



February 2023 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

2022 has been a wonderful year for the library and for the Friends of the Library, rebounding from the restrictions and other effects of the pandemic. Library staff has come to "full strength" with talented and enthusiastic librarians. The MFOTL board has been blessed with amazing new members, the latest being Eleanor Villanueva, Membership Assistant, and Bernadette McDowell, Secretary. A most enthusiastic welcome to Eleanor and Bernadette!

The library calendar is packed with new and restarted programs, and the Friends have been able to fund many of those programs due to increased and upgraded memberships, donations, special events and book sales. Speaking of book sales, don't miss our ***Sweetheart of a Deal*** book sale starting on February 10. Furthermore, please help us to increase our ability to enhance library programs by inviting your family and friends to join the Friends!

We are all pleased at the success of "Letters from Santa 2022" and look forward to repeating this delightful fundraising program in December 2023. Thank you to all our participants and merchant supporters! Check out more details and fun pictures from "Letters from Santa 2022" in this newsletter.

Now we are gearing up for our new adventure in fun(d)raising. Look for information in this newsletter and on our website (www.mfotl.com), where you will find the pathway to purchasing tickets for the Night of International Dance and Culture on March 11 in our High Street Arts Center. Y'all come!

As always, our sincere gratitude for your continued support,
Rosalie Barili
President, Moorpark Friends of the Library

Happy New Year
2023

News about the AmazonSmiles Program

We must call your attention to a change in policy by AmazonSmiles regarding their contribution to charities. As of February 20, 2023, Amazon plans to change its funding of charitable organizations. AmazonSmiles will no longer take a percentage of your purchases and apply them to the charity of your choice. Amazon will invest in a designated range of charities instead.

To help charities that have been a part of the AmazonSmile program with this transition, they will provide them with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program. They will also accrue additional donations until the program officially closes in February. Once AmazonSmile closes, charities will still be able to seek support from Amazon customers by creating their own wish lists.

For those of you who designate other charities for your Amazon purchases, please consider changing your designated charity to the Moorpark Friends of the Library in February to give us a little boost in our income from this source. Many thanks!

~Rosalie Barili

A Sweetheart of a Deal! MFBTL's next Porch Sale!



Begins Friday, February 10
and runs through Sunday,
February 19.

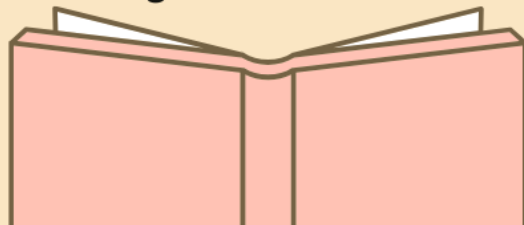
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BOOKSTORE PRICES**

Adult hardbacks books= \$1

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*Sale prices only apply to books at the porch sale.
If you have questions please contact Diana
Fowler at mom2jt@sbcglobal.net and please put
"book sale" in the subject line.



Dear Friends,

In 2022, COVID-19 conditions continued to improve, allowing the Moorpark City Library's services to return mostly to "normal." As we continue to welcome patrons back into the Library, we often hear how happy people are to have opportunities to meet face-to-face, socialize and connect again. Throughout the pandemic, Zoom, Facetime, and other technologies allowed us to remain connected. Still, it was not a replacement for human connection and shared experiences. The Moorpark City Library is a place to build community and strengthen relationships. We have many exciting programs to look forward to this year, and I urge you to visit often and check out what services your public Library has to offer.

In addition to our **PJ Storytime** on Tuesday night and **Sunshine Storytime** on Wednesday morning, we recently launched a new Spanish Storytime, **Aventuras en Lecturas**, on Thursday morning. This program is entirely in Spanish and led by our incredible staff member Brisa with guidance from the children's librarian, Kellsie.

Some of Moorpark's most talented and passionate teens have committed their time and expertise to help lead the Library's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) programming for children. **Future Einsteins** introduces students in grades 1-5 to different science concepts each month with fun, hands-on science experiments. Local high school honor student Riya runs the program and created Future Einsteins in her garage to get more girls and kids excited about science. On January 14, the children learned about the basic structure of DNA and built a model using Twizzlers and Gummy Bears.

Our **LEGO Robotics Club** held its first meeting on January 21 with 43 participants! This program came about when two brothers volunteered at an event and discussed the difference between their schools in India and the United States. One of the things they missed most was robotics, and oh, how I wish you could hear them talk! Now 6-8 teens work with the Library to develop and lead the club since robotics is way outside my staff's wheelhouse.

Programming for teens can be tricky since they are so busy. Still, Aaren has done a great job in curating monthly **Young Adult Book Boxes** and **Take and Make Craft Kits** that fit into teens' busy schedules. Our **Teen Comic Book Club** also continues to grow, and this year will split into two groups, students in grades 6-8 and students in grades 9-12.

For adults, there is truly something for everyone. Unleash your creative energy during **Crafty Adults** or discuss your favorite movies at our new **Keeping It Reel Movie Club**. Try a new dish at **Read It & Eat It**, a cookbook/recipe club for adults where the discussion happens during a potluck. Let our **Book Club for Adults** or **Genre Book Club** keep you on track to accomplish your goal of reading more in the new year.

These programs are just a brief sampling of some of the Moorpark City Library's programs. Please check out our website for additional programs and details. While you are there, sign up for our newsletter to stay in the know of all the exciting new programs coming soon! I will save talking about our digital resources for the following newsletter.

Sincerely,
Christine Conwell

CITY OF MOORPARK SECURES FUNDING FOR NEW MOORPARK CITY LIBRARY PROJECT

The City of Moorpark is excited to announce that they have received two grants to offset the cost of the new Moorpark City Library project. In March 2022, City staff applied for a California Library Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$4.6 million. The grant is typically used for renovation projects on existing libraries, however, if the grant applicant can prove that new construction is less expensive than renovating the old building, the grant was eligible for that use as well. City staff was able to show that renovating the old structure was not cost effective and scored favorably on the grant. In addition to the Infrastructure Grant, Congresswoman Julia Brownley secured \$750,000 in funding for the project as part of the federal omnibus bill passed in December. The Moorpark Library is one of 17 Ventura County projects totaling \$28.9 million included in the spending package. Together these two grants total \$5.35 million, or 23% of the total library cost of \$23 million. Way to go City of Moorpark!



~Jessica Sandifer

A Beautiful Finale!

Back in August, we shared Phase II of our library beautification project -- window art at the library entrance. From the heat of summer to the chill of winter, local artist Rose Hoberg has been working away at it with her painting magic, and we are thrilled to announce the windows are completed! Photos cannot do justice to this transformation; one must come to the library entrance to fully appreciate the delicate beauty of her artwork. On your visit, be sure to take a good long look.

We have always been proud of our city library and all the remarkable programs and services this humble little building provides to the community. So naturally, we think our library deserves an attractive, welcoming face! Thank you, Rose!

~Lou Langkusch



“Letters from Santa 2022” Complete!

Once again, the Moorpark Friends of the Library (MFOTL) offered the fundraiser “Letters from Santa.” For a donation to the Moorpark Friends of the Library, children received a letter from Santa, holiday stickers, and coupons for free items. In addition, there was a link to a YouTube video of Mrs. Claus reading *The Night Before Christmas* and an opportunity to win the coveted visit from Santa Claus himself!

This fundraiser was a big success, and a wonderful time was had by all. Many local parents, grandparents, and other kid-loving folks gifted some lucky children with a package that included a letter addressed to them from Santa, coupons for books from MFOTL’s “Biggest Little Bookstore” and treats from generous local merchants: 7-11, Coaches Ice Cream, and Coffee a la Mode.



The most fun of all was our reindeer/car caravan to the winning family’s home on December 17. Bill and Jennifer Evans were bursting with anticipation of the surprise awaiting their 2 ½ year-old son, Dalton. His smile lit up the block as Santa (aka Robert Perez), Mrs. Claus (aka Rosalie Barili) and some of Santa’s elves brought gifts and greeted him.

Santa and the Friends of the Library look forward to more fun with “Letters from Santa” 2023.

~Linda Goble



Dalton having fun with Santa!



Family picture to celebrate!

Night of International Dance & Culture

You are cordially invited to a night of travel through dance with performances by: Bollywood Beyondancing, Buckles and Bows Square Dancing, Oxnard College Ballet Folklorico, and O'Shaughnessy Academy of Irish Dancers!

General Information:

- Date = Saturday, March 11, 2023
- Time = 7:30 PM
- Location = High Street Arts Center
45 E. High Street, Moorpark CA
- Pricing = General Admissions is \$20, Senior and Children 12 and under are \$15

Purchase Tickets:

- At the Moorpark Library, 699 Moorpark Avenue, Moorpark, with check or cash, at the library checkout desk. Make checks payable to MFOTL.
- US mail = send a check payable to MFOTL to Moorpark Friends of the Library, PO Box 452, Moorpark, CA 93020. Payments must be received no later than March 6, 2023.
- On our website (www.mfotl.com) via PayPal or credit card. Please add \$1.00 per ticket convenience fee.
- *Note: Tickets purchased online or through US mail will be available at Will Call at the theater on the night of the performance.

Become a Sponsor:

- All sponsorships will be highlighted in the event program and in publicity prior to the event.** To be included in the program, donations must be received by **February 25, 2023.**
- Sponsorships are available at the following levels:
 - \$500+ includes two free tickets to the event
 - \$250-\$499 includes one free ticket to the event
 - \$100-\$249 highlighted in program and in publicity
- Payments for sponsorship may be made by =
 - Sending a check payable to MFOTL to Moorpark Friends of the Library, PO Box 452, Moorpark, CA, 93020.
 - On our website by clicking on the Sponsorship button.

About our Performers:





Bollywood Beyondancing

The group 'Bollywood Beyondancing' is based out of West Hills. The founder and choreographer Payal Wadhawan believes that age is no bar when it comes to pursuing your passion for dance and serving your community. Indian dance, especially Bollywood dance is a phenomenal fusion of vibrancy, rhythm, and energy. It's a combination of traditional and western music and the colorful costumes are a delight to watch. Beyondancing group has performed for over 50 fundraisers and welcomes all.



O'Shaughnessy Irish Dancing

Founded in 2018 by Amelia O'Shaughnessy in Agoura Hills, California. The O'Shaughnessy Academy of Irish Dance provides a supportive and encouraging atmosphere in which students work to their highest potential as a competitive Irish dancer. The O'Shaughnessy Academy promotes confidence, teamwork, and respect throughout the training process.



Ballet Folklórico Mestizo

One of Oxnard college's oldest and most beloved groups is the Ballet Folklórico Mestizo which celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2021. Mati Sanchez is the group advisor. The group gave the first two performances in the College's Performing Arts Center and is one of the Center's artist in residence. The Ballet puts on a major production each semester on campus and performs at many community events.

~Rosalie Barili

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Many thanks to our Friends and supporters!

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