



Among Friends

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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.

*For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.
T.S. Eliot, "Little Gidding"*

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year 2011! I am honored and energized to serve as your president this year. I can assure you that the Morro Bay Friends of the Library Board of Directors is ready to serve and support our Library in the year ahead.

We have seven dedicated board members who are continuing with us for 2011 as well as three new board members joining us. Please take a moment to read the bios for the new members in this newsletter. Why not get a little more active this year and join a board committee? Reach out to us and we'll match your interests and time availability with a volunteer position that works for you! We have many to choose from.

Even before we said farewell to the old year, the newly elected Board of Directors gathered on December 12, 2010 and began planning and goal setting for the new year. At the upcoming board meeting on January 21, 2011, we will share the goals with our membership so please join us at the meeting from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm in the Program Room at the Library. All meetings are open to the public.

Here's what to look for in 2011 from the Morro Bay Friends of the Library.

- Look for a new and larger location for our popular book sale as we move just a stone's throw away from the Library to the Morro Bay Community Center beginning with the May 14th sale. Same great sale---much more spacious location for all those wonderful books. The book sales are our largest fund raiser and all proceeds directly benefit your library. We are constantly in need of strong backs and able hands to move our books during the sale and at other times of the year. Can you volunteer?
- Look for the beginnings of a close working relationship between the MBFOL and our new branch manager, Jackie Kinsey. Jackie is a consummate library professional with the perfect skill set to manage our library. She will serve as our guide as the Library explores opportunities for full use of the facility for Library services beginning in March.
- Look for more program events happening in our branch. The MBFOL-sponsored Wednesdays Program continues each week and new events will be presented each month. Watch for promotion in the lobby and on our website.

In my own family, the Library is a place we visit at least once a week. Sure, we check out books, magazines and DVDs. But, increasingly, it's a place we come to take in a program as we did for the *fang-tastic* Children's Halloween Party organized by our *spooktacular* Library staff. In this photo, my son Nicholas is becoming mummified at the hands of The Referee---our branch manager, Jackie Kinsey.

Whenever we do visit the Library, it seems that's where everyone else in our community is, too. More and more, the Morro Bay Library is truly becoming the hub of our town.

Many thanks for your support and I'll see you at the Library!

Sincerely,

Christine Johnson, President





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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 news@morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org 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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"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, Go throw your TV set away, And in its place you can install, A lovely bookshelf on the wall."

Roald Dahl, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

Library Hours

Mon - Closed
 Tue - Wed 10am-7pm
 Thu-Fri - 10am-5pm
 Sat - 10am-4pm
 Sundays - Closed

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Upcoming Events

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

For more information go to: www.morrobaybookdiscussiongroup.org or contact karen@morrobaybookdiscussiongroup.org or 225-3131.



Reoccurring Every Month!

- 1st & 3rd Wed 10:00am noon Morro Bay Book Discussion Group Selections
- 2nd Wednesdays 10:00am noon Share Day
- 4th and 5th Wednesdays 10:00am noon Celebration and Appreciation of Literature through local author readings, special presentations and other literary activities.

February

- 2 *A Separate Peace* by **John Knowles** Adventure at an exclusive New England prep school, in the summer prior to World War II.
- 3 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** office hours MB Library Program Room 4 5 pm

5 Book Sale (9-10am Members Only) 10am-2pm Sale; 1-2pm \$3 bag sale - Morro Bay Library

- 9 **We begin our 2nd Wednesdays program, "Share Day"** - a chance to bring and discuss non reading list books fiction, non fiction or inspirational. Also bring favorite dishes to share with the group. *Check with the group facilitator to find out what you should bring each month (it is based on the last letter of your last name).*

11 Holiday - Library Closed

- 16 *Case Histories* by **Kate Atkinson** Private detective Jackson Brodie ex cop, ex husband and weekend dad takes on cases involving past crimes that occurred in and around London.

22 Holiday - Library Closed

- 23 **Meet the Author Joan Sullivan** Central Coast History through her many books.

March

- 2 *The Dive from Clausen's Pier* by **Ann Packer** How much do we owe the people we love?
- 3 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** office hours MB Library Program Room 4 5 pm

9 Share Day

- 16 *44 Scotland Street* by **Alexander McCall Smith** Meet some of the colorful characters who occupy this address first published as a serial in the Scotsman newspaper.

- 18 **Friends Board of Directors Meeting** 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. Public welcome

- 23 **Meet the Author - Bert Bender - *Catching the Ebb: Drift Fishing for a Life in Cook Inlet*** Join this commercial fisherman and author as he shares his experiences.

- 30 **Meet the Author & Free Workshop on "Writing as a Tool for Healing" with Phyllis Davies** spend some time with Phyllis and learn how writing can be a tool for healing.

April

- 6 *Farm City, the Education of an Urban Farmer* by **Novella Carpenter & Special Program.** See details of the program on page 5 of this newsletter.

- 7 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** office hours MB Library Program Room 4 5 pm

- 11 15 **National Library Week and National Volunteer Week**

13 Share Day

- 20 *Family Tree* by **Barbara Delinsky** When Dana and Hugh Clarke's baby is born into their wealthy, white New England seaside community, the baby's unmistakably African American features puzzle her thoroughly Anglo looking parents. By the time the Clarkes have uncovered the tangled roots of their family trees, more than one skeleton has been unearthed.

- 27 **Meet Local Author, Bobbe Tyler, "Searching for Soul A Survivor's Guide,"** a case study, and a self examination resulting in the discovery of a meaningful life

- 29 **Library and Friends Volunteer Recognition Event**



2011 MBFOL Board Retreat

On December 12, the board of directors found time in the busy holiday schedule to meet for an afternoon and set goals for 2011. The board also spent time getting to know one another and here's what we found out: three board members have ridden camels in Egypt while two board members have ridden elephants in Asia. Winston Churchill is a hero to several members while one member has completed coursework at Harvard University. We are a risk-taking crew as several members have bungee jumped, gone hot air ballooning or ridden terrifying amusement park rides at Magic Mountain.



Friends of the Library Directors with their newly created 2011 goals worksheets.

Does this group sound interesting to you? Join a board committee! We look forward to hearing about your experiences, too.

2011 Book Sale Dates

Mark your calendars

February 5 - Morro Bay Library

May 14, August 20, November 5 at
Morro Bay Community Center

Below is a list of books/DVDs purchased with Friends of the Library money in December.

Sherlock: Season One (DVD)

Merlin: The complete first season (DVD)

Euphemia: our love affair with euphemisms

American Assassin, by Vince Flynn

Hailey's War: a novel, by Jodi Compton

Simple Times: crafts for poor people, by Amy Sedaris

I Remember Nothing, by Nora Ephron

Decision Points, by George W. Bush

The Reversal, by Michael Connelly

Children's titles

Fantastic Mr. Fox

Eragon

Million Dollar shot

Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher

Beezus & Ramona

Patty Reed's Doll

Please keep us current with addresses and email changes. If you have acquired an email since originally joining and would prefer to receive newsletters online, please let us know. Choosing the email option for newsletters saves the Friends \$5 a year per membership! Send changes to members@morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org.



Cuesta College Book of the Year

The San Luis Obispo County Libraries SLO County Reads Program is partnering with Cuesta College's book of the year, *Farm City, The Education of an Urban Farmer* by Novella Carpenter. The Morro Bay Book Discussion Group, will discuss the book in April. Morro Bay Library and Friends of the Library will also host several programs that highlight themes emphasized within the book. We hope you will join us for all of the events!

Tuesday, March 29, 6-7 p.m.

Worms, Water and Wonder: Gardening with Kids in Mind with Cindy Konrad

As a parent of two small children, Cindy likes to fine-tune ways to make lasting positive memories while spending time with them in the garden. Join her as she shares a few things that she has learned along the way, as well as what is great to grow in your garden for eating with the family. There will also be an opportunity for adult creative play, like making some stepping stones, which are a great path for children to walk through while in the garden. This workshop is geared for adult participation. If children are present, we ask that parents/guardians attend to them as needed. Babies in arms and nursing are welcomed.

Saturday, April 2, 2-3 p.m.

Meet Local Author: Christine Heinrichs – *How to Raise Chickens & How to Raise Poultry*
Christine brings her White Dorking Hen, Blondie, and Colored Dorking Rooster, Mr. D, and shares how easy and how much fun they are to raise in your own back yard, especially when it comes to getting eggs!

Wednesday, April 6, 10 – 12:30 p.m.

Morro Bay Book Discussion Group: *Farm City, the Education of an Urban Farmer* by Novella Carpenter plus a special program with Community Garden Charter Members Noah Smukler (Morro Bay City Council Member) & Johannah Varland .

In partnership with Cuesta College's Book of the Year program, we will discuss Ms Carpenter's experiences with urban farming in the Bay Area including her adventures with bee and poultry

keeping and her desire for such staples as home-harvested honey, eggs and home-raised meat.

(Note: The author will not be present for this discussion.)

Today's program also includes a special workshop/potluck event facilitated by Noah & Johannah (also Head Gardener) which highlights the ***History of the local Morro Bay Community Garden.*** including special organic treats from the garden. Participants are encouraged to bring their own organic treats to share.

Participants are invited to join author Novella Carpenter this evening at the Cuesta College Cultural and Performing Arts Center San Luis Obispo Campus from 5-7 pm for a free program.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs will take place at the Morro Bay Library Program Room, 625 Harbor St., Morro Bay. To learn more, contact Karen@morrobaybookdiscussiongroup.org or 225-3131 or go to www.slolibrary.org for a full schedule of events happening at other libraries throughout the county.

Central Coast Book and Author Festival

The Foundation for San Luis County Public Libraries will once again host the Central Coast Book and Author Festival, Sunday 18 September 2011.

We are in the planning phase for the festival and are inviting volunteers to join us for the fun this year!

Please contact Joan Decker at morrojoan@charter.net or call (805) 771-8323. While it has not yet been updated with this year's information, to get an idea about the Foundation and Festival, check out our web site at slolibraryfoundation.org.

Joan M. Decker

Chairperson



Morro Bay Leads the Way!

Grants totaling more than \$22,000 have been awarded to Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Cambria, Los Osos and Morro Bay Libraries. Morro Bay Friends of the Library pledged a matching \$5000; therefore, our library will be receiving a \$10,000 award!

The grants were awarded by the Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Public Libraries and will be used to significantly expand the library's collection of "eBooks," the very popular new digital reader format.

Budget cuts in SLO County have created a \$150,000 shortfall for county public libraries this year, and those cuts are having an impact on library hours, staff size and the purchase of new materials. At the same time, library usage is on the rise. The MBFOL are proud to take the lead on awarding funds to our Library that will benefit our patrons.

Now---please attend the Book Sale on Saturday, February 5 at the Library and help us replace the funds we just spent on our beloved Library.

The Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Public Libraries believes that strong libraries help build, nourish and support our community by providing a rich environment for learning and appreciation of knowledge. A great library system benefits everyone in the county.

NEW PROGRAM FOR MYSTERY READERS.....

The Morro Bay Book Discussion Group begins the **4th Fridays Mystery Readers** where once a month we meet and discuss a wide spectrum of mysteries, thrillers and suspense novels at the home of the Group Facilitator, Karen Robert. *(Please note: once this program proves to be popular [which means: well-attended], we look forward to moving it to the Library.)*

Interested lovers of mysteries are encouraged to come and bring their favorite dishes to share as we eat and discuss murder, mayhem and crime! Our first discussion takes place on **Friday, January 28th, 2011!** Join us as we discuss [The Bookwoman's Last Fling](#) by [John Dunning](#).

You are responsible for checking out the book for the 4th Fridays Mystery Readers group on your own! The 4th Fridays Mystery Readers bookmark is available for **d o w n l o a d** at www.morrobaybookdiscussiongroup.org or at the Library. For more information and directions to the Group Facilitator's home, contact her at 225-3131 or Karen@morrobaybookdiscussiongroup.org or go directly to the website for the map link.

SPECIAL NOTE: Because the 4th Fridays Mystery Readers bookmark is planned at least one month in advance, the February mystery has already been selected and will be revealed at the January group discussion. But, if you want to help decide what we read in the upcoming months it will be determined by the group each time we meet. As an example, those present at our January readers group will vote on which book they select for March.

The criterion for recommending books is that you will have to be sure the book you recommend has at least 15 books available at www.slolibrary.org in order for us to include the book as a selection for our readers! So, please do your homework in advance of our time together!



Membership by Susan Gossard

Susan Gossard by Susan Gossard

I am pleased to report that we gained nine new members in December, bringing our membership total to 341 – an impressive number for a library our size! Thank you to new members for choosing to join and for our long-standing members’ ongoing involvement. Members are the heart of who we are.

What can you do to help membership? Consider telling a friend or neighbor about Friends and encourage them to join. Also, don’t forget to renew your annual membership. Unsure when your membership expires? Email me at members@morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org and I will be glad to let you know.

You might even consider sending in your 2011 renewal now and you will be credited for one year from the month it expires. Your membership card will be mailed to you with your new expiration date. By doing this, you will save the Friends postage, printing, and the need to send out renewal reminders.

Susan is the Friends’ new membership chair, having assisted Jennifer Redman during the past year. She has lived in Morro Bay since 2000, a town that she says reminds her of growing up in San Clemente (yes, during the Western White House days!).

Susan works at Cuesta College as an academic counselor and previously was a high school guidance counselor. She also worked as a paralegal for 10+ years for a major utility company and several private law firms.

At a recent Friends Board retreat, she was surprised to learn that she was not the only current Board member who has ridden a camel in Egypt.

She is a past volunteer for the Literacy Council and Aspira Foster Agency. Susan holds a BA in Social Science from Chico State and a Masters degree from CSU, Sacramento.

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Nick Hall

by Nick Hall

Nick Hall has been a Realtor and an experienced Real Estate Professional for over 35 years and has been a homeowner on California's beautiful Central Coast for over 30 years, having lived in Cayucos prior to moving to Morro Bay in 2005.

He was also the owner of a manufacturing business for 25 years and, as a result, has highly honed negotiation skills that he now wants to bring to his new position with The Friends of the Library.

Previous community involvement includes service as an officer of the Burbank Rotary Club. Nick is now looking forward to working within the local community in a fund raising capacity and introducing others to all of the benefits open to those who use and participate in our local library.

In his spare time, this English expatriate enjoys genealogy and researching his family's history.

Volunteer Opportunity

Here's a chance to help your Library by taking on an important job with the Friends. We are looking for a dedicated person to coordinate and run a book table at the Saturday afternoon Farmer's Market on Main St. You don't have to do it every week, but the more often you can go, the more money you will raise for library materials and services. Some particular capabilities are needed.

You must be able to store about a dozen boxes of books in your home or garage, and have a vehicle to take them to the Farmer's Market. There are also three light-weight tables that fold in half, that need to be transported and set up.

Laurie Allen, the head of Book Sales, will provide the initial stock of books and refresh your supply as needed. You will need to do the physical work of transporting and

setting up the books and tables, and then re-boxing them at the end of the day.

Being at the Farmer's Market is important for the Friends. It not only provides a much needed source of revenue for the Library, but provides an ongoing presence in our community. You will be our goodwill ambassador as well as a crucial fundraiser.

This job can also be done by two people, such as good friends or a couple. It is a lot of fun, and you get to meet folks, both local and visiting!

If you want to do this, please contact booksales@morrobayfriendsoflibrary.org, Laurie Allen.

Gerry Fuller

by Gerry Fuller

Gerry's prior life: she was born, lived, raised three children, graduated from CSUF, taught for 24 years (mostly junior high English) in the Tulare-Visalia area, and retired here 13 years ago. What a great change! Gerry's busy: has worked as Registrar for the Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival for the past twelve years, and now is also Registrar for the Morro Photo Expo. AAUW book groups keep her reading and discussing all types of literature. The garden calls--Gerry received the Morro Bay Beautiful award in 2004. Genealogy fills in all the extra spaces between the here-and-now work: she's researched online, in the fabulous Salt Lake City Family History Center, and on numerous genealogy treks, digging up the past and tracing some family lines to the 1600's. Travel is a major interest: from camping trips when her kids were small, to visiting all 50 states and around thirty countries--so far. And now she's excited to be involved with Friends of the Library, where she will serve as Treasurer and further promote her love of reading and books.



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