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The Bookworm Bulletin  
Events of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library

**Friends Speakers Forum:  
Harpers Hall Ensemble**



December 12<sup>th</sup>  
7-8 pm



Harp music has enchanted people around the world since the days of antiquity. The Friends welcome all to a performance by musicians from Harpers Hall. These harpers from the South Bay and Central Coast enjoy promoting their appreciation of the folk harp by cultivating its living musical tradition. Join us at their holiday concert at the library on Tuesday, December 12, from 7-8 pm. The event is free to the public; CDs will be available for those interested.

Morgan Hill Library, 660 West main Ave. 408 779-3196

# Notes from the President

Teresa Stephenson, [tcstephenson@garlic.com](mailto:tcstephenson@garlic.com)



The year is winding down, and the holiday season is upon us. I feel very thankful this year. I am thankful for the people I work with on the board who care so much for our organization and our mission.

I am thankful for all the volunteers that keep the Friends going and make it successful. I am thankful for the support of all our members who show they care for our library.

I am thankful for all the library staff, they are a pleasure and a joy to work with. I am thankful for the community of Morgan Hill that supports us and makes this place special. I am thankful to live in California.

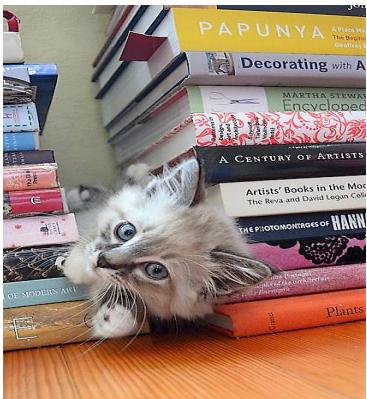
The New Year will be a time of transition as we start the expansion of the library, and I am looking forward to our expanded spaces. It will be an exciting year. I wish you all the happiest of holidays and a wonderful new year.  
See you at the library!

Teresa Stephenson

## Membership Update

Joy Safakish, Membership, [safakishj@yahoo.com](mailto:safakishj@yahoo.com)

## Fall Membership Special



Pssst... Hey, New to FMHL?  
Join now for 2018 & receive 2017-2018 membership for the same price. A purr-fect way to support your Library!

### New Members Discount

**13 month membership on sale, \$10 for 2017 & 2018 plus...receive 2017 & 2018 Member Discount Cards good for monthly ½ price deal at FMHL Bookstore and early admittance to Big Book Sales**

For over ten years the annual FMHL memberships fees are still the same: \$10 for individuals, \$20 for families. Membership is open to all persons. Re-new your membership or Join Now! at [www.friendsmhlibrary.org/](http://www.friendsmhlibrary.org/) or, stop by the Bookstore for a membership form.



## Vicky Reader Honored as “Best of Friends”

The Friends honored volunteer Vicky Reader with its 2017 “Best of Friends” award on October 17. Two-dozen members of the Friends gathered at Ladera Grill for a special luncheon to celebrate Vicky’s dedication and commitment to our organization.

FMHL President Teresa Stephenson shared that Vicky has held nearly every board position including, president, secretary, newsletter editor, and membership chair (but not treasurer, as Vicky was quick to point out), and also works a regular shift in the Friends bookstore.

Currently, she is responsible for speakers’ forums and serves on the board of the Santa Clara County Library District Foundation. In appreciation for her years of volunteer services and support of the library, the Friends presented Vicky with an engraved “Best of Friends” wooden box.



Vicky also volunteers with the weekly ESL Conversation Club at the library, a program that helps individuals improve their English language skills. In recognition of these efforts, Adult Services Librarian Jeff Grubb gave her flowers and announced that a donation to the Friends was made in her honor.

*Joe and Vicky Reader*



## Winter Book Sale

**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**10 am to 3 pm**

**All books \$1 or less**

**Fiction, non-fiction, hardcover, paper  
Children’s books, 10¢ each**

**DVDs \$1 (not included in Bag Sale)  
2-3 pm bag sale - \$5 per bag**

**Members Only Preview 9 – 10 am (before sale opens to the public)  
Memberships, good through 2018, available at the door**



# Library News

## Heather Geddes, community Librarian

The season of giving is upon us and so many of you have given so much to the library in 2017, your commitment has helped us achieve many things this past year.

The library's mission is to be an open forum promoting knowledge, ideas, and cultural enrichment. We take great pride in fulfilling this mission through the many free programs we present to the public; so far in 2017 the library has hosted 778 programs attended by over 30,000 people.

Our programs succeed due to the dedication of library staff and the partnerships we have with community organizations.

I would like to acknowledge all of the librarians, clerks, and pages at Morgan Hill whose expertise and passion provides us with high caliber library programs.

Our partnerships are equally important with groups like the Friends of the Library, AAUW, Master Gardner's, YMCA, and many, many more. All of these groups bring inspired, passionate, community members together who organize programs that make our library a successful forum for promoting knowledge and ideas.

All of us at the library have a huge appreciation for the work that you put into our programs. We have three upcoming holiday programs that I'd like to invite you and your family members to attend.

### Harpers Hall Ensemble Holiday Concert

Tuesday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm

Join us at the Morgan Hill library for a Harper's ensemble holiday performance by South Bay and central coast musicians. Concert follows the Friends of the Library annual meeting at 6:15pm.

### Holiday Jazz Night

Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm

Morgan Hill Library

Morgan Hill library will host an evening of free, live holiday music at the library! Listen to some great jazz standards performed by local musicians.

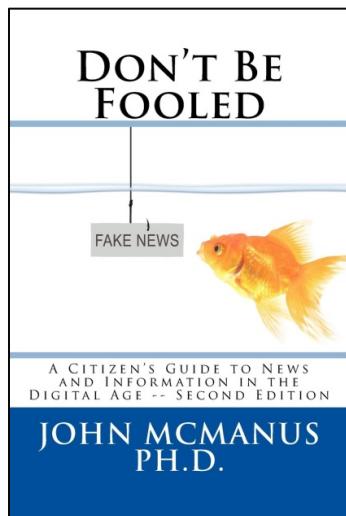
### Holiday Puppet Show "The North Pole Review"

Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> 10:30am & Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:15 am

The Fratello Marionettes present a free puppet extravaganza at Morgan Hill library.

## Friends Speakers Forum Presents:

**John McManus**  
**Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**7 to 8 pm**



Announcing the first Speakers Forum of 2018 on Monday, January 29, from 7-8 pm at the Morgan Hill Library – Meet John H. McManus, whose books include the timely 2017 second edition of **Don't Be Fooled: A Citizen's Guide to News and Information in the Digital Age**. From journalist to college professor to media researcher and author, McManus shares rules of thumb to become more news and information literate. McManus, whose work has appeared in professional and academic journals and been used in university courses, has received research awards from the Society of Professional Journalists for his books. Book signing follows.

**Morgan Hill Library, Program Room, 660 West Main Avenue (408) 779-3196**

What do you do if your pet starts eating your library book?

Take the words right out of their mouth.



# **Best Volunteers EVER!**

**Karen MacDonald**  
**Volunteer coordinator**

We've known it for a long time, but it bears repeating, the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library have the best volunteers, ever, and they are the reason behind our many successes.

Schedules vary, some volunteers work one day a month, others work twice a month, and still others work four times a month. All totaled, this year's volunteers spent approximately 1,900 hours working 6 days a week—every day that the library is open.

Another group of volunteers are our greatly valued substitutes. Thank you to all these dedicated volunteers.

Some volunteers say their shifts are “slow” and that they don’t sell much. But something must be working. The bookstore earned approximately \$25,000 throughout the 2017 year!

Our dedicated on-line bookseller spends innumerable hours researching books on-line, listing them on Amazon, boxing them up, and mailing them to the buyers. This year those online sales added almost an additional \$14,000 to our bank account.

The work of our sorters is immeasurable, from regularly processing all the donations, to looking up non-fiction books on-line, deciding if books should be kept for the sale, sent to Better World Books, be eliminated altogether, or maintaining the Bargain Book Wall, keeping it neat and orderly.

The sorters list of duties is nearly overwhelming, but our great volunteers do it week after week, month after month, and year after year.

Three times a year FMHL hosts a “big” book sale. Once again the volunteers make that happen. During 2017, the volunteers spent two hundred and fifty hours between, setting up for the sales, working the sales, and cleaning up after the sales. Thanks to their efforts this year’s “big” sales earnings came close to \$4,000.

The “big” sales provide more than a monetary benefit, it also provides our community members a chance to buy books at very reasonable prices and a perfect way to create goodwill for FMHL in the process.

All the money earned, whether it came from book store sales, big book sales, or on-line book sales, goes directly to our library, allowing them to offer additional programs and provide materials for those programs, that they would otherwise not have the budget to afford.

Thank you to all those who help make our organization a positive influence in our community!

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY 2018 SLATE OF OFFICERS



**President:** *Teresa Stephenson* has been serving as president of the Friends for four years. She has also been secretary, membership chair, and vice president. She works a regular shift in the bookstore, sorts book donations, and helps at book sales.



**Vice President:** *Ric Smith* has been vice president for four years. In addition to helping set up for book sales, managing the storage shed, and working in the bookstore, he ensures that all tax forms get properly filed.



**Treasurer:** *Katie Scanlon*, a retired accountant, is the current Friends treasurer and has been treasurer several years in the past. She is also a substitute cashier in the bookstore.



**Secretary:** *Dianne Brady* is completing her first year as secretary. She coordinated the 10-year library anniversary celebration. She also works a regular shift in the bookstore and volunteers at book sales.

## Friends of the Library Calendar

**Sat, Dec 9,** Gift of Reading deadline. Donate new or like-new books for underserved children. Get 20% discount at BookSmart.

**Tues, Dec 12,** Friends Annual Meeting at 6:15 pm, followed by Harpers Hall Ensemble Holiday Concert at 7:00 pm

**Tues, Dec 19,** Library Ukulele Society (LukeS) meets in program room, from 5:00–7:00 pm. Bring ukulele and music stand. Beginner's welcome.

**Sat, Dec 23,** Meet Obi Kaufmann, author of "The California Field Atlas," at BookSmart 12 noon–2:00 pm. (This book is in limited supply, so get your copy early.)

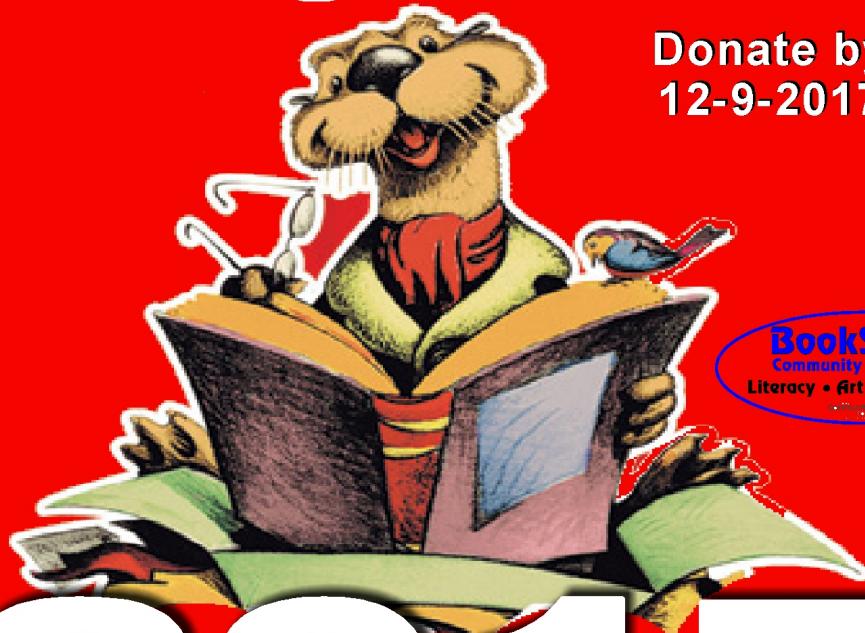
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# **Gift of Reading Morgan Hill**

**Donate by  
12-9-2017**



**BookSmart**  
Community Advantage  
Literacy • Art • Community

# **2017 DONATE TODAY!**

**Please Donate New & "Like New" Children's Books, for ages 0 to 14. A 20% discount will be offered on "Barrel Books" purchased at BookSmart for this book drive.**

**Donation Barrels Located at the  
Morgan Hill Library and BookSmart**

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