

December 2022 Newsletter



As we move all too quickly through our lovely fall and winter holidays, there is much to be thankful for. On a personal note--a couple of lines from something I read recently: *A few friends who understand me (with all my warts) and remain my friends, and work to do which has real value.*

For work of real value, certainly supporting the library and being thankful that the library is nearly at its pre-pandemic level of operation tops the list. Equally, the Moorpark Friends of the Library are grateful to be growing in general membership, board members, standing chairs, book sales, special promotional and fundraising events, and opportunities for all MFOTL members to participate in either a small or large degree.

We've been blessed with a great chairperson, Linda Goble, and a new and dynamic member for the "Letters from Santa" committee, Eleanor Villanueva, and our always-faithful regular crew. A new consultant, Kate O'Brien, has added both technical and visual improvements to our website. Another new member of the board, Lori Preciado, has been working on a new and exciting MFOTL fundraising event for March 2023. Look for more information soon and consider how you might enjoy helping to support a multicultural dance performance at the High Street Arts Center.

"Letters from Santa" fundraising is launched and the orders are arriving, as is the **December 3** deadline for orders. Moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, aunts and uncles, family friends, don't let the day fly by with a missed opportunity for a great gift for the kids!

And be sure to check out all the creative events at the library listed in this newsletter.

Thank you, members, for your valued contributions. We wish you and your family and friends a beautiful holiday season!

Rosalie Barili
President, Moorpark Friends of the Library



Author Event: The Nightingale Sings Alone

Monika Savic, long-time Moorpark resident, teacher and author, chatting with some early arrivals. The well-attended event drew an appreciative audience of about double the number shown in the picture. Monika's talk was enriched with the intimacy of an absorbing story drawn from the real experiences of her ancestors and their family and friends during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands during World War II, with pictures and historical context.



~Rosalie Barili

“Biggest Little Bookstore” News!

As we approach the holiday season, please consider donating books or DVDs to Moorpark's “Biggest Little Bookstore.” We accept both fiction and nonfiction books for adults, teens, and children and almost all genres of DVDs. However, we do not accept encyclopedias, Dummies books, appliance and business meeting manuals, magazines, newspapers, or pornography. Before dropping off donations, we would greatly appreciate you taking the time to look over your donation and making sure it is in sellable condition. Sellable condition means clean with no water damage or mold, not torn or chewed (yes, we've received books that a dog chewed), not books that have been scribbled in, and no textbooks full of highlights. Please bring all donations to the staff at the library front desk. Do not leave donations near or inside the book drop box in the parking lot, as that is for library books only. Also, please do not leave book donations at the patio doors, on the ramp or on the stairs. Donations are gladly accepted during normal library hours only. We do appreciate your generosity.

We are planning our next parking lot sale for spring 2023. In the meantime, we will have some surprise Pop Up Porch Sales and, as always, Members of the Friends will receive first notice of those as they are happening. Pop into the bookstore during the holidays to find many wonderful books to give as gifts. We are simply bursting with holiday books for children! And while you are there pick up a book or two for yourself to enjoy this winter season. Happy Holidays!

~Diana Fowler



“Letters from Santa” IMPORTANT UPDATE

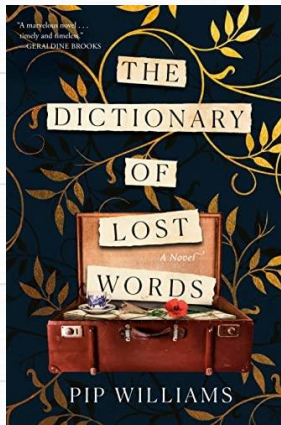
This year the Moorpark Friends of the Library is thrilled to once again offer the fundraiser “Letters from Santa.” For a \$25 donation to the MFOTL, children will receive a letter from Santa, as well as holiday stickers, coupons for free items such as two books from the Friends of the Library Bookstore and free treats from local businesses. In addition, all participants will receive a link to a YouTube video of Mrs. Claus reading *The Night Before Christmas* and an opportunity to win the coveted visit from Santa.

To receive further information or an order form for this donation, please go to the Moorpark City Library, go to the MFOTL website, or email: mfotlibrary@gmail.com. The order form and \$25 check made payable to MFOTL can be mailed to MFOTL, PO Box 452, Moorpark, CA 93020 or brought to the Moorpark City Library during regular business hours. Donations can now also be paid online using PayPal on the MFOTL website. The deadline to submit your order is Saturday, December 3, 2022. Make sure to get in on this wonderful fundraiser while you can! All proceeds from this fundraiser continue MFOTL’s support of the City Library’s enrichment programs.

~Linda Goble

What Are You Reading?

The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams

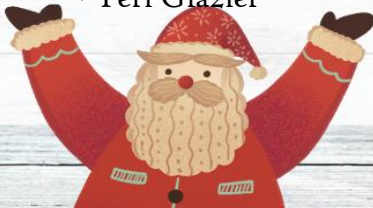


Esme is born into a world of words. Motherless and ever curious, she spends her childhood in Oxford in the room where her father and fellow lexicographers, a person who compiles dictionaries, are collecting words for the first complete edition of the *Oxford English Dictionary*. While they work, young Esme begins to collect *other* words, ones that have been discarded or neglected by the dictionary men.

As she grows up, Esme realizes that words and meanings relating to women’s and common folks’ experiences often go unrecorded. And so, she begins to search out words for her own dictionary: the *Dictionary of Lost Words*. To do so she must leave the sheltered world of the university and venture out to meet the people whose vocabulary will fill those pages.

Set in the early twentieth century during the height of the women’s suffrage movement, *The Dictionary of Lost Words* reveals a missing narrative, hidden between the lines of history written by men. Inspired by actual events, the author has delved into the archives of the *Oxford English Dictionary* to tell the original story. It was so engaging that I placed post-it tabs throughout the book, something I usually don’t do when I read. This was a fascinating read on the creation of a dictionary, a young girl growing up amongst this world of words, and her experiences with the beginning of the suffragette movement.

~Teri Glazier



Celebrating National Friends of the Library Week



National Friends of the Library Week was October 17 -22. To celebrate, members of the MFOTL Board of Directors were on hand at the City Library to promote the “Letters from Santa” Fundraiser, to encourage new memberships, and to provide general information regarding our efforts to support the Library. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the library patrons! Pictured is Teri Glazier, Publicity Coordinator.

~Teri Glazier

Remember: If you have ever found yourself working at a library computer and need to save your work, flash sticks are available at the front desk for \$5.

December Library Events!

All Ages Programs:

Interactive Movie Night - Saturday, December 10, from 5 PM – 7 PM

Family Literacy Night - Thursday, December 15, from 5:30 PM – 7 PM

Snuggly Saturday - Saturday, December 24, All Day

Children Programs:

PJ Storytime - Tuesdays, December 6, 13, 27, from 6:30 PM – 7 PM

Reading Buddies - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1, 6, 8, 13, 27, 29 from 4 PM – 5 PM

Sunshine Storytime - Wednesdays, December 7, 14, 28, from 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

Future Einsteins - Saturday, December 3 & 17, from 11 AM – 11:45 AM

DIY Storytime - Wednesday, December 21, from 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

Teen Programs:

Teen Take & Make Kits

Young Adult Book Box - December: Winter Wonderland

Comic Book Club - Book: *Polar Bear in Love* vol 1, by Koromo

Grades 6-8: Monday, December 19 at 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Grades 9-12: Monday, January 2, at 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Adult Programs:

Crafty Adults - Thursday, December 1, at 2 PM or 6 PM

Book Club for Adults - Monday, December 12, from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM on Zoom

Read It & Eat It - Saturday, December 10, from 2 PM – 3:30 PM

Genre Book Club - Thursday, December 22, from 6 PM – 7 PM



Moorpark Friends of the Library Membership

Many thanks to our "Friends" for their ongoing support!

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