



# 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.*

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*I find television to be very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go in the other room and read a book.*

**-Groucho Marx**

Dear Friends,

Over the 4th of July weekend, I met many visitors who chose Morro Bay for their summer vacation. In one particular conversation, I received a fantastic compliment to the Morro Bay Library--completely unsolicited. A frequent visitor to our town from a city in the Central Valley (that will remain unnamed) began to talk about how much she "loves" your Morro Bay Library! She loves the large selection of new books, she loves buying used books in the Lobby, she loves the friendliness of the library staff. "As large as our big city library is," she said, "I can never find the variety of materials that you have here at the Morro Bay Library." And, it gets better. She told me that her visits to Morro Bay coincide with the Friends Book Sales four times each year! By joining the Friends, I know that you also appreciate how our whole community benefits, even our visitors, from having a vibrant Library for gathering people together, for sharing ideas, for expanding knowledge and understanding. Thanks for joining!

I'll be looking for my new friend from the Valley at our next **Book Sale on Saturday, August 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Morro Bay Community Center.** What a great new location—more spacious, more books, more room to browse. Spread the word. This is the largest fundraiser for your Morro Bay Library. Come to shop and bring others.

Books and business go well together here in Morro Bay. I'd like to thank Chris and Vickie Battles at the Morro Bay Wine Seller and Rob Appell at The Cotton Ball for coordinating with the Friends to create new and exciting fund-raisers for your Morro Bay Library this past spring. Please do frequent these community-minded local businesses and tell them the Friends sent you. We want to continue to develop partnerships with other local businesses. Have an idea for a collaboration? Send it my way.

Finally, I'd like to report to you that the MBFOL Board of Directors are actively working with the Morro Bay Library Staff and SLO County Library Administration to create a plan to move forward to unify the whole Library facility in Morro Bay. We have had two meetings this summer and County Library Administration is moving our remodel project through the proper channels for capital improvement projects within SLO County—the necessary first step. I hope to have more detailed news to report to you in the fall.

See you at the Library!

Christine Johnson



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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](mailto: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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### Library Hours

Mon - Closed  
 Tue - Wed 10am-7pm  
 Thu-Fri - 10am-5pm  
 Sat - 10am-4pm  
 Sundays - Closed  
**805-772-6394**

Christine Johnson, Friends' President welcomes Eileen Dennis as the Friends' 400th member along with Chris Battles, owner, Morro Bay Wine Seller at a Friday night fund-raiser for the Morro Bay Library at the Wine Seller. Thanks to Chris and Vickie Battles for the hospitality.

## *...from inside the library*

by Jackie Kinsey,  
Morro Bay Branch Library Manager

**W**e kicked off the summer season at the Library with a very popular program with author Earlene Fowler--over 70 people attended! This event was made possible by the collaborative efforts of Karen Robert, the Cotton Bowl, and the local quilting group, thank you!

The children and teen summer reading program began June 7<sup>th</sup> and we already have 282 elementary and 64 teens signed up and reading for their goal of at least 10 books before August 13th. With your generous assistance we were able to schedule 10 programs this summer! That's one program a week! So far we have had Japanese Drumming, a magician, snail science, and a musical performance. Keep checking our web site calendar and the hallway signs for upcoming kids and family programs.

A special collection for early readers is now in place and being used. There are two tubs in the children's area with leveled reading books that Kindergartners and first graders are already familiar with from school. These bags of books are available for anyone with a library card to check out at the information desk. A big thank you to Michele Williams, Connie Clasing, Mary Harper, and Christine Johnson for getting this new service started for our growing readers.

Assistant Director Margaret Esther came to the branch on a Saturday and gave a presentation on ebooks. Guided tours and instructions are available at the slolibrary.org web site. Just click on ebooks/Audio books on the "Library menu." The Kindle reader from Amazon.com is still not compatible with the library holdings, but we are watching for that to change in the Fall of 2011.

Below are some of the items we've purchased this month to enhance our

collection and more is on the way. In anticipation of the Central Coast Writers's Conference and Book & Author Festival the following titles were ordered:

- *The Dragon Factory*, **Jonathan Maberry**
- *Patient Zero: A Joe Ledger Novel*, **Jonathan Maberry**
- *The King of Plagues: A Joe Ledger Novel*, **Jonathan Maberry**
- *Make a Scene: Crafting a Powerful Story one scene at a time*, **Jordan Resenfeld**
- *How to survive a killer Séance: A party-planning mystery*, **Penny Warner**
- *How to crash a killer bash: A party-planning mystery*, **Penny Warner**
- *Deadly Omen* (Tempe Crabtree mystery), **Marilyn Meredith**
- *Captive of the Labyrinth: Sarah L. Winchester, Heiress to the Rifle Fortune*, **Mary Jo Ignoffo**

Also ordered ---

- *Stories I only tell my friends*, **Rob Lowe**
- *State of Wonder*, **Ann Patchett**
- *10 Little Rubber Ducks*, **Eric Carle** (replacement juvenile book)
- *Does a kangaroo have a mother, too?*, **Eric Carle** (replacement juvenile book)
- *And the DVD True Grit*

Other items purchased included a world map and flag push pins, material to mend the fence near the library entrance, and the tubs and bags for the Kindergarten-1st grade pre-reader collection books.

Have a great summer!  
Jackie Kinsey





## Upcoming Events

All events occur at the Morro Bay Library's John Kim Room unless otherwise noted.  
For the comfort of all attending please come fragrance-free to our programs.  
For more information go to: [www.morrobaybookdiscussiongroup.org](http://www.morrobaybookdiscussiongroup.org) or contact [karen@morrobaybookdiscussiongroup.org](mailto:karen@morrobaybookdiscussiongroup.org) or 225-3131.

### **Reoccurring Every Month!**

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

### **August**

- 3 *The Winter of Our Discontent* - **Steinbeck's** last great novel focuses on the theme of success and what motivates men towards it.
- 4 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** - Open Office Hours with the Community 4-5 p.m. No appointment is necessary to meet with Supervisor Gibson in the John Kim Room.
- 6 12:30 p.m. - **Kid's Movie Time** - Join us for a special kids movie time event! Free Popcorn will be provided! For more information call 772-6394.
- 10 *Steinbeck Country* by **Steve Crouch** - What better way to see what Steinbeck describes than through the vision of the photographer's lens? Join us as we discuss another view of Steinbeck's country.
- 13 Special Displays from the **Marine Mammal Center - Family Event!** Noon - 1 p.m. Our close contact with marine mammals gives us the unique opportunity to learn about the species that are treated at the Marine Mammal Center. Learn from our local expert as she shares with us what she has learned in order to foster an understanding of the interdependence among animals, the ocean, the planet and ourselves. This program is for kids and families! There will be many opportunities to touch, feel, learn and ask questions.
- 17 *In the Shadow of the Cypress* by **Thomas Steinbeck** - A turn-of-the-20th-century discovery of ancient jade artifacts on California's Monterey Peninsula by a Stanford marine biology professor is marked by violent debates and a tragic accident.

20 **Book Sale** NEW LOCATION!  
Morro Bay Community Center, 1001 Kennedy Way  
(9-10am Members Only) 10am-2pm Sale; 1-2pm \$3 bag sale

- 20 Meet Local Author - **Dorothy Cutter**, *Our World Underwater* - Without words, this book captures the miracles of the sea in vivid natural colors. Learn about the sea and its living creatures through the author's photographic lens and join us for a fascinating discussion.
- 24 Meet Local Author of *Wise Woman's Way* & Free Workshop with **Berta Parrish** on: "Where are you on Your Elderquest." The evening of our lives is an opportunity to transform knowledge into wisdom. It is time for the elder's quest with its distinct trials and triumphs that are met by using specific tactics and abilities. Discover where you are on life's most important journey.
- 26 *The Kalahari Typing School for Men* by **Alexander McCall Smith** - Precious and her fiancé, Mr. J.L.B. Matekoni, still have not set a wedding date, but they continue to nurture the sibling orphans in their care, as well as the entrepreneurial ambitions of Precious's assistant, Mma Makutsi, who sets out to open a typing school for men. Along the way, Ramotswe handles a few cases and negotiates the arrival of a rival detective in Gaborone.



## September

- 1 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** office hours – John Kim Room 4-5 pm
- 6 **Holiday - Library closed**
- 7 *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by **Rebecca Skloot** - From a single, abbreviated life grew a seemingly immortal line of cells that made some of the most crucial innovations in modern science possible.
- 13 "*Introduction to Meditation*" with Local Author, **Ruth Cherry**, Ph.D. Two Special Workshop Sessions on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 3 p.m. If you missed them in April, these two workshops are now back by popular demand. Learn to: know your inner world, maintain detachment by identifying with your Observer, practice presence and passion as a way of life in this two-session workshop with local author of *Meditation for Skeptics*, Ruth Cherry. You say you want to meditate....now is your opportunity to learn.
- 14 *Poems that Live Forever* selected by **Hazel Felleman** - Join us as we review and discuss poems of kindness, courage, reverence and patriotism.
- 16 **Friends - Board of Directors Meeting** - 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Public welcome
- 20 *Introduction to Meditation* Part 2 with Local Author, **Ruth Cherry**, Ph.D. 1 - 3 p.m.
- 21 *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* by **Aimee Bender** - On the eve of her 9th birthday, Rose discovers she has a magical gift: she can taste other people's deepest emotions and secrets through the food that they prepare.
- 23 4th Fridays Mystery Readers Group where we will discuss, *The Whole Truth* by **David Baldacci** - Usually a sophisticated plotter, bestseller Baldacci (*Absolute Power*) offers a story line and villain on a par with an average James Bond film in what's billed as his first international thriller.
- 24 1-2:30 p.m. Meet Local Author/Musician **Sharine Borslien** - Join the author of *Cravings, Ravings & Misbehavings* - Tales of how one good girl can do a whole lotta bad things and still turn out okay... as she reads, sings, engages the audience in a question-and-answer period, as well as treats us to some of her very own tasty desserts.

## October

- 5 *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by **Elizabeth George Speare** - The setting is the Colony of Connecticut in 1687 amid the political and religious conflicts of that day.
- 6 **Supervisor Bruce Gibson** office hours – John Kim Room 4-5 pm
- 12 *Parade Along the Creek San Luis Obispo Memories of the 1920s through '60s* by **Rose McKeen** - Learn about the early years of San Luis Obispo by taking a walk down memory lane and along the creek.
- 19 *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by **Dai Sijie** - An enchanting tale about the magic of reading and the wonder of romantic awakening during China's infamous Cultural Revolution.
- 26 Meet Local Author **Barbara Wolcott** - Join the author of *In and Around San Luis Obispo* as she takes us on a wonderful tour and discussion of the history of the Central Coast as you have never heard it before. You won't want to miss this Pulitzer nominated writer, and author of four books about the local area.
- 28 *The Private Patient* by **P.D. James** - Join us for the last 4th Fridays Mystery Readers group of the year with James' stellar 14th Adam Dalgliesh mystery. The charismatic police commander knows the case of Rhoda Gradwyn, a 47-year-old journalist murdered soon after undergoing the removal of an old disfiguring scar at a private plastic surgery clinic in Dorset, may be his last. James' readers will fervently hope it isn't. Dalgliesh probes the convoluted tangle of motives and hidden desires that swirl around the clinic, Cheverell Manor, and its grimly fascinating suspects.



## Book Sale Report May 18<sup>th</sup> 2011

**O**ur first sale in the Community Center was challenging, but ultimately successful; to the tune of \$3200.00.

The entire volunteer crew was extraordinary! We had people offering their help in record numbers, and the feedback from patrons was very positive. We learned a lot to use at the next sale.

Special thanks to the muscle men, who carted everything over and back, with no complaint!

- Laurie Allen

### **Morro Bay Library and Del Mar Elementary School Collaboration**

**E**arly readers in the Morro Bay community will have more support to keep them reading, especially over the summer, thanks to the creativity and hard work of our Library Staff and Del Mar Elementary Kindergarten Teachers.

Bins of age-level appropriate books are ready for circulation as a special collection. All you need to know is your child's reading level and you are

ready to check out these books. Then, sit back to enjoy the sweet sound of a child reading aloud!

Big thanks to the Morro Bay Friends of the Library for their generous donation toward the purchase of these books. Other donations included funds from Del Mar PTA, Del Mar families (including grandparents!) and one very generous anonymous donor.

Special thanks to Del Mar Principal, Janet Gould and to Del Mar



**Early reader books ready for check out.**

Teachers Michele Williams and Mary Harper for their dedication to this project. Retired Del Mar Teacher Connie Clasing volunteered to label and organize all the books---quite a job!

Both the Library and the Elementary School are in the "reading business" so it's only natural for us to



**An excited early reader at home with the books**



Volunteer Coordinator  
Joan Petersen  
interviews book sale volunteers....

Jean Goodrich, who generally cashiers at our quarterly book sales.

**Q. How long have you been volunteering for Morro Bay FOL book sales?**

A. I've been volunteering for 6 or 7 years; maybe even longer.

**Q. How did you first get involved?**

A. Someone called me or talked to me about volunteering. I decided that the book sales would be a good project in which to get involved.

**Q. What keeps you coming back to volunteer sale after sale?**

A. I enjoy doing it! I enjoy coming to the sales and looking at all the book titles available. I enjoy reading and donating books for the sales. It's a good way to help the Friends of the Library. It's also a good way to stay connected with other volunteers by seeing them at least every three months.



Jeff Odell, one of our "Muscle Men" who helps set up tables and tote containers out of the storage room the day before the sale and then does everything in reverse after the sale. He also steps up to the plate to help whenever needed.

**Q. How long have you been volunteering for Morro Bay FOL book sales?**

A. At least two years- or maybe longer. I didn't write it down.

**Q. How did you first get involved?**

A. I was approached by Laurie Allen, head of book sales, either at Fitness Works or in the library. Since my wife and I go to the library at least once a week, I was probably noticed by Laurie and Ric Deschler, Laurie's able assistant at the time, as someone who might be interested in helping when needed.

**Q. What keeps you coming back to volunteer sale after sale?**

A. I feel like I am helping the Library by working successful book sales. I am impressed by how much money we generate. I grew up in a small business atmosphere where everyone had to work together to get things done. It's that same positive "let's get it done"; that "mutual energy thing" that I feel when volunteering for FOL book sales. I guess I just like to work. And I like the treats you bring!

*Interviewer's note: These are just two of the many, many wonderful Friends of the Library volunteers*





## Book Lovers Weekend in September

**M**ark your calendar for the weekend of September 16 to 18, 2011. All events are designed to emphasize the importance of reading and writing, with writing the focus of the Friday and Saturday Writers Conference and books and the joy of meeting authors at Sunday's Book Festival. Be a part of it! Details below.

### Chapter One:

The 27th Annual Central Coast Writers' Conference at Cuesta College on September 16 & 17 is a two-day conference that attracts more than 300 aspiring and published writers to train and network with writers, agents, editors and publishers from all over the United States.



**K**e y n o t e s p e a k e r s include New York best-selling thriller writer and Bram Stoker Award Winner J o n a t h a n Maberry from Pennsylvania and San Francisco's Mark Coker, C E O o f

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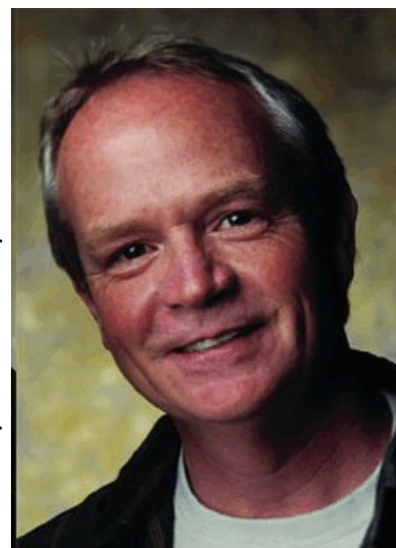
Maberry and Coker will address the conference attendees Friday and Saturday and participate in small group workshops. If you need more information, go to website

[www.communityprograms.net/wc/wcindex.htm](http://www.communityprograms.net/wc/wcindex.htm). You can also register at this site.

### Chapter Two:

The Central Coast Book & Author Festival is back for its 12th year. This free celebration of the literary arts takes place Sunday, September 18th, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in San Luis Obispo's Mission Plaza.

A kickoff event, an evening with syndicated cartoonist, Jerry Scott (creator of the popular "Zits" and "Baby Blues" strips), happens 7:30 p.m. Saturday, September 17th at the San Luis Obispo Library. The event is free of charge, but seating is limited and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.



Dozens of authors, publishers and organizations will exhibit their works at this year's outdoor-indoor festival. In addition to exhibitors at Mission Plaza, visit SLO Historical Museum & SLO Museum of Art to view featured attractions.

The Central Coast Book & Author Festival is organized by the Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Public Libraries. For more information or a schedule of events (available two weeks prior to the event) visit [www.slolibraryfoundation.org](http://www.slolibraryfoundation.org), call (805) 546-1392 or send an e-mail to [info@slolibraryfoundation.org](mailto:info@slolibraryfoundation.org)

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**A**ttention Business Owners—Are you a library lover? The Friends of Morro Bay Library are giving you the opportunity to advertise your product or service to other Friends Members. Each Business Member receives one free business card ad as a privilege of membership.

For more information, please call Susan Gossard at 805-550-1930

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**2011 Book Sale Dates**

*Mark your calendars*  
August 20 and November 5  
at Morro Bay Community Center

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