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Fall 2024

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50th Anniversary
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Fall Book Sale

Saturday, October 5
Library Program Room

Members Early Preview 9-10 am

2025 Memberships Available

Sale Open to All 10 am- 3 pm

SPECIAL CD/DVD Price 50¢
Children's Books 25¢ Each
Other Books \$1 or Less
LARGE Collection of Classic Sci-Fi
Unique Sewn Handcrafts

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Bag 2-3 pm for \$5

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Notes from the President

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We Friends are excited to celebrate our 50th Anniversary as a nonprofit volunteer organization with you! During October which includes National Friends of the Library week, library displays are featuring FMHL contributions through the years. We hope you check them out and join us at special programs and activities on October 26th.

As library enthusiasts, we appreciate your book and media donations for others to enjoy. We thank you for your Bookstore, Big Book Sale, and online purchases. Partnering with Community Librarian Heather Geddes, we are proud to support library needs beyond the County budget. Besides leading the successful Beyond Books fundraising campaign for the current library, various library materials and programs funded by the Friends benefit our local community.

If you value the library and the Friends' volunteerism of almost 3,000 hours just last year, we ask you to make a special donation to the Friends during our Golden Jubilee year. Donations of any amount are welcome at our Bookstore, online at friendsmhlibrary.org, or through mail addressed to Friends of the Morgan Hill Library, 660 W. Main Avenue, Morgan Hill 95037. We especially would be grateful for your "\$50 for 50 Years of Service" donation. Thank you for being a Friend!

Join Us

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1967-2017

Music

50th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, October 26
Morgan Hill Library

Children's Activity Room
10:15-10:45 AM Storytime
10:45-11:15 AM Free Storytime Book
11:00- 1:00PM Family Carnival Games/Crafts

Program Room
10:15-10:45AM Meet Some Friends and VIPs
11AM-12PM Live Latin&Flamenco Guitar
by Ibiza Vibe duo

Outside Library Entrance
Treats upon Exit
12:30-2:30 Free Books for All
1-2PM Wildlife Education &
Rehab Center (WERC) Visit

Program Room
3-4PM Family/Adult Zumba with Chiquy

Treats

Activities

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Come
Celebrate
with us



Library News

Heather Geddes

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Happy 50th Anniversary, Morgan Hill Friends of the Library! This October we are celebrating you and all of the contributions you've made to our library and our community since 1974. Over the decades your group has made immeasurable impacts with the advocacy, volunteering and fundraising done on behalf of the library. You've been the driving force behind the construction of new library buildings, letter writing campaigns, tax measures, art campaigns and funds for 1000's of library programs and materials.

However, there are also many specific contributions the Friends have made over the years that have had equally large impacts on the everyday lives of our library patrons and employees.

Did you know?

- The very first item the Friends purchased for the library was a chalk board in 1975, followed up with two turntables so patrons could listen to music during their visits.
- In the 1970's there was a Jr. Friends group. The adult Friends took them roller skating on multiple occasions to thank them for volunteering.
- Friends funded and volunteered their time to organize a century's worth of old newspapers for microfilming. We still are using this microfilm today.
- In 1980 the Friends paid for the library's first answering machine, announcing upcoming programs and hours of operation.
- In 1985 the Friends purchased software for the library's new Apple IIe computer allowing patrons to try it out.
- The Friends have funded prize books for our Summer Reading Program for 44 years!

Please join us at the library this October as we celebrate you! You may also notice some changes to our building. We are currently installing new carpet, renovating our children's area and will soon be adding new furnishings to our lobby. Over the years anytime the library has needed something, the Friends have been there to support us. On behalf of all of us, thank you.

FMHL Volunteers Are Wonderful!

Karen MacDonald karenmacdmhca@gmail.com

We have some new members who immediately wanted to increase their support of our library by also becoming volunteers serving in the store, culling through and pricing materials donations as sorters, or both. Their fresh perspective is more than welcome. We also have experienced volunteers who have been with us for many years who “know the ropes” and have a strong sense for what our community wants to see in our library Bookstore. We encourage you to help us seek out new members and volunteers who might want to support our library by being a Friend or spending some of their free time with us in the store, behind the scenes in the sort room, or in some other capacity helping with identifying programs and helping get the word out about them.

We are celebrating our Friends 50th Anniversary this upcoming month. The library team is partnering with us to feature some of our contributions since 1974 through displays inside the library. On Saturday, October 26th, we'll have special activities planned inside and outside the library. Let me know if you would like to volunteer.



Membership Update

Donna Cotich, djcotich@yahoo.com

This is a special year for our Friends of the Library. Membership has grown to 169 Friends this year. Sadly that hasn't caught up to our membership prior to COVID when we had over 200 “Friends”. Maybe you can change that! The cost of membership hasn't changed even though everything else has.

Membership is only \$10 per person/\$20 per family a year...that's \$1 or \$2 a month. What a deal! Membership allows you to purchase one item per month (excludes hand-sewn crafts) in our Bookstore for 50% off its marked price. As a member you get early access to our Big Book Sales. Flash your membership card and in you go in earlier at 9 a.m. before the sale starts for the public at 10 a.m. Plus, being a member allows you to participate in our volunteer program if you have time. We also offer \$50 Sponsor, \$100 Patron or \$500 lifetime memberships. All tax deductible!

Visit our website friendsmhlibrary.org/help_the_friends.html. You can download an application, pay online with PayPal, or stop by the bookstore to sign up or renew your membership. If you join during our October monthlong celebration you will get a membership valid through 2025!

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Albert Marqués & Frank Flores.

Fiery flamenco. Latin rhythms.

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary
of FRIENDS.

Treasurer's Report

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As I write this on September 15, 2024, we are close to the end of the third quarter. Total assets of the Friends in our Operating and Online Sales accounts and two CDs are \$191,370. Our total income since January 1 including Bookstore, Bargain Book, and Big Book sales, plus Donations (including Crafts sales), Membership, and interest on CDs, totals \$42,577. Our total Friends expense plus library funding expense is \$25,484.

We received a 50th Anniversary donation of \$2,500. Added to other donations and grants for this period, we have received \$6,186 in donations and grants. Our interest income from our two CDs for these first eight months is close to \$3,500. Our net income through September 15 is \$17,092. We are celebrating our continued support of the Morgan Hill Library with donations to date of \$23,000.

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Respected Bay Area jazz educators
& performers. Vibrant shades of jazz!

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**Russell
Zimmer
Quartet**

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- Saturday **Big Book Sale**
Oct. 5 10 am – 3 pm members entry 9 am
- Saturday **Best of Friends Volunteer Luncheon**
Oct. 19 12 noon at Little Uvas Vineyard
- Saturday **50th Anniversary Celebration**
Oct. 26 Morgan Hill Library See flyer
- Saturday **Russell Zimmer Quartet**
Nov. 23 1 – 2 pm live jazz
- Saturday **Annual Membership Meeting**
Dec. 7 10:30 – 11 am followed by
Mark Gaetano – live “5 Composers” on piano



In Memoriam

Marty Cheek visited our library often. He supported the Friends in many ways, promoting our role in support of the library, helping us fundraise, and being a major donor for our current library. We will miss seeing him and reading his work which displayed his characteristic upbeat, enthusiastic, and positive perspective on all things.



Marty Cheek and FMHL President Carol O'Hare, at the library grand opening, July 21, 2007

