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Newsletter

Grateful

Thank you. Repeat. Repeat. Your president is grateful for a team (all our board members plus some friends) beyond price—for their everyday work and mighty efforts on our special events. Thank you for your support of the most recent event, “Night of International Dance and Culture.” Enjoy the article inside: how its color, music, great performers and enthusiastic audience → rousing success → greatly enriched library programs → more benefit to our community.



Too Much of a Good Thing?

There's only one way to say it. We have a mountain of donated books that need to be processed, and not enough book processors! Our bookstore is a principal, steady source of income for the Friends of the Library. Several volunteers who are able to commit to a little time each week over the long term are essential to guarantee the flow of good, quality books through our store. Please consider volunteering by contacting Diana Fowler at mom2jt@sbcglobal.net.



Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 12, after-hours at the Library, for our annual Members Appreciation Event (and a little bit of business). In planning are trivia games (prizes), a special music event, special and fun presentations, and, of course, the yummy food! We'd love for all you valued supporters to enjoy this evening, so please make it a not-to-be-missed event. Keep an eye out for details in your email within a couple of weeks.

Looking forward to seeing you,
Rosalie Barili
President, Moorpark Friends of the Library





Upcoming Events

Kids Fest and Community Resource Fair - Saturday, April 29, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The Friends of the Library will host a Children's Book Sale on the front porch of the library. Books are \$5 a bag, or \$4 a bag for members of the Friends.

Moorpark Earth Festival and Community Yard Sale – Saturday, May 6, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Stop by our booth to hear about the benefits of being a Friends of the Library Member and browse through the books we'll have on hand for sale that coincide with the event's theme.

Summer Reading Club Kick-Off – Saturday, June 10, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

A giant sale of children's, young adult, and adult books will begin on June 10 and continue through June 19 on the front porch of the library. Books are \$5 a bag, or \$4 a bag for members of the Friends.

~Teri Glazier



MFOTL Member Appreciation & Annual Meeting “Jazz After Hours at the Library!”



In appreciation for all the kind support from our Friends throughout the past year, we are proud to present an exclusive and unique musical experience for your enjoyment, an evening with the Moorpark High School Jazz Band! It will take place on Friday evening, May 12, 2023, at the Moorpark City Library.



The evening may also include a trivia contest (with prizes!), presentations of special interest, and an array of yummy snacks! This is to thank you, our valued members, for annually renewing your membership, for continuing to donate used books and other needed supplies, and for supporting our fundraising efforts – all of which enables the Friends to do what is the heart of our organization, to sponsor innovative library programs for all ages and interests.

Look for an email soon to our members that will include all the pertinent event details. We look forward to celebrating with everyone!

~Lou Langkusch



Help Wanted

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



We are in great need of book sorters to help at our "Biggest Little Bookstore". This volunteer job involves giving two hours per week of your time to sort through donations of books, price them, and shelve them in the Friends bookstore. Right now, we have a need for people to volunteer on Sundays, Mondays or Thursdays. Please keep in mind that this is meant to be a long-term commitment, not for someone looking for volunteer service hours. Contact Diana Fowler at mom2jt@sbcglobal.net if you are willing to help.

~Diana Fowler

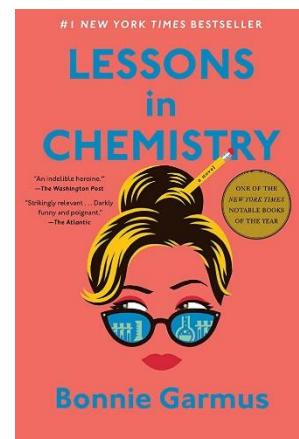
What Are You Reading?

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

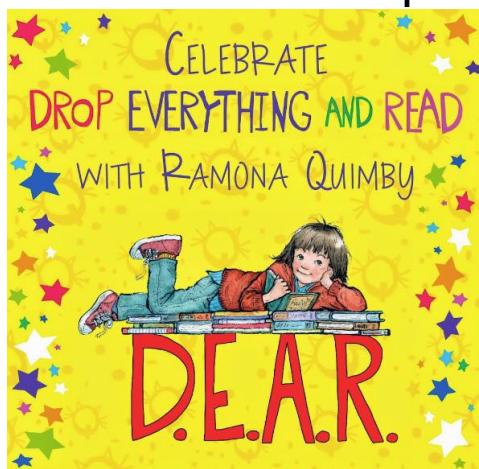
Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. But it's the early 1960's and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans, the lonely, brilliant, Nobel Prize - nominated grudge holder who falls in love with, of all things, her mind. Like science though, her life is unpredictable. A few years later, Elizabeth finds herself a single mother and the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show, "Supper at Six." Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking proves revolutionary, but as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because Elizabeth is not just teaching them to cook, she's daring women to change the status quo.

Best chemistry lesson I ever had. A very entertaining book as it also attempts to change the norm.

~Teri Glazier



Drop Everything and Read Day



On Wednesday, April 12, celebrate the annual "Drop Everything and Read" Day, as well as beloved author Beverly Cleary's birthday. The concept of "D.E.A.R." is referenced in Cleary's book *Ramona Quimby, Age 8*. On this day, families are encouraged to take at least 30 minutes to put aside all distractions and enjoy books together. On April 12 -- stop, pick up a book, and read!

Looking for a good book? Stop by the Moorpark City Library and purchase a book from the Moorpark Friends of the Library Bookstore.

~Teri Glazier





MFOTL's Inaugural "Night of International Dance and Culture"

On March 11, 2023, a full house at the Moorpark High Street theater clapped their hands, tapped their feet, and took a trip around the world learning culture and history through dance. Thanks to Bollywood Beyondancing, Oxnard College Ballet Folklorico, Buckles and Bows square dancers and Amelia O'Shaughnessy Academy of Irish Dance the journey was educational and a whole lot of fun.

Our journey began on a trip to India with the Bollywood Beyondancing performers led by their director and choreographer Payal Wadhawan. They took us on a musical journey of Indian regional dances with a phenomenal fusion of vibrancy, rhythm, and energy. The combination of traditional and western music and the colorful costumes were a delight to watch. They showcased a Dandiya folk dance to honor the Hindu deity of Divinity Goddess Durga. According to tradition the dance "empowers people to honor the divine energy in every human being".



energetic caller and also learned that square dancing is the state dance of California.

The next group of dancers brought us back home to the USA with one of our traditional folk dances, square dancing. Buckles and Bows square dance club was formed in the spirit of friendliness and good fellowship. They exist expressly for the enjoyment of square dancing. We enjoyed the flashy skirts, quick moves, and super



Next, Director Mati Sanchez took us south of the border to Mexico with Oxnard colleges Ballet Folklorico presenting dances from the states of Chiapas and Jalisco. The dances were full of color, festivity and contagious rhythm. Chiapas is located farthest south on the pacific coast and the costumes are influenced by the tropical flowers and climate of the region. We enjoyed Jalisco courtship dances and the energized Mariachi music had the audience on their feet.



Finally, just in time for Saint Patrick's Day, our dancers took us to the Emerald Isle of Ireland. Amelia O'Shaughnessy's Academy of Irish Dance performed eight traditional Irish dances including the three hand reel, slip jig as well as a traditional Saint Patrick's Day dance. Amelia educated us on Irish history, leprechauns, fairies and why Irish dancers always keep their hands by their side.

Also, we want to thank all who attended and our business sponsors. Silent Springs, Village Wealth Management, 100 Group, Lorenza Rinaldini and Associates, Creekside Cleaners and Jere Kinnan. Thank you all for making MFOTL fundraiser a wonderful success.

All in all, it was an unforgettable night of joy and family fun! Please plan on joining us next year and maybe find out for yourself why the Irish dancers keep their hands at their sides 😊

~Lori Preciado



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