.

*Author(s) will join us.



Connections – Past, Present, Future

By Ric Deschler, Treasurer

In a previous column, I spoke of making a Connection With the Future. This Connection With the Future would be a planned giving donation by including the Morro Bay Friends of the Library in your will. Because our library provides a lifetime of pleasure and joy for everyone we believe this is a wonderful opportunity to make sure that the library that you love today will be there for years to come after your passing. We are here to assist you in making this process possible.

Besides looking towards the future, we also enjoy looking at the past. It was in 1982 that Jane Bailey and Fern Hulse signed the articles of incorporation that created the MBFOL organization to build the library we have today. It has been an amazing 27 years of fund raising, construction, and support making the Morro Bay library an anchor in our community.

I bring this up today because, even though Jane Bailey now lives elsewhere, she continues to support the library she built and loves with a continuous donation in her own unique fashion. Jane's wonderful book, *Morro Bay's Yesterdays*, continues to be published and read. Every now and then I still peruse my copy that Jane autographed for me. Over the years, Jane has donated half of the royalties from her book to the MBFOL and the other half to the AAUW. This is one way she has chosen to provide a continuing gift of support. We can't thank Jane enough for everything that she has done to get this

organization started, to get the library built, and to make sure that it is maintained today and available for our community in the future. Our community library benefits from her hard work each year when we receive those funds.

This is just an example of how any individual in our community can support our library with a connection to its past, its present, and its future. We appreciate your donations and will work with you to find the right method of giving that best suits your situation and wishes.

Honoring Loved Ones

by Ric Deschler

A wonderful way to remember and honor loved ones is with a donation in their name to the Morro Bay Friends of the Library. These donations provide needed materials and the person being remembered is recognized with a bookplate in the front of the book or material. Gifts can also be given in recognition of friends or associates.

Here is a listing of the persons remembered with donations during 2008

In Memory of

David W. Miller
Helen Hileman
James Kirkpatrick
Harry Wiese

In Gratitude to

Susan McElhinney
Peggy Quigley
2008 FOL Board of Directors

We thank all of the donors for honoring their loved ones and friends with a generous contribution to support the Morro Bay Library. For more information about remembering loved ones, check out www.morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org or call Ric Deschler at 772-9244.

Book Sale Report Spring 2009

Laurie Allen



Hello Friends,

Well, it finally happened. We had the rainy day we were always afraid of on the day of the book sale in February.

I am in awe at how well all the volunteers rallied to make it work. We had a contingency plan if we couldn't use the patio. We added sale tables inside, took over the lobby, and had the cashiers sitting out there. It made for some hectic conditions, but all went well. Everybody had the chance to get up close and personal, and we still managed to sell some books.

In fact, we broke the previous record by a few dollars, and took in \$3838.60 for books and other materials for our library.

In these uncertain economic times it is useful to remember the essential part our public libraries play in keeping services available to those who have lost jobs, homes, or hope. Only in libraries can people use free computers for resumes, job searches, and social outreach. They can read newspapers and magazines, check out books they always meant to read and now have time to, and find movies and television shows to watch without fees.

Our libraries continue to be a cornerstone of our ongoing commitment to hope and success for all citizens. Thank you for your continuing support.

Summer Reading Program–

„**Get Creative @ Your Library**“

Magician Shawn McMaster–

Thursday, June 18 at 10:00

Banana Slug String Band–

Thursday, June 25 at 2:00

Puppeteer Tom Knight–

Friday, July 10 at 10:00

Singer/Songwriter Craig Newton–

Friday, July 17 at 10:00

Juggler Jim Wilson–

Thursday, July 23 at 10:00

Pied Piper of Music & Movement Don Norton–

Thursday, July 30 at 2:00

NEW HOURS:

Tue 10-7

Wed 10-7

Thu 10-5

Fri 10-5

Sat 10-4

With the economic downward turn we are busier than ever and we hope these hours better serve the Morro Bay Community.

Remember, we offer 30-minute free Internet to all residents and visitors.

See you @ the Library!



Library Happenings

by Jude Long

BUDGET

The SLO County and Library budgets have gone through major hurdles ranging from pending layoffs and major cuts to NO layoffs for now. We are hoping for the best outcome but we anticipate cuts will occur early next year. By the time you read this newsletter we should have definite information from the County Board of Supervisors following their April 28th meeting.

NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM

Whoopie!! We are moving to a new Polaris computer system that will operate our checkouts, check-ins and searching and placing holds and all other records. It will be an improvement over what we have been operating with over the past 18 months. We are currently training and are scheduled to go live on Wed., May 27th.

YOU CAN HELP US during this migration by keeping your requests low during the month of May and by returning books only when they are due. Why? Because during the last 3 weeks of May we will need to stockpile returned materials rather than check them in. Please keep them at home rather than stacked on our floors. We will be extending due dates for this time period. Holds are always problematic during migrations so the fewer you have pending the better!

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

We are planning to start using VolunteerMatch, the leading online volunteer recruitment site. They are currently working to specify a site for California Public Libraries for potential volunteers to review job descriptions and openings. This will help upgrade our volunteer positions to meet the needs of the Baby Boomer generation. Some of the new positions we are considering are publicity assistant, computer and Internet

trainers, and self-check assistant and greeter. Stay tuned.

ALTERNATIVE WORK PROGRAM

We are working with the SLO Sheriff Department to use their Inmates Program workers for additional custodial and grounds work. This has been a very successful program at several other libraries and the inmates are carefully pre-selected for Library work. Some are professionals and business people. Everyone in this program must pay out of pocket and must meet stringent standards.

CCBA FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar now for our Central Coast Book and Author Festival that is in Downtown SLO at Mission Plaza on Sunday, October 4, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds support countywide public library programs. Check out the website at www.ccbookfestival.org.

Today we begin in earnest the work of making sure that the world we leave our children is just a little bit better than the one we inhabit today."
- President Barack Obama

BECOME A VOLUNTEER AT YOUR MORRO BAY LIBRARY
by being a part of the Friends of the Library

CALL TO SERVICE

Learn more about the exciting ways in which you can help build a better tomorrow by being involved today...

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Phone _____ Birthday _____

Name of parent _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

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 625 Harbor Street
 Morro Bay CA 93442

*Child is entitled to one free children's book at
 any Friends of the Library Book Sale. One
 free book total per membership. Must present
 Junior membership card at checkout.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

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Membership:

- New
- Renewal

DUES (tax deductible)

- Individual \$5/year
- Family \$10/year
- Business \$25/year
- Individual Lifetime \$100

Volunteers are at the heart of the library's success. If you would like to be involved, please indicate your interests(s):

- Shelving books
- Fund Raising
- Membership
- Book Sales
- Programs
- Board of Directors
- Other (specify)

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