



October 2025 Newsletter



Have you heard the good news? The Moorpark Chamber of Commerce has named all of us—the **Moorpark Friends of the Library**—as **Non-Profit of the Year** in recognition of our contributions to the community! Even more reason to celebrate: our very own **Vice President, Rosalie Barili**, has been honored as **Active Adult of the Year (65+)**. Both awards will be presented at the 2025 Moorpark Community Awards Dinner on October 14 at the M on High Restaurant. I hope you'll be there to cheer us on!

August and September kept your Board of Directors on their toes with several successful fundraisers, thanks to our generous sponsors: Habit Burger & Grill, Magma Pizzeria, and Tierra Rejada Golf Club ("Putts for Pages"). Coming up, Che Gelato will host another fundraiser on October 21—mark your calendars! Check the www.mfotl.com website for more information.

Please join us at the Library on Friday, October 17, at 6:00 p.m. for a special Membership Appreciation Night! This evening is our way of thanking you—our valued members—for supporting MFOTL in our mission to benefit the Moorpark City Library. Enjoy guest speakers, a chocolate tasting, a raffle basket drawing, and light refreshments. We also encourage you to bring a friend who isn't yet a member. It's a wonderful way to introduce new people to MFOTL and the important work we do—and the perfect opportunity for new members to join.

The celebration doesn't stop there! **Join us at the Library on October 20, 22, and 23**, when MFOTL members will be on hand to share information, answer questions, and host fun activities like origami, cupcake decorating, and live music featuring classical guitarist Michael Gullo. Stop by—and bring someone new with you! Don't forget the **Commemorative Brick Fundraiser**—our biggest and most important project is still underway. Order a brick engraved with your name or that of your family, business, or organization. All proceeds go directly toward interior enhancements for the New Library—furniture, fixtures, equipment, and materials that will support an Innovation Lab, Early Literacy Hub, Digital Literacy tools, and Health & Wellness programs.

See the articles below for further details about MFOTL's activities.

Bernadette McDowell
President, Moorpark Friends of the Library

Fundraising Committee Updates!

The Fundraising committee has been working overtime to bring fresh and exciting ideas to support our beloved library.

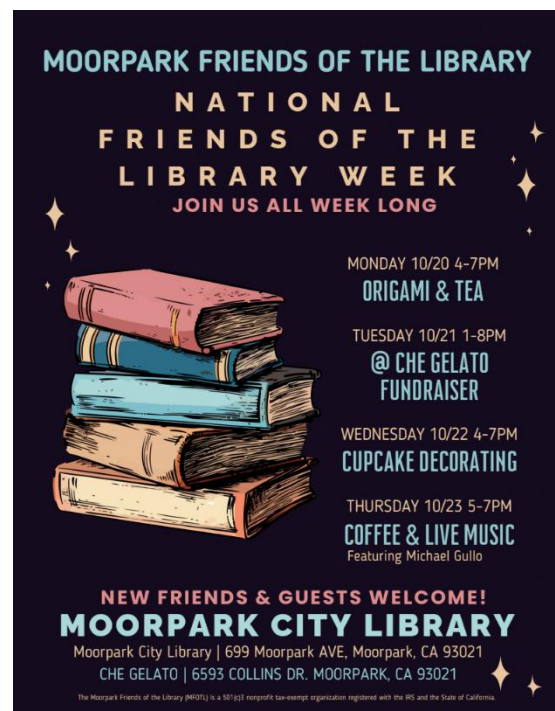
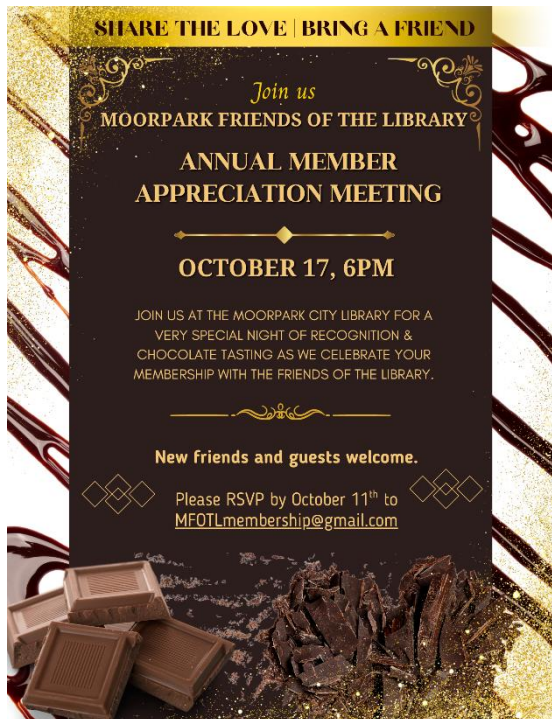
A big Thank you goes out to the **Tierra Rejada Golf Course** for hosting our **Putting for Pages** event – it was not only a great success but also an afternoon filled with family fun and community spirit. We look forward to partnering with TRGC again this December for our annual **Cookie Decorating Party** (exact date to be announced).

We would also like to extend our gratitude to **The Habit, Magma Pizzeria, and Che Gelato** for sponsoring delicious fundraising nights and generously sharing 20% of the proceeds with MFOTL. Be sure to mark your calendars for our next sweet fundraiser at **Che Gelato** on **October 21**. Bring the flyer in this newsletter to the event and MFOTL gets 20%.

Our **Personalized Brick Campaign** continues to grow – don't miss your chance to cement your legacy at the North Entrance to the new library. Our brick sales and family activities at our booth at the Moorpark Country Days on October 4 were fun and successful! Don't miss the next creative, engaging, and tasty activities at the library during **Friends of the Library Week, October 20-23**, and be sure to look for our brick information and sales section. Also, you can go to www.MFOTL.COM anytime, scan the QR code and buy a brick.

And finally keep an eye on our MFOTL website for details about upcoming holiday events – we can't wait to celebrate the season with you! Together we are building an amazing library for our community!

~Lori Preciado





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Moorpark Friends of the Library

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

1:00 PM to 8:00 PM

20% of net sales during these times will benefit the
Moorpark City Library Programs

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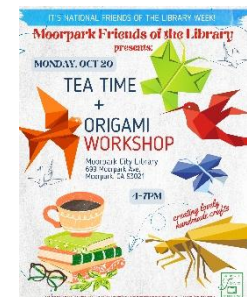
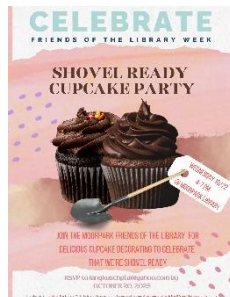
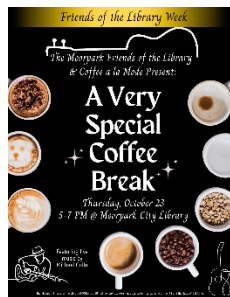
Marketing Update!

Greetings from the marketing team, Emily and Sofia! October is a super busy month for us with promoting all of the amazing Friends of the Library Week events. We're creating posters and marketing collateral to promote new membership as well as all kinds of fun events this month - like the yummy Che Gelato fundraiser. Sofia is also learning about paid media campaigns, audience targeting, and how to read and evaluate media metrics. We're excited to remind the community about all the great things libraries offer with some "evergreen" marketing posts.

Sofia and I are extra thrilled to see our brick campaign messaging on yard signs, car magnets and across social media platforms. You can help us out by sharing the posts on your social media and telling all your friends to buy a brick!

P.S. We want to give Penny Henschel from Ever After Designs a shoutout and huge thank you for designing our amazing Putts for Pages flyer last month. The design was stellar, and we raised \$1000!

~Emily Hickey



News from the pages of the bookstore

Our lovely bookstore volunteers met recently to make improvements to our "Biggest Little Bookstore". Stop by the next time you are in the library, to see the changes we've made! As we receive more donations of children's books than any other type of book, the children's section was in desperate need of expansion. Adult fiction paperback books have been moved from the right side to the left side beside the hardback fiction. There is now a more defined area for classics, vintage (old and rare), and the addition of a Poetry and Plays section. If you are looking for LARGE PRINT books, those are now designated with a bright neon colored round sticker above the price tag. And speaking of LARGE PRINT, we are in need of donations of those books. Harlequin type romance books are on the spinner just outside the bookstore, are priced at \$0.50 each, and many happen to be LARGE PRINT.

There is a Porch Sale going on now, that started on October 1. The price is \$5 per bag and volunteers are restocking the sale table on a daily basis. Check it out! And make sure to put this on your 2026 calendar: Saturday, January 17, is the date of our first sale of the new year. For more information on special sales throughout the year, check out the little table outside our workroom.

~Diana Fowler

New Library Progress and Brick Sales Display

The City has been working on coordinating dates for the groundbreaking ceremony with Julia Brownley's office and targeting sometime in October. The actual staging work on the site may begin as early as next week. Once there is a full construction schedule the City can establish a last order date for bricks.

Brick sales are increasing every month. For a graphic view of progress, visit the library to check out the big poster visible as you walk in, and the brick "road" of donors' names adorning the dividing wall and (soon) over the arches.

~Rosalie Barili

What Are You Reading?

My Friends by Frederick Backman

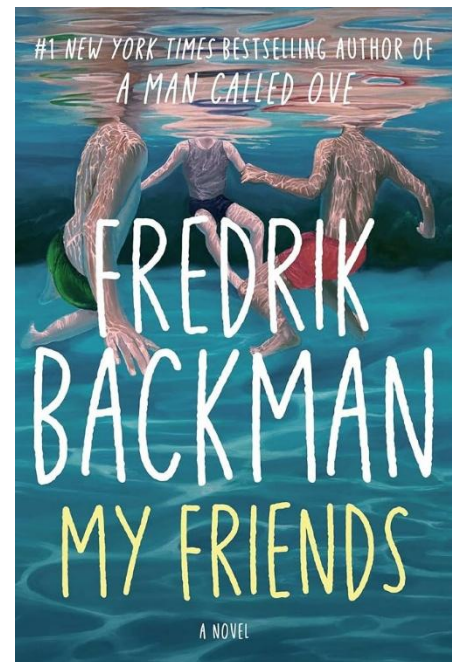
Most people don't even notice them, three tiny figures sitting at the end of a long pier in the corner of one of the most famous paintings in the world. Most people think it's just a depiction of a wide expanse of sea. But Louisa, soon to be eighteen years-old and an aspiring artist herself is determined to find out the story behind these three figures.

More than two decades before, in a distant seaside town, a group of teenagers find refuge from their bruising home lives by spending long summer days on an abandoned pier telling silly jokes, sharing secrets, and committing small acts of rebellion. These lost souls find in each other a reason to get up every morning, a reason to dream, a reason to love.

Out of that summer emerges a transcendent work of art, a painting that, after a chance encounter in an alleyway, will unexpectedly be placed into Louisa's care. She embarks on a cross-country journey to discover how the painting came to be and to decide what to do with it.

As the author of *A Man Called Ove*, I knew I would enjoy this book but didn't realize how much. The book was a charming, humorous story with characters I came to understand and love. I became invested in discovering what would happen to this important piece of artwork. The author includes this quote that sums up the book beautifully. "The world is full of miracles, but none greater than how far a young person can be carried by someone else's belief in them." I highly recommend this book.

~Teri Glazier



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! The last 2025 meeting is scheduled for: November 18.

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 notify the board president at MFOTLpresident@gmail.com three days before to receive information about attendance.

October and November Library Events!

Children's Programs:

Playdate at the Library – Third Saturday of every month, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

LEGO Robotics – Second Saturday of every month, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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



Teen Programs:

Pathfinder Society: A Roleplaying Tabletop Game (register [here](#)) – Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

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

Adult Programs:

Crafty Adults (ages 16+, register [here](#)) – First Thursday of the month, 2 p.m. or 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Membership Appreciation ~ Bring a Friend!

The e-vites have been sent and should be in your in-box by now. Won't you please plan to join us on Friday evening, October 17, 2025, at the Moorpark City Library for our Annual Membership Appreciation event? This fun evening will begin with a delicious chocolate tasting and judging activity! Light refreshments and raffle prizes will also be available.

Our program presenters will include local community leaders with their thoughts on the relationship between the library and other groups – the various methods and successes of library support, the history of these collaborations, and the impact of community partnerships as we all look eagerly forward to the New Library Project.

Also on the program, our members who have been with the Friends for 10 years or more will be given special recognition. So, you see, as always, you are an indispensable part of this event! In fact, for every non-member guest you bring, you'll receive an extra raffle ticket! Everyone who attends will receive one raffle ticket upon entry. We hope to see many of you on October 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. And remember ~ bring a new "Friend!"

~Lou Langkusch



Moorpark Friends of the Library

Annual Membership Appreciation

Each MFOTL member who brings a non-member pal is entitled to an extra raffle ticket!

Share the love. Bring a friend.

Chocolate Tasting!
Special Member Recognitions!
Raffle Basket!

Friday, October 17, 2025

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Moorpark City Library

699 Moorpark Ave., Moorpark, CA 93021

RSVP by Saturday, October 11, 2025

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Our many wonderful Friends!

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