



LAS NOTAS

A NOTE FROM OUR LIBRARIAN



Beth Grishman
Senior Community
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I'm greatly enjoying my first summer in the Moraga Library – exploring the collection as I select books for the Staff Favorites bins and learning to use my new Nookcolor to download and read some of the County Library's many digital books through the www.ccclib.org downloadable media collections link. Summer brings lots of opportunities to read in many different formats. Our annual summer reading festival is in full swing. It's such fun to participate along with many Moraga residents of all ages in this county wide program. We are ending with a bang and presenting two free programs on Thursday, August 18th – an African Dance performance for all ages and a henna art workshop for teens. Keep reading - there's still plenty of time to grab an entry form and enter for several exciting drawing prizes. Final drawing for the county wide prizes will be after August 20th. The *Friends of the Moraga Library* have generously underwritten additional drawing prizes for several of the reading group categories for Moraga Library patrons.

We have lots of programs planned for the fall and winter – more of the very well received and attended Fine Arts docent lectures, several amazing concerts, history lectures and brand new to the Moraga Library – docent lecturers from Berkeley Repertory Theater who will be speaking about each play in the 2011-2012 season. Our children's librarian is busy planning a series of yoga workshops for parents and their children;

storytimes; and a special Halloween event. Feel free to contact me for further information on any of these events!

The Lamorinda libraries are planning to host another **Lamorinda Reads**, beginning in early September and culminating with a lecture by the author on November 1. This year's title is *Carter Beats the Devil* by local author Glen David Gold. This book is set in 1920s Oakland. In *Carter Beats the Devil*, Glen David Gold subjects the past to the same wondrous transformations as the rabbit in a skilled illusionist's hat. Gold's debut novel opens with real-life magician Charles Carter executing a particularly grisly trick, using President Warren G. Harding as a volunteer. Shortly afterwards, Harding dies mysteriously in his San Francisco hotel room, and Carter is forced to flee the country. Or does he? It's only the first of many misdirections in a magical performance by Gold. In the course of subsequent pages, Carter finds himself pursued by the most hapless of FBI agents; falls in love with a beautiful, outspoken blind woman; and confronts an old nemesis bent on destroying him. Throw in countless stunning (and historically accurate) illusions, some beautifully rendered period detail, and historical figures like young inventor Philo T. Farnsworth and self-made millionaire Francis "Borax" Smith, and you have old-fashioned entertainment executed with a decidedly modern sensibility.

Programs at the three branches will be centered around this exciting and involving book, and Mr. Gold will speak in early November at the conclusion of the program. A book discussion program will be hosted at the Moraga Library, led by Barbara Flynn, our new County Librarian. Multiple Library copies of the title will be made available. More information to follow!

Many thanks to the Friends for your **splendiferous** donations to supplement the materials budget for the Moraga Library. Without your help we could not have added the close to 4,000 books, DVDs and books on CD that were added this past fiscal year. I am extremely grateful to the *Friends of the Moraga Library* for your generous continued commitment to supplementing our materials budget. The money from the County for branch-level discretionary purchases of books, recorded books, DVDs, music CDs, etc. is again less than the previous year. The Friends' supplemental boost to this budget helps us continue to provide the community with a greater selection of new materials.

Happy end of summer reading,

Beth Girshman, Senior Community Library Manager, 376-6852, ext. 200, bgirshma@ccclib.org

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

My name is **Nancy Hom** and I was recently elected President of the Board of the *Friends of the Moraga Library* for the 2011-2012 term. I would like to thank the Board for this honor and for its confidence in me. In my first President's Column, I will explain the current financial situation of The Friends and some of our goals for this fiscal year.

Because of the leadership of my predecessor, **Dave Kruegel**, and the Board, the financial state of The Friends is stable in this uncertain economic environment. In addition to the Board, this financial stability was made possible by the support and efforts of many, many volunteers, and the Moraga community. Approximately four hundred families are members of The Friends and approximately 100 people regularly volunteer to work in the Book Shop, at Book Sales, in sorting and boxing donated books, and at various library tasks. The Friends have been fortunate in receiving countless donated books to stock the Book Shop and Book Sales. The **Moraga Safeway** has been a valued community partner; its produce and wine departments regularly put aside boxes for The Friends to store donated books for future Book Sales and has graciously supplied paper bags for the Book Sales.

For the fiscal year May 2011-April 2012, the Board has approved an expenditure of \$45,000 for the purchase of magazines, DVDs, and books. An additional budget of \$14,000 is earmarked for children, teen, and adult programs. An important revenue source is your membership in The Friends. Additional revenue is generated from the sale of donated books at Book Fairs and in the Book Shop.

Goals for The Friends this year include increasing membership in The Friends and publicizing contributions of The Friends to the Library and to the Moraga community. The Library, like Moraga's excellent schools, is an integral component of what makes living in Moraga so desirable. If you have not visited the Library recently, please do so. The Friends' donations allowed the Library to renew annual subscriptions to a variety of magazines to satisfy almost every interest. In addition, the Library always has something to discover in the new book sections of the children's area and the main room. If you need help reserving a book or other library materials, a friendly and knowledgeable Library staff member will be happy to help. The children and adult programs at the Library are excellent and well attended. Programs are held in the evening and during the day to accommodate people's schedules. Please check the Library's website for up-to-date information for details on all upcoming events.

The Friends provide crucial financial and community support to the Library. In order to continue providing such support The Friends need help from the community. With the current level of local and state financing of libraries, it is more important than ever that you renew your membership at a generous level. The Friends are always in need of more volunteers. Please ask what you can do to maintain the excellent quality of the Library.

I look forward to seeing you at the Library and at our future events.

Nancy Hom, Nancy.Hom.FOL@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER BOOK SALE

The Friends will have a sale of donated books on **Saturday, September 10, from 10:00 to 2:00**. All books will be displayed in the Library Community Room and on the red-tiled patio surrounding the entrance to the Library. The sale will be held rain or shine.

Books will be sorted into categories: **Fiction, Cookbooks, History/ Biography/Political Science, Other Non-Fiction, and Children's**. The prices are unbeatable--from 20 cents for pocket-sized paperbacks to \$1 for most hardbacks. All books have been donated by Moraga residents and all funds go to the support of the Moraga Library. Find books you like.

LIBRARY QR CODES

QR codes as shown nearby are beginning to appear in the library itself and elsewhere in connection with library advertisements or announcements. Quick Response codes, QR codes, can be used by smart phones to provide rapid access to information.

Android phones, iPhones, Blackberry phones, and other smart phones can read or scan **QR codes**. The iPod Touch and iPad2 can also read QR codes. When read either by the phone's originally installed QR reader or by a free "app," the phone displays text or returns a link providing related information. For example, a QR code on a library poster announcing a concert might provide further details or return a link to the artist's website. Or a QR on the dust jacket of a popular library book might provide the titles of library books that the patron might also enjoy.



If you have a smart phone with an originally installed QR reader or appropriate app, the **illustrative QR** will take you to the Library's mobile web site "**Snap N Go**." There you can perform many, many functions on your smart phone. You can search to see if the library has a book you wish to read and, if so, place it on hold at the Moraga Library. You can check your library account to learn if books on hold at your request have arrived at the Moraga Library. You can learn the open hours of all County library branches. Try visiting the Library's mobile website using the nearby QR. Your cell phone can become an always-present, always-on key to many library services.

VOLUNTEERS

The *Friends of the Moraga Library* thank **Joyce Barrett** for her many years of service in the **Book Shop**. Volunteering in the Book Shop both helps the many customers and helps the Library by providing funds for the purchase of new books. All Moragans benefit from this service.

The Friends welcome new volunteers **Sharon Flower, Roberta Martinez, Georgia Miller, and Linda McCartt**.

Joan Wolfensperger, Volunteer Coordinator,
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YOUTH PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

July 19 - Aug 30 CRAFTY STORYTIME: Stories and crafts for ages 4-7. **Tuesdays, 4:00 PM**

July 20 – Aug 31 LAPSIT STORYTIME: Books, bounces, bubbles and songs for babies 6 months to 24 months and their caregivers. **Wednesdays, 10:15 AM**

July 20 – Aug 31 TODDLER TIME: Books, bubbles and songs. For ages 2 – 3 1/2 with adult participation. **Wednesdays, 11:00 AM**

Aug 18 – AFRICAN DANCE: Move to the drums and learn social African dances! For all ages. 45 minute program. No registration is required. **Thursday, 4:00 PM**

Aug 18 – HENNA ART FOR TEENS: Celebrate the “One World, Many Stories” Summer Reading Festival with Henna artist Rachel-Anne Palacios. Participants will learn the history of henna art and will practice making temporary tattoos, which last 3 – 10 days. This is a free 45-minute program. **Registration is required. Thursday, 4:00 PM**

**SUMMER READING 2011 CONTINUES
THROUGH AUGUST 20**

ADULT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Aug 6 – A FEW WEEKEND ADVENTURES WITH CAROLE TERWILLIGER MYERS: Join an award winning author talk about the vast array of vacation wonders in Northern California. Ms. Meyers is the author of eighteen books, the editor of five books, and the mother of two children--with whom she has been through the road wars and in the travel trenches first-hand. Her books include Weekend Adventures in San Francisco & Northern California and Miles of Smiles: 101 Great Car Games & Activities. No registration is required. **Saturday, 2:00 PM**

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Sep 10 – MORAGA LIBRARY BOOK SALE: The Friends will have a sale of donated books on Saturday, September 10, from 10:00 to 2:00. The sale will be held rain or shine. There will be bargains galore and income allows us to buy books, audiovisual materials, equipment and supplies for the Library not covered in the County budget. **Saturday, 10:00 – 2:00 PM**

Sep 14 – WHY THE TRIANGLE FIRE OF 1911 STILL MATTERS: Over one hundred years ago on March 25, 1911, a cataclysmic fire swept through the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in Lower Manhattan. The fire killed 146 people and helped to galvanize the U.S. labor movement. The tragedy prompted many improvements in fire safety across the country. **Gerald Henig**, Cal State East Bay professor emeritus of history, will put this tragedy in historical context and explore the issues it raised regarding a new tide of immigrant workers, the role of labor unions, government regulation of workplaces, and women's rights. No registration is required. **Wednesday, 2:00 PM**

ADULT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS (continued)

Sep 21 – SKEPTICISM IS A VIRTUE: Contemporary art provokes many questions and inspires a variety of responses. Using images from the permanent collection at the de Young, this Fine Arts Docent Lecture invites you to consider and discuss what is art? Why is a particular piece of art in the museum and will it be there in 50 years? **Wednesday, 2:00 PM**

Sep 28 – BERKELEY REP THEATRE'S DOCENT LECTURE ON “RITA MORENO – LIFE WITHOUT MAKEUP”: Join us as a Berkeley Rep Docent leads us with a talk on the first show of the fall season, **Rita Moreno, Life Without Makeup**. During her spectacular career, Rita Moreno has portrayed some tough women, from Anita in West Side Story to Maria Callas in Master Class. Now this legendary performer takes on the toughest woman of all - herself. This one woman show is scheduled to run from September 7 - October 30. No registration required. **Wednesday, 2:00 PM**

Oct 6 – MARY FETTIG BRAZILIAN FOOTPRINTS CONCERT: World famous saxophonist Mary Fettig and her quartet will introduce the newest tunes from Fettig's most recent recording “Brazilian Footprints”, the recording which has been in the top 50 of Jazzweek's world chart for 20 weeks. **Registration is required. Thursday, 7:00 PM**

Oct 19 – PARIS AND HER PAINTERS: The *Friends of the Moraga Library* present this San Francisco Museums of Fine Arts docent lecture on a visual journey to Paris as it was seen from 1870 to 1900 through the eyes of Impressionist and Academy painters, as well as photographers Atget and Zola. A virtual trip to Paris! No registration is required. **Wednesday, 2:00 PM**

Oct 26 – BERKELEY REP THEATRE'S DOCENT LECTURE ON “HOW TO WRITE A NEW BOOK FOR THE BIBLE”: Join us as a Berkeley Rep Docent leads us with a talk on the world premier production of **How to Write a New Book for the Bible**. Every family creates a sacred story out of love. In Bill Cain's poignant new play, a man moves in with his mother when she becomes too frail to care for herself. Their reunion heals old wounds, opening a heartfelt and humorous new chapter in their relationship. From the award-winning author of “Equivocation and 9 Circles”, this timeless tale celebrates a mother's love and a son's devotion. This show is scheduled to run from October 12 – November 20. No registration is required. **Wednesday, 2:00 PM**

BARGAINS, BARGAINS, BARGAINS!

Looking for Bargain Books?

Visit the Book Shop for a variety of Children's Books, Mysteries, Non-Fiction, Science Fiction, etc.

Located in the Library and staffed with Friendly and Helpful Volunteers

CHANGING LIBRARIES

Libraries are changing. Among other changes, libraries are placing more emphasis upon appreciation of cultural elements such as music, art, and theater. Community libraries are beginning to develop small, non-specialized, community venues for appreciation of the fine arts.

The number of books, DVDs, and other materials loaned also continues to increase. During the last year County library circulation, for instance, grew by 8%, an increase of one-half million loans to a total of 7.5 million loans. Circulation at the Moraga Library is growing.

Books of all types circulate. For the County, two of the most popular categories are adult fiction and children’s picture books. For each category, about one million loans were made or about one loan for each of the one million County residents. Other popular categories are travel books and cookbooks with about seventy thousand loans of each type. The County Library System owns almost 800 copies of Harry Potter books. At any given time, eighty percent of these books are on loan to young magicians or those interested in young magicians.

Libraries are changing with our culture in order to provide opportunities for personal discovery, growth, and aesthetic satisfaction.

MORAGA LIBRARY	
1500 Saint Mary’s Road	
925-376-6852	
www.ccclib.org	
Sunday	Closed
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Thursday	12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Friday	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 PM – 5:00 PM

LIBRARY CLOSED

Sep 4 – 5 Labor Day

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**JOIN US IN THE LIBRARY ON AUGUST
18th FOR A CELEBRATION OF THE END OF
THE SUMMER READING FESTIVAL**

African Dance for All Ages 4:00 PM
Henna Art for Teens 4:00 PM

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AT THE MORAGA LIBRARY**

Bring your library card number and wireless-enabled laptop computer with you to the Library and enjoy free wireless Internet access.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ON ANY EVENTS?**

Go to the Library web page, www.ccclib.org and then to “Programs and Events” and then search for Moraga.