



October 2024 Newsletter



By the time you receive this newsletter, several members of your MFOTL Board will have “marched” with library staff in the Country Days Parade on October 5, carrying signs and banners promoting the library, the Friends, and all that the library offers!

On August 27, Congresswoman Julia Brownley visited the Moorpark City Library to present a check for \$850,000 of federal grant money to representatives of the City of Moorpark for the New Library project. Several MFOTL members attended and were able to spend time chatting with Ms. Brownley and City staff. Be sure to check our New Library Progress article for the latest good news!

The Moorpark Morning Rotary Club has approached MFOTL about collaborating on a brick fundraising campaign for the new library. Morning Rotary wants to combine efforts with MFOTL because it recognizes the Friends’ focused mission to support the library and feels that purchasing a brick engraved with the donor’s name to be placed in the library’s landscape is a great way to give the community a feeling of ownership in the new library. A company has been selected to make the bricks that will be placed in the new library’s patio area; ordering would be done through MFOTL’s website with pricing still to be determined. The campaign is expected to kick off in November 2024 (in time to purchase the bricks as holiday gifts) and run until the end of 2025.

I am excited to tell you about two upcoming MFOTL fundraisers:

1. The 4th annual “Letters from Santa” event, which will kick off at Country Days on October 5 (order forms will be available at the library; see below for further details)
2. A Christmas Cookie Decorating Class, to be held on December 6; further information will be forthcoming.

Lastly, I want to bring your attention to the Tiny Art Show, an event put on by the library staff and sponsored in part by MFOTL through our fundraising efforts. Those who wish to participate may register until October 26 and pick up a kit containing canvas and clay to create their tiny art project; the library will offer sessions every weekend in October for participants to paint their creations. A Tiny Reception with tiny bubbles, tiny cookies, and the like will be held on November 2.

Bernadette McDowell
President, Moorpark Friends of the Library

“Biggest Little Bookstore” Update!

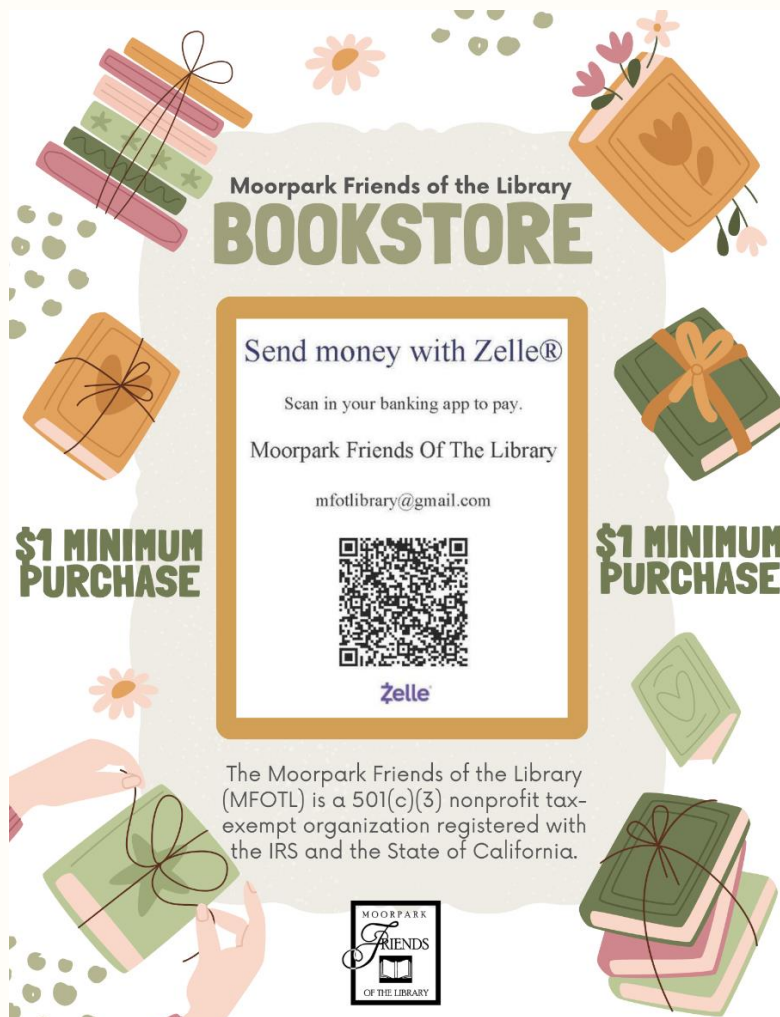
The Moorpark Friends of the Library used bookstore is moving.....into the 21st Century! Thanks to our treasurer’s daughter, Jessica Jerome, we are finally set up with Zelle to accept payments. In the past we have only been able to accept cash; however, not everyone likes to carry cash. We now have this option for the bookstore, and special book sale purchases. What’s old is new in our bookstore. We have boxes of vintage books that will be showing up on our shelves with books priced according to researched value. What is the difference between an old book versus a vintage book? Anything older than 50 years old is considered vintage, and that includes me! Old books are anything that has been around for a while. We have some treasures from the early 1900s that are in good, used condition. Come on into the bookstore and peruse these wonderful old (vintage) books that have been lovingly kept for generations.

Reminder for upcoming book sales on the first Friday of each month:

Friday Nov. 4th – adult fiction, on the porch of the library.

Friday December 6th – Holiday books for both adults and children, on the table outside our workroom inside the library.

~Diana Fowler



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The sign is surrounded by illustrations of books, gift boxes, and flowers. The background is light green with a white cloud-like shape in the center.

New Library Progress!

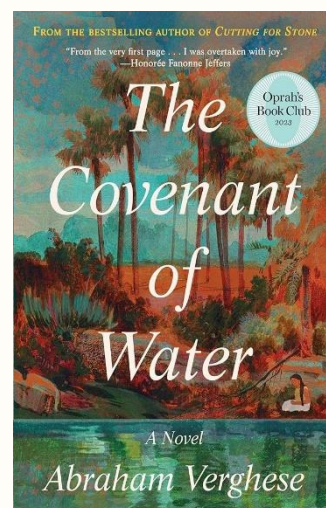
Construction plans are in “plan check” phase. All city agencies’ plan checks are done, and we are waiting on some county agencies. We are targeting out-to-bid by the end of the year with the goal being to break ground in Winter 2024/2025. The city identified a company that creates children’s spaces for hospitals and amusement parks to design the new library’s children’s area. The theme can only be described as, “a fun, whimsical, sophisticated apricot tree.” Continue to keep an eye out for library updates in the MFOTL newsletters!

What Are You Reading?

The Covenant of Water (2023) by Abraham Verghese

Spanning the year 1900 to 1977, *The Covenant of Water* is set in Kerala, on India’s Malabar Coast, and follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning, and in Kerala water is everywhere. At the turn of the century, a twelve-year-old girl from Kerala’s Christian community, grieving the death of her father, is sent by boat to her wedding where she will meet her forty-year-old husband for the first time. From this unforgettable new beginning, the young girl and future matriarch, Big Ammachi, will witness unthinkable changes over the span of her extraordinary life; full of joy and triumph, as well as hardship and loss, her faith and love are constants.

It is Big Ammachi’s greatest hope that someone will someday discover the cause of, and thus the cure for, this Condition. The book explores the caste system of India, spotlights the small Christian community within India, critiques the British imperial presence, and reveals much about Indian culture, history, and politics in the process. As a physician, Verghese also provides graphic and detailed scenes of illness, surgery, and recovery.



Spanning 715 pages, *The Covenant of Water* was a late summer read that kept my attention throughout. India has become a new fascination, as I have read five books on India by three different authors, with this last book being my favorite. The characters and the country seem to come alive with his description of life in this unique part of India. I highly recommend this book.

~Teri Glazier

Fundraising Committee Update: Exciting Events for the Holiday Season

The Moorpark Friends of the Library (MFOTL) Fundraising Committee is thrilled to share our exciting projects lined up for the end of the year! We've been hard at work to bring the community some fantastic events that support our library, and we hope you will join in the fun by volunteering to assist in any of our projects.

~Lori Preciado

“Letters from Santa” 2024!

We have officially launched our fourth annual “Letters from Santa” event! This beloved holiday tradition gets bigger and better each year. For 2024, we are offering two festive packages that include a personalized letter from Santa for your child/ren, along with coupons for special treats from several local businesses. This heartwarming opportunity is a great way to bring holiday magic to your family.



To order, visit the Moorpark Library for an order form or print out the one attached [here](#). Instructions for submittal and payment are detailed on the form, including how to order and pay online. Remember, forms must be received by December 2, 2024, and a maximum of 50 packages are available. The winning tickets for the home visit and additional raffle will be drawn on December 6, and

the home visit is scheduled for December 14. This is a joyous event that brings smiles to children and adults alike. Be sure to get your orders in early and join in spreading the holiday cheer!

Christmas Cookie Decorating Class

For those looking to tap into their creativity this holiday season, we are hosting a Christmas Cookie Decorating class on December 6, from 7 p.m. –9 p.m. Led by professional baker Julie Safley, owner of Killer Confections in Calabasas, this class is perfect for adults and teens 13 and up.

The class is hands-on, and everyone will get to decorate six 6”- 8” holiday-themed cookies to take home. All materials are provided, including the recipes, so you will be able to recreate your masterpieces at home! The class costs \$50.00 per person, and all proceeds will go directly to supporting the Moorpark Library. Space is limited to 25 participants, so be sure to reserve your spot soon by calling Lori Preciado at 805-433-3766. This event is a perfect way to kick off the holidays with friends and family while learning something new.



Personalized Bricks for the New Library Patio

Looking for a lasting way to celebrate a loved one or commemorate a special occasion? We are excited to announce the rollout of our Personalized Bricks fundraiser for the new Moorpark Library patio. In collaboration with the Moorpark Morning Rotary Club and the City of Moorpark, the Moorpark Friends of the Library will offer the community the opportunity to purchase a personalized brick that will be installed on the patio of our new library, leaving a lasting legacy for future generations.

This unique fundraiser will run from November 2024 through December 2025, giving plenty of time to think about gifting a personalized brick for holidays, birthdays, memorials, or other special occasions. Stay tuned as we finalize the details on how to order and make payments, with more information coming in November.

This project is an incredible way to support the Moorpark Library's future while creating something meaningful and permanent in the community. Keep an eye out for more announcements as we gear up to launch this special opportunity!

As you can see, the Fundraising Committee has been working tirelessly to bring these wonderful events to our community. Your participation and support mean the world to us, and every dollar raised helps strengthen our beloved library. Thank you for being part of these exciting projects and for continuing to support the Moorpark Friends of the Library!

Winners!

We are delighted to conclude our contest for stories about how a library changed or affected lives. The winners of the contest are pictured below, receiving their prizes.

Thank you, Pam Orren and Diana Fowler!



October and November Library Events!

Children's Programs:

Reading Buddies - Tuesdays, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

LEGO Robotics - Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Golden Grades Tutoring - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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 - Saturday, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Adult Programs:

Crafty Adults (ages 16+) - 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 on Zoom - Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

October 14 - *Muppets in Moscow* by Natasha Lance Rogoff

November 11 - *Under the Whispering Door* by TJ Klune

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

October 24 - *Soulless* by Gail Carriger

November 21 - *The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett

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

UPCOMING
EVENTS

International Libraries Tour - Third Stop: Ireland

Join us for another wonderful stop on our international libraries tour! The largest library in Ireland can be found at Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath (Trinity College Dublin) and it was founded during the establishment of the University in 1592. The Trinity College Library currently houses over six million volumes with extensive collections of journals, manuscripts, maps and music with the most famous of its manuscripts being the Book of Kells and the Book of Durrow. Both are some of the earliest intact gospel books to survive in Western Europe dating back to around 650-700 A.D. The Library now has a triple role - as a university library, a research library of international repute, and a provider of information to government departments, research organizations, and technical, industrial and commercial bodies within Ireland (<https://www.tcd.ie/library/about/history.php>). Stay tuned to see which library we will visit next!



~Eleanor LaBarbera

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