



# October 2023 Newsletter



It's a good thing September has been relatively cool, or your MFOTL Board of Directors would be a bit heated up. With a nod to the distant past, does anybody remember the (very) old saying, "horses sweat, men perspire, ladies merely glow?"

There could be several good reasons why our directors might glow recently, with all the great projects in the works.

Let's begin with the two main events in November and December. On Sunday, November 5, we will celebrate Dia de los Muertos, with our clean comedy night show, "Live Comedy at the Funeral Home", featuring two top-notch comedians. As of October 7, we will have begun our "Letters from Santa" fun(d)raiser, popular with so many of our Moorpark families. See inside for detailed information about these events and how to purchase the "Letters from Santa" and tickets for the comedy night. The comedy event proceeds go exclusively to our fund for the new library while the "Letters from Santa" program benefits current programs at the Moorpark Library.

A little further off, in March of 2024, we look forward to our second annual "Night of International Dance and Culture", encouraged by the enthusiastic reception by our Moorpark residents of our 2023 production of this colorful and exuberant performance at the High Street Arts Center.

All members are invited to not only support these events but also volunteer their time to assist in making them happen.

Finally, we have been happily engaged in planning for the expanded space and equipment for the bookstore and work area in the new library, all designed to bring more books and other items to our book lovers. We love our designation of the "Biggest Little Bookstore" in Moorpark but look forward to a new one of "Biggest Bookstore" in Moorpark (or "The Only Bookstore" in Moorpark)!

Rosalie Barili  
President, Moorpark Friends of the Library





## “Biggest Little Bookstore” Volunteers Spotlight!

I would love to use this space to do a little bragging about the volunteers that help me to run The Moorpark Friends of the Library bookstore. This is not a one-person, two-person or even a three-person job. Currently, there are seven of us that sort, price, shelve, cull, pack, scan, and do some heavy lifting to keep our “Biggest Little Bookstore” running.

When you stop by the bookstore and see a volunteer there shelving new (to us) books, don't hesitate to ask for help or just say thank you for keeping our shelves stocked with interesting books. Who are these volunteers? On Mondays, Eleanor brings her expertise in organization to our bookstore. She has been with us about a year and caught on immediately to what we do and how to do it. On Tuesdays, you might find Marti, she has a keen eye for high value books, and in the near future will be in charge of silent auctions of these types of books. Dana is there on Wednesdays sorting and shelving Teen and Young Adult books on the back wall of the bookstore. She knows what Teens/YA are most interested in reading since she is an avid reader herself. Since she has been in charge of this area we had to expand it due to an increase in sales. Fridays (I didn't forget Thursday, just wait) is the day Lisa, our newest volunteer, helps out. Lisa caught on very quickly, and is not afraid of hard work. She came to us recently retired from her last job that she did out of pure love, babysitting for her grandchildren. My husband David and I are at the library several times a week, straightening up, organizing, and bringing boxes of books for our sales to storage. So why did I save Thursday for the end? Francine has been a Friends of the Library volunteer the longest, more than ten years of book sorting and pricing, helping out with book sales, leading the library book club discussions, and serving on the board as chairman for membership for many years.



I am grateful to each and every one of these wonderful volunteers. If you would like to join our team, we need people to help us on Saturdays and Sundays for a weekly two hour shift. You can contact me at [mom2it@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mom2it@sbcglobal.net) I hope to hear from you!

~Diana Fowler

## 2023 “Letters from Santa”

This year the Moorpark Friends of the Library (MFOTL) is again offering a fundraiser titled “Letters from Santa.” For a \$25 donation to the Moorpark Friends of the Library, children will receive a letter from Santa. Included with the letter are 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, you'll receive a link to a YouTube video of Mrs. Claus reading *The Night Before Christmas* and an opportunity to win a visit from Santa!

To receive further information or an order form for this donation you can go to the Moorpark City Library, or to the MFOTL website ([www.mfotl.com](http://www.mfotl.com)), or email: [mfotlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mfotlibrary@gmail.com). The order form with payment 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. Additionally, orders can now be paid online using PayPal on the MFOTL website. The deadline to submit your order is December 2, 2023. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support current programs at the Moorpark City Library.

~Linda Goble





Moorpark Friends of the Library  
Reprises the Original

## "Live Comedy at the Funeral Home"

Clean Comedy Event

In Celebration of Día De Los Muertos



**Matt Kirshen**

Conan, The Tonight Show,  
Finalist on NBC's Last Comic  
Standing, Comedy Central,  
Late Night with Jimmy Fallon



**Rocky Whatule**

Hollywood TV and Stage  
Personality, Friends,  
Showtime, Comedy Central

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

**Time:** 6:30 – 7:15 pm No-host Wine Social & Snacks  
7:15 – 8:30pm Lots of Laughs

**Place:** Perez Family Funeral Home  
1347 Del Norte Road, Camarillo, 93010

**Tickets:**

**\$20** – advance purchase from Friends, at the library or on line via PayPal at [www.mfotl.com](http://www.mfotl.com)  
with a \$2.00 processing fee.

**\$25** – at the door for cash or check payments. Credit card payment of \$27 includes additional  
processing fee.

**All proceeds will go to the Moorpark Friends of the Library dedicated fund for the new library.**

**MAKE YOUR LAUGHTER COUNT**





## October 2023 Library Events

### Solar Eclipse Celebration:

Did you know, on Saturday, October 14, the skies above Moorpark will grace us with a breathtaking solar eclipse? The Moorpark City Library invites you to bring your family and be part of an unforgettable celestial experience! We will be giving away solar eclipse viewing glasses, *while supplies last*, the first two weeks of October.

Eclipse Chalk Art – Monday, October 9, 4 pm – 6 pm

Pocket Solar Systems – Tuesday, October 10, 4 pm – 6 pm

Twinkle Twinkle Storytime – Wednesday, October 11, 10:30 am – 11:15 am

UV Kid – Thursday, October 12, 4 pm – 6 pm

DIY Sun Clock – Friday, October 13, 3 pm – 5 pm

Solar Eclipse Viewing Party – Saturday, October 14, 8 am – 11 am

### Children Programs:

Reading Buddies – Tuesdays, October 10, 17 & 24, 4 pm – 5 pm

Future Einsteins (Grades 1-5) – Saturday, October 14, 11 am – 11:45 am

Kid's Reading Corner (Grades 1-5) – Thursday, October 19, 4 pm – 5 pm

LEGO Robotics (Grades 1-5) – Saturday, October 21, 11 am – 12 pm

### Teen Programs:

Teen Advisory Group – accepting applications for interested students in grades 8-12. Earn community service hours, develop leadership skills, gain valuable experience for job and college applications, meet new friends, and make a difference in the Moorpark community. TAG members must attend monthly meetings held the second Friday of every month September through May. More information can be found on [moorparkca.gov/TeenVolunteers](http://moorparkca.gov/TeenVolunteers).

Comic Book Club – Book: *Creepy Cat* vol. 1 by Cotton Valent, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Monday, October 23 (Grades 6-8)

Monday, November 6 (Grades 9-12)

### Adult Programs:

Read It & Eat It (Italian) – Saturday, October 14, 2 pm – 3 pm

Genre Book Club – Thursday, October 28, 6 pm – 7 pm

Book: *Ghost Summer: Stories* by Tananarive Due (horror)





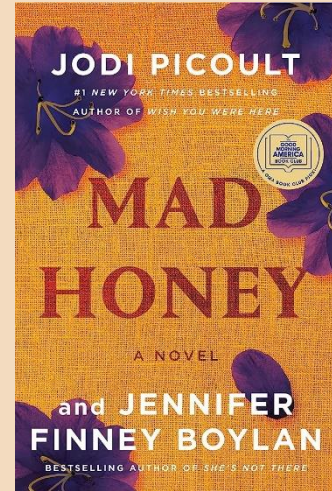
## What Are You Reading?

*Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boyle (2022)

Olivia McAfee knows what it's like to start over. Her picture-perfect life living in Boston, married to a brilliant cardiothoracic surgeon, raising their beautiful son, Asher, was upended when her husband revealed a darker side. She never imagined that she would end up back in her sleepy New Hampshire hometown, living in the house she grew up in and taking over her father's beekeeping business.

Lily Campanello is familiar with do-overs too. When she and her mom relocate to Adams, New Hampshire, for her final year of high school, they both know it will be a fresh start.

For just a short while, these new beginnings are exactly what Lily and Olivia need. Their paths cross when Asher falls for the new girl in school, and Lily can't help but fall for him too. Then one day, Olivia receives a phone call: Lily is dead, and the police are questioning Asher. *Mad Honey* is a riveting novel of suspense, an unforgettable love story, and the exploration of the secrets we keep and the risks we take to become ourselves.



*These two noted authors weaved together a powerful, seamless story that explored topics I did not expect, giving me an entirely new perspective on all. Would I have picked up this book had I known the story premise, perhaps not. Am I glad I did, absolutely!*

~Teri Glazier

## Where the Money Goes

Your Friends of the Library Board of Directors has a very pleasant task twice a year. We pay the bill for six months of library costs for many of the programs that its patrons regularly enjoy. Moreover, we hope you enjoy knowing that your membership, donations, and support of our fundraising events make it all possible!

This month we were delighted to pay for the second half of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 funding for:

- The support of three different book clubs.
- Materials for Crafty Adults.
- Science experiments for our Future Einsteins.
- Enabling continuation of the musical instrument lending program. May the music fill the air!
- Machinations of the LEGO Robotics Club.
- Materials for crafty teens.
- Teen Subscription Boxes.
- The Teen Advisory Group. How great it is that we have involved teens!
- The Los Angeles Dream Shapers, providing programs for Library Summer Reading Shows.

***Thank you for your investment in library enrichment.***

~Rosalie Barili





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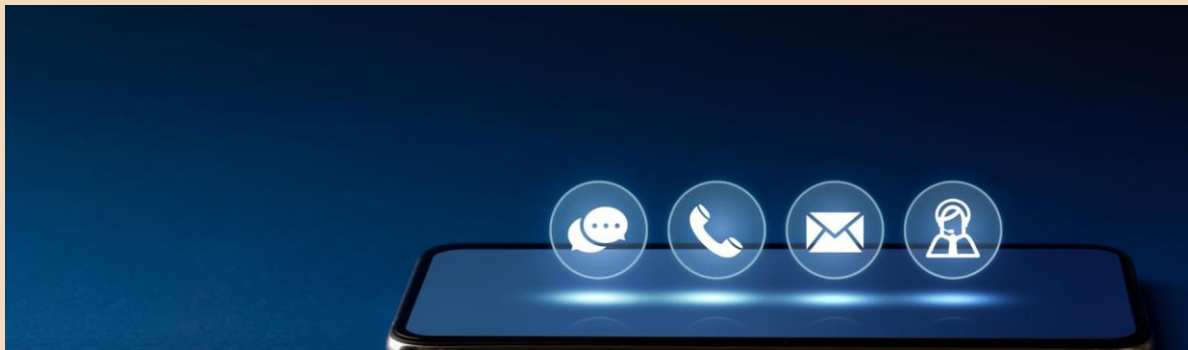


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