



August 2024 Newsletter



As our carefree summer draws to a close and parents and students gear up for the new school year, the Moorpark Friends are likewise busy in planning fundraising activities and events for the fall, winter, and beyond. Our Fundraising Committee has three new Friends members (Ellen Blunt, Julie Safley, and Helen Moore) who bring energy and new ideas to our effort to raise funds for the benefit of the Moorpark City Library. Please email mfotlibrary@gmail.com if you are able to join us in this effort—we need people with many different skills to be successful.

As you know, the Moorpark Friends, through memberships, book sales, and special events, raise funds to 1) support programs, services, and special events at the Moorpark City Library and 2) finance future purchases of specialized equipment and materials for the New Library from an investment account set up for that purpose. On June 21, the Friends hosted a Membership Appreciation event featuring an informative presentation on the New Library Project by City Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Laurentowski, and a truly inspiring presentation by Library Director Christine Conwell, Teen Librarian Emma Schaefer, and Children's Librarian Kellsie Gifford on the expanded programs and services that are being planned for the Moorpark community when the New Library, with its larger space, opens in 2026. Bidding on construction of the new building is expected to start in November of this year (2024) and groundbreaking to take place in the first half of 2025.

We are looking for a Friends member to assume the duties of Publicity Director. Our previous (and wonderful) Publicity Director, Teri Glazier, has “retired” from her position after five years of service to spend more time with her family. The main job of the Publicity Director is to provide local media and other publicity sources with information about the Moorpark Friends of the Library and its events through press releases, distribution of flyers, and social media content on the Friends Facebook page. Teri has updated a most useful notebook containing media contacts, recent press releases, and examples of other communications so that anyone taking over the position will have a source to consult on how, who, when, and where to send publicity. If you like to write and are interested in the position, please email us at mfotlibrary@gmail.com.

Bernadette McDowell
President, Moorpark Friends of the Library

New Library Progress!

Many steps must be taken on a construction project, often in sequential order, and each step now brings us closer to "brick and mortar." As of July 23, the City is continuing to work on the construction document review, and it is anticipated that bidding for the project will begin in November 2024. Keep an eye out for any and all updates regarding the new Moorpark Library in MFOTL newsletters going forward!



AHEM!!!

Any of you out there remember that splendid contest idea for stories about how libraries changed your life, or that of someone you know? Well, since a whole two of you wrote inspiring and charming stories, we have decided to reward both intrepid souls with gift cards. Thank you, Diana Fowler and Pam Orren, the contest is over, and you won the prizes. Click the pictures below to read the stories again!



Pam Orren's Story



Diana Fowler's Story

🎵 Brother, Can You Spare a _____ 🎵?

Just for fun, can you fill in the blank? Better still, do you know who sang the song, when, and why?

Email mfotlibrary@gmail.com with your answer for a chance to receive a voucher for five free books from the “Biggest Little Bookstore”.

Now that we have your attention, it’s our clever way of saying “Brother or sister, can you spare an hour or two”? We know your time and energy are sometimes overcommitted, and signing up for a big job or a long-term commitment isn’t always possible. But the Friends of the Library and the Moorpark Library are simmering with great opportunities to help for that precious hour or two. When multiplied by even a few people, volunteering equals more fun for more people, and less work for the few.

Here’s the ask: when those emails or notices in the MFOTL newsletter ask for volunteers for a specific event, consider a “yes” response. You may be surprised at how satisfying and fun it is to be a part of the action.

~Rosalie Barili

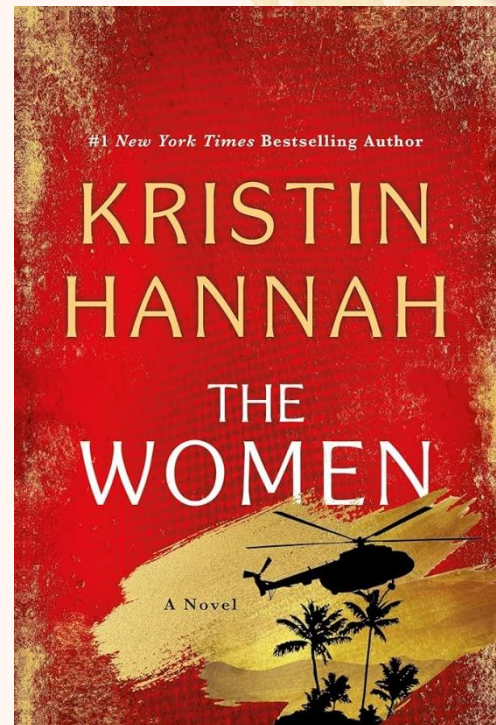
What Are You Reading?

The Women by Kristin Hannah (2024)

Women can be heroes. When twenty-two-year-old nursing student Frances “Frankie” McGrath hears these words, it’s a revelation. When her brother ships out in 1965 to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. But the war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

Kristin Hannah is one of my favorites authors and she did not disappoint in her depiction of the Vietnam War and the turmoil it created in the States. For anyone who grew up during the time of this War, you’ll be brought back to so many recollections of this era. A woman heroine should not deter men from reading this book. It’s that good.

~Teri Glazier



2024 Membership Appreciation & New Library Project Information Night

On Friday evening of June 21, we were thrilled to see the library filled with our members and their guests for our Annual Membership Appreciation event. It was “standing room only” as interested members of the Moorpark community gathered to hear the latest news about the progress of the New Library Project.

City Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Laurentowski brought us up to date on the decisions regarding structure, materials, and layout of the new library. Jeremy answered the many questions that attendees had about the physical aspects of the new building.

Our Librarians then gave a comprehensive presentation on library programs and services, both current as well as those in the planning stages for the new library building. Library Director Christine Conwell, joined by Teen Librarian Emma Schaefer and Children’s Librarian Kellsie Gifford, provided us with a snapshot of the importance of a library to its community and how differently libraries will function going forward.

In closing, MFOTL President Bernadette McDowell thanked all present and encouraged them to consider the many ways they could volunteer their talents and skills to the growth of our wonderful, long-awaited new library.

~Lou Langkusch



Exciting Fundraising Events on the Horizon

The Fundraising Committee has been hard at work, bringing creativity and enthusiasm to our efforts, and putting the “fun” in fundraising! With a calendar full of exciting events, Moorpark Friends of the Library continues to support both current library programs and future needs as we prepare for our new library.

We are thrilled to announce our next event: Dinner at M on High, taking place on Wednesday, September 18 from 5 – 9 p.m. This is more than just a meal – it’s an opportunity to come together as a community, enjoy a delicious dining experience, and contribute to a cause that benefits everyone. Simply present the flyer included with this newsletter when dining in or ordering take out.

So, mark your calendars and invite your friends! Whether you are a regular supporter or new to our efforts, this event promises to be an evening to remember. By attending, you will be directly supporting the library’s growth and continuation of valuable programs for all ages. We look forward to seeing you there!

~Lori Preciado

Fundraising Shout-Out!

A big thanks to Kona Ice and Pizza Man Dan’s for their donation to the Moorpark Friends of the Library during library events (Kids’ Fest and MESStival). A percentage of their sales is a generous boost to our funding for the great programs enjoyed by our community at our Library. Be sure to thank them when you enjoy their yummy treats!

~Rosalie Barili



August and September Library Events!

Children’s Programs:

Storytime in the Parks – Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Locations found here - <https://www.moorparkca.gov/690/Programs-Events>

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





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