

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MORGAN HILL, CALIFORNIA

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The Bookworm Bulletin

Events of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library

Fall 2020

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Silicon Valley Reads 2021

In recognition of the difficult year everyone is experiencing in 2020, Silicon Valley Reads will offer the community a variety of recommended books and virtual programs for 2021 that are centered on the theme "Connecting" – the universal human ability to build resilience by looking for people, places and things that provide comfort and joy during tough times.

- ***Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World*** by former U.S. Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy, MD, who describes loneliness as a national epidemic.
- ***Always Home*** by Fanny Singer, an uplifting memoir of her unique childhood and special relationship with her mother, famed Chez Panisse restaurateur Alice Waters.
- ***Mutual Rescue*** by Carol Novello, heart-warming information and stories about the beneficial connections between people and the animals they bring into their family.
- ***The Home Place*** by J. Drew Lanham, a lyrical memoir about how his childhood connection with nature in the rural south established his path to become an ornithologist and ecology professor.
- ***The Giver of Stars*** by Jojo Moyes, a historical novel about the Pack Horse Library Project in Kentucky in the 1930s and how books helped create strong community connections.
- ***The Music Shop*** by Rachel Joyce, a charming novel about a record store owner in the 1980s with an uncanny skill at matching people with the music they need to hear.

In February and March of 2021, Silicon Valley Reads will offer online public programs for all ages including author talks, panel discussions, educational events, demonstrations, performances, activities for students, storytimes, and a virtual art exhibit. The final schedule of events will be published in early January.

Notes from the President

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Days are shorter, temps are cooler, trees are changing colors and dropping leaves. As we near the close of this highly unusual year, I hope you have been able to take advantage of some of the online, virtual, curbside, and lobby offerings which continue to make our library a vital community hub. It is good to see our welcoming – and masked - library staff and patrons interacting again!

Donations?

Many people have been asking if we are accepting donations. While we Friends would like to refresh our inventory, we do not have sufficient onsite space to handle or store new incoming donations. We converted our sort room to additional Bookstore space and our storage shed is full from cancelled Big Book Sales in June and October. Work on the new sorting area is yet to begin, so we are exploring viable options in order to accept donations on a limited schedule, ideally in the next few months and until we can be fully operational again.

Bookstore?

This brings us to the next most popular question we are hearing. When will the Bookstore reopen? With lobby access and monitored safety measures in place, patrons are peeking into the Bookstore and like what they see. Community Librarian Heather Geddes has been keeping us updated on district level discussions about Friends groups which are ready and anxious to open their Bookstores safely. Just as our library was one of the first to open the lobby, we are hopeful we can be in the first group to open the store, too.

Thank you, Volunteers

Board-wise, we welcomed the addition of Diane Martin as secretary. Many other dedicated Friends have volunteered numerous hours of late. Teresa Stephenson has liaised with the city and county since the earliest planning efforts for more Friends space to increase fundraising through book sales. Since August, some Friends have prepared books for sale, emptied the store for construction and then restocked it, handled three outdoor Wee Cart sales, and changed the Bargain Books area off the lobby by adding children's materials. FMHL also has benefited from Donna Cotich's talents making masks and donating all sales proceeds. Our online storefront managed by Roberta Henderson serves as our largest source of income this year, despite a two-month hiatus after the pandemic first hit.

Thanks to all our volunteers and members for your continued support. We also depend on our frequent browsers and book lovers for benefiting our library through purchases from the Friends. Our ongoing success in the community allowed us during last year's budget process to earmark reserves for capital expenditures the library needed for their recently completed children's area expansion. Please help us as we continue fulfilling our mission to provide needed funds to our library.



The Friends Bargain Books area off the lobby reopened with more space to add books for children and teens at bargain prices of 10 cents each or 12/\$1 and DVDs at 25 cents or 5/\$1.

Adult mass market paperbacks continue to be available for 25 cents each or 5/\$1. Payment continues to be made in the wall-mounted box.



Library News

Heather Geddes

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Hello, Friends of the Library

Thank you for your continued support of the library during the pandemic. I am humbled and amazed by your continued efforts to advocate for us. Over the summer, the Friends purchased an educational play kiosk for the library that will engage young children in early literacy learning when they visit us. Your support also put books into the hands of all children who participated in our Summer Reading and Lunch at the Library Programs. Our Summer Lunch program has now turned into a year-round Grab & Go Supper at the Library program! In October, we served over 5000 meals, and we will continue to do so for the entire school year.



The Morgan Hill library is now offering lobby services six days per week.

Mon/Thurs/Fri/Sat
1-5pm
Tues/Weds
3-7pm

Patrons are able to pick up materials they've requested, browse movies, bestsellers and new books. We had 2700 patrons borrow materials in October and we'd love to see more. Our staff is here and ready to help; you can go online or give us a call at **(408) 540-3947** to request materials.

In September our building exterior was given a new look, so stop by and see. We are also excited by the completion of our new children's space that is full of color and light! We are setting up our collections and look forward to welcoming you into the new space when the library reopens.



In partnership with the Morgan Hill Historical society, the library will be presenting [History Connects Us: Collecting Stories and Bringing History to Life](#), documentary film and panel discussion. The 2020 film explores South County's diverse heritage through the eyes of Filipino, Swedish, German, Italian, Irish and Japanese immigrant families. Viewers will be transported through time to the early days of mushroom farming, cattle ranching, wartime efforts, youth education, community service, and shared local traditions. Saturday, December 5, 3-4:30 PM. Zoom Webinar with Facebook Livestream.



Election of Officers for 2021 Slate of Officers

We're grateful that all 2020 officers have agreed to continue through 2021.



President: Vicky Reader is a longtime volunteer with the Friends, having held the positions of president, secretary, newsletter editor and Speakers Forum coordinator, and now once again is serving as president. She is also on the board of the Santa Clara County Library District Foundation and will return to a regular bookstore shift and weekly drop-in ESL Conversation Club sessions once the library resumes these activities.



Vice President: Ric Smith has been vice president for five years. He helped set up for book sales, manages the storage shed, and worked in the bookstore. Currently, he has worked with Teresa Stephenson to plan and organize the new, expanded bookstore space.



Treasurer: Sherrie Wren serves on the Friends' Board as the treasurer and also volunteered as a bookstore cashier. She is membership co-VP with AAUW Morgan Hill branch, is a volunteer for the Santa Clara County Master Gardeners, and is active in the Morgan Hill Community Garden.



Secretary: Diane Martin has been serving as secretary this year since she was appointed by the board to fill vacant position. Always ready to volunteer whenever needed, she worked a regular shift in the bookstore, and more recently has organized outdoor mini-sales and helped clean and restock the new bookstore.

This year due to Covid -19 restrictions, the Friends annual meeting usually held in December to elect new officers will take place electronically.

Cast your vote for the Slate of Officers by email or phone no later than December 15.

- By email: Put FMHL Vote in the subject.
In the email body, state **YES or NO** for the Slate of Officers
Send to nomination committee chair Carol O'Hare, cbohare@garlic.com.
- By phone: Call Carol at 408-782-9029. Leave a message with your name and **YES or NO**.

Friends of the Morgan Hill Library thank local companies Extreme Academy and Aragon Research for their in-kind donation of used books.



Open, Open, Open... we hear you!

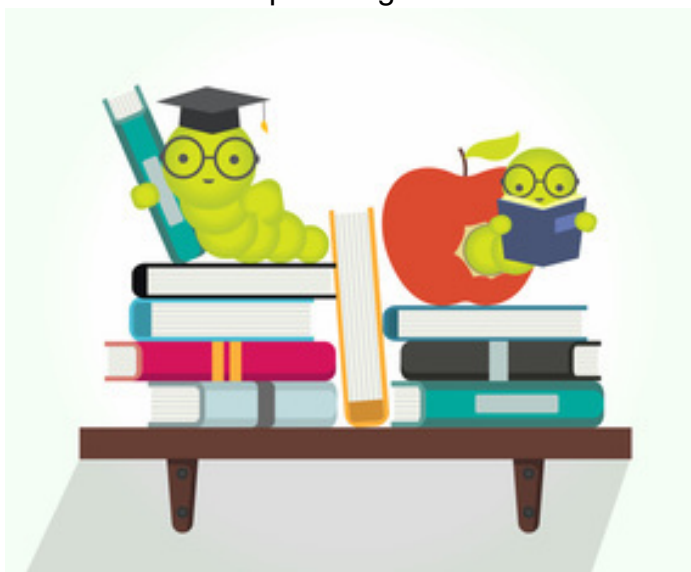
We all want to see our newly remodeled bookstore open, so we can greet our friends again.

Because the store has been closed most of the year, the Friends of the Library 2020 memberships will be extended to cover all next year. This means that your discount card will be good until December 31, 2021. Five-year memberships will also be extended. As soon as the bookstore opens, you will benefit from the 50% discount on one purchase per month. Used some months on your 2020 card? No problem, we will honor the card for the whole year. New 2021 cards will only be issued to new applicants.

If you want to renew your membership to the Friends anyway or give a donation, that would be warmly appreciated. As you know the bookstore revenue provides funds that supplement the Morgan Hill Library's annual budget.

Visit our website http://www.friendsmhlibrary.org/help_the_friends.html#Membership You can download a membership application, pay online with PayPal or a credit card, or renew at the bookstore when we are open.

All memberships and donations are tax deductible for the calendar year in which they are made. FMHL is a non-profit organization with an all-volunteer staff.



Never judge a book by its movie.
- JW Eagan

Friends of the Library Calendar

Now until
Dec 11 **Donate books to Gift
of Reading** see page 6

Now until
Dec 15 **Vote for FMHL Officers**
see page 4 for details

Sat, Dec 5 **History Connects Us**
3 pm – 4:30 see page 3

Feb and Mar **Silicon Valley Reads**
online programs
Schedule due in Jan

Gift of Reading Morgan Hill



Donate by
12/11/2020



2020 DONATE TODAY!

Donate new or like-new children's books for ages 0-14. You can donate used but like-new books at **BookSmart** or buy new books at **BookSmart** and receive a **20% discount** for any books purchased for **BookSmart's** Gift of Reading "book barrel"!

**Please Take Donations to BookSmart
421 Vineyard Town Center.**

Sponsored by: BookSmart Community Advantage - Friends of the Morgan Hill Library, , Morgan Hill Life, and AAUW-Morgan Hill.

Gift of Reading Morgan Hill

Share the love of books with local children and support Gift of Reading Morgan Hill. BookSmart is again partnering with the Friends of the Library and AAUW to continue this tradition of providing books for underserved children in Morgan Hill and San Martin.

Members are encouraged to donate **new and like-new** books for ages pre-K to 14 years, books that you would want your own children (or grandchildren) to receive. BookSmart is offering a 20% discount on books purchased for the program. Cash donations are also welcome. A collection barrel is located at BookSmart, 421 Vineyard Town Center.

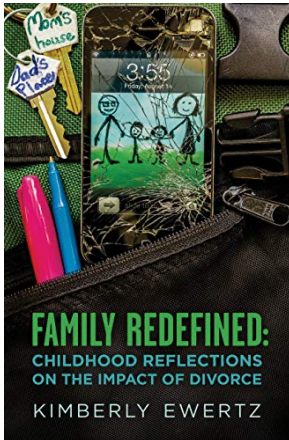
The deadline to donate is Friday, December 11.

If you would like to volunteer to transport or sort books, please contact Carol O'Hare, cbohare@garlic.com.

Congratulations to FMHL member Kim Ewertz

Congratulations to FMHL member Kim Ewertz for her new published book!

Family Redefined: Childhood Reflections on the Impact of Divorce offers vivid personal accounts from those whose lives are most altered by divorce—the children—starting with their first comprehension of their parents' divorce through to their present lives. The vulnerable stories presented in the book offer insight, hope, and practical tips for anyone who is considering, going through, or has gone through a divorce. In addition to the personal accounts, professionals in the field of marriage and family counseling provide much-needed guidance, direction, and practical advice for divorced parents.



Available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)
(paperback and Kindle)

<https://www.amazon.com/Family-Redefined-Childhood-Reflections-Divorce-ebook/dp/B08L3XVV1T> .

(Be sure to order through Amazon Smile to benefit FMHL.)

Kim welcomes feedback at www.familyredefinedbook.com.

Shed Broken Into



Last July someone attacked our shed and tore the door off. Nothing was taken that we could determine, but the some of the stacks inside were tipped over.

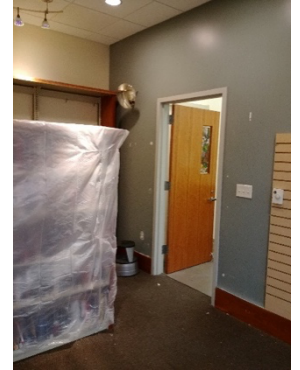


But thanks to Ric Smith, the damage was repaired so it was like new. Thanks to the city for painting it when the library was repainted.

Bookstore Remodel

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Slowly but surely our bookstore and sorting area are becoming a reality. In July we began emptying the bookstore so that the wall between it and the sort room could be taken down.



Once that was accomplished the expanded store was repainted and new carpeting was installed.



Our intrepid team of Roberta, Ric, Valerie and Diane worked diligently to clean up and install the shelves. The shelves have been filled and the bookstore is almost ready for business. Check it out the next time you are in the Library lobby. Next up is the sorting area, which will be created from part of the staff area. We hope to be open soon!



New fiction corner in the remodeled bookstore

"Children's corner" with mobile island

