

February 2025 Newsletter



The Moorpark Friends of the Library is off to a great start in 2025! We're excited to launch our Brick Fundraiser in partnership with the Moorpark Morning Rotary Club to help fund furnishings, fixtures, equipment, and materials for the New Library. The website for ordering engraved bricks—personalized with your name, business, or organization—is expected to go live by the end of February.

Also in the works is the Afternoon of International Dance and Culture, scheduled for Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m. For more details on the Brick Fundraiser, the Dance event, the status of the New Library project, and upcoming programs at the Moorpark City Library, please refer to the articles below.

As always, MFOTL remains committed to supporting library programming. At its January meeting, the MFOTL Board of Directors approved \$15,000 in funding for library programs in FY 2025-2026 and allocated an additional \$10,000 to its investment account for the New Library.

With exciting initiatives ahead, we look forward to another year of community engagement and support for the Moorpark City Library. Thank you for being part of our journey!

Bernadette McDowell
President, Moorpark Friends of the Library



New Library Progress!

The City of Moorpark has given notice that all bidders on the New Moorpark City Library (Project) must submit pre-qualification questionnaires and associated materials by March 5, 2025, to be approved by the City of Moorpark to be on the final qualified Bidders list. This is good news and a positive step on our path to construction of the beautiful New Library.

~Rosalie Barili

BE OUR GUEST

Do you know that anyone may attend a meeting of the MFOTL Board of Directors? We warmly welcome you to learn more about what MFOTL does to support the Moorpark City Library, especially as we move forward to our New Library!

Who: You and others who might be interested in joining us!

When: The 3rd Tuesday of every other month starting at 2 p.m.

Where: Conference Room of the Ruben Castro Human Services facility

How to Attend: Just pick your desired date and notify the board president at MFOTLpresident@gmail.com three days before to receive information about attendance.

*You're
invited*

The next five meetings are scheduled for: March 18, May 20, July 15, September 18, November 18.

Special Book Sales

We have some amazing book sales that will be happening from now until the end of April! Check out the details below:

-Going on until February 28 is our Children's Book Sale. All books on the special children's book sale table are free!

-From March 1 through March 27, there will be a Vintage Sale with books and vinyl records on sale. Prices will vary. Most of the records are 78s.

-Starting March 28 through April 30, will be our Fiction Novels sale. All adult fiction novels on our display table will be just \$2 per bag!

Books remaining in the "Biggest Little Bookstore" are not included in the sale and are priced as marked. Stop by one or all the special book sales to find some great deals on your next read.

~Diana Fowler



What Are You Reading?

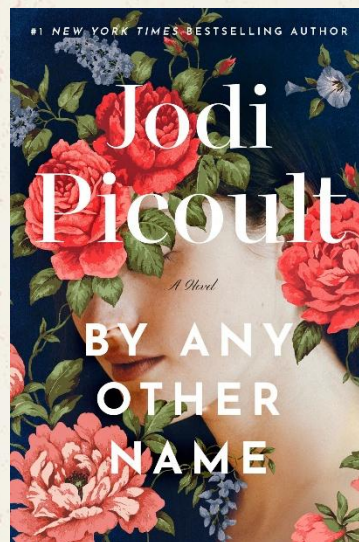
By Any Other Name by Jodi Picoult (2024)

Young playwright Melina Green has just written a new work inspired by the life of her Elizabethan ancestor Emilia Bassano. But seeing it performed is unlikely, in a theater world where the playing field isn't level for women. As Melina wonders if she dares risk failure again, her best friend takes the decision out of her hands and submits the play to a festival under a male pseudonym.

In 1581, young Emilia Bassano was a ward of the aristocrats. Her lessons on languages, history, and writing have endowed her with a sharp wit and a gift for storytelling, but like most women of her day, she is allowed no voice of her own. Forced to become a mistress to the Lord Chamberlain, who oversees all theater production in England, Emilia sees firsthand how the words of playwrights can move an audience. She begins to form a plan to secretly bring a play of her own to the stage by paying an actor named William Shakespeare to front her work.

This was a delightful book intertwining timelines of these two women determined to create something beautiful despite the prejudices they face. No need to be familiar with Shakespeare's bibliography to enjoy this book, but the author does question whether Shakespeare did indeed pen all his work. Jodi Picoult is one of my favorite authors and she's turned her research-based theories into an entertaining and thought-provoking work of fiction. Read the book and you decide.

~Teri Glazier



February and March Library Events!

Children's Programs:

Sunshine Storytime – Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Reading Buddies – Tuesdays, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Golden Grades Tutoring – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Music & Movement – Last Wednesday of every month, 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Teen Programs:

Anime Night – Wednesdays, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Crafty Teens – Third Saturday of every month, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Adult Programs:

Crafty Adults (Ages 16+) – First Thursday of the month, 2 p.m. or 6 p.m.

Book Club for Adults on Zoom – Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

Read It & Eat It – Second Saturday of the month, 2 p.m.

Genre Book Club – Fourth Thursday of the month, 6 p.m.

Writers Group – Third Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m.

RSVP to Jaime Richards at writetorichards@gmail.com



Afternoon of International Dance & Culture

Mark your calendars for a vibrant cultural experience on Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m. at the High Street Arts Center! Now in its third year, MFOTL's event debuts a matinée format and welcomes two new acts: Michael Gullo and The Gypsydancers. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$15 for children 12 & under. Listed here are brief descriptions of our fabulous performers:

Michael Gullo—Moorpark native & classical guitarist trained by Christopher Parkening; Michael has performed with world-renowned artists, the Moorpark Symphony Orchestra, and the Ventura County and American Classical Guitar Societies.

Bollywood Beyondancing—offers a fusion of traditional Indian and Western music and dance, rich in rhythm, energy, and colorful costumes.

Megill & Company—a nonprofit theater and dance production providing an artistic outlet for community members to take part in dance and theater at the semi-professional level.

The Gypsydancers—a belly dance group inspired by American, Turkish, Armenian, Lebanese, and Indian traditions.

O'Shaughnessy Academy of Irish Dance—a supportive and encouraging place where dance students can work to reach their highest potential.

Don't miss this unforgettable afternoon of music, movement, and culture! All proceeds go to support the innovative programs and activities offered free of charge at the Moorpark City Library. After the dance event, stop by The Habit Burger & Grill at 146 Los Angeles Avenue in Moorpark for a delicious meal. From 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., The Habit will donate 20% of net sales to MFOTL. Check the flyer included in this newsletter for further details.

~Bernadette McDowell

Brick Fundraiser



MFOTL, in partnership with the Moorpark Morning Rotary Club, will soon launch a Brick Fundraiser for the benefit of the New Moorpark City Library. Proceeds from this campaign will help fund furniture, fixtures, equipment, and materials for the new library, creating a welcoming space for the Moorpark community. Watch for official announcements from the City of Moorpark, Moorpark Morning Rotary Club, and MFOTL. Once the Brick Fundraiser is underway, individuals, families, organizations, and businesses will be able to leave a lasting legacy by ordering a personalized engraved brick with a \$250 donation. These memorial bricks will be installed on the north-side entry walkway of the new library, serving as a tribute to those who support literacy, learning, and community enrichment.

MFOTL is working with Brick Markers USA to develop an online ordering platform, expected to launch in February. There will be a link to the ordering platform from www.mfotl.com. The Brick Fundraiser will run through 2025. Your support will help create an inviting and dynamic library where residents of all ages can read, learn, access new technologies, participate in arts and cultural events, and connect with the community—all for free!

~ Bernadette McDowell



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THROUGH MUSIC AND DANCE BY

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O'Shaughnessy Academy of Irish Dance

2:00 PM
SATURDAY
MARCH 15, 2025

HIGH STREET ARTS CENTER
45 E. HIGH STREET, MOORPARK

\$25 GENERAL*

\$15 CHILDREN*
12 and under

Plus, processing fee for PayPal payments, \$2 and \$1 respectively.

Ticket Payment Options

- * 1) Purchase with cash or check, from MFOTL Board members, at the Moorpark City Library, or the day of the event at the High Street Arts Center.
- 2) Purchase online at www.mfotl.com/events and for more information about performers.
- 3) Scan the QR code below for link to PayPal.



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Or, simply present this printed flyer or show this offer on your smart phone to the cashier upon ordering. Habit Burger & Grill will donate **20% OF NET SALES** from this event to benefit your organization.



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*For Habit Team Member only

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