



December 2024 Newsletter



The Moorpark Friends of the Library have much to be grateful for as 2024 wraps up and we begin preparing to greet the new year. The New Library project is moving forward, several successful fundraising events have been held (see the fundraising updates below), our bookstore is thriving, our membership has grown to 103 members as of the most recent count, and our Board of Directors, which now includes two new members, is dedicated and eager to move forward on a number of projects. MFOTL was able to contribute \$13,000 to the Moorpark City Library for enhanced programming in 2024 and the fund balance in the MFOTL investment account for the New Library continues to grow.

More mundanely, but nevertheless important to the functioning of our organization, we have updated the MFOTL Bylaws and Standing Rules, we are working to make our website ADA compliant, and we have implemented additional methods of payment (Zelle and QR codes) to make it as easy as possible for you and others to pay for purchases, including event tickets and bookstore items.

Your MFOTL Board hopes that 2024 was a successful year for you as well. We wish you a peaceful holiday season!

Bernadette McDowell
President, Moorpark Friends of the Library



Happy Holidays from the “Biggest Little Bookstore”!

Want to start a new Christmas Eve tradition? **Jolabokaflod is the answer.**

Jolabokaflod can be translated into Yule book flood or Christmas book flood. This is an Icelandic Christmas tradition where you gift members of your family with new books and then you drink hot cocoa and spend the whole of Christmas Eve reading those books.

The “Biggest Little Bookstore” inside the Moorpark City Library can help with its plethora of wonderful books for gift giving. We have books for children starting at \$0.50: board books, picture books, easy readers, and chapter books. We have books for teens and young adults, including fantasy, sci-fi, classic, and graphic novels. For adults, we have many fiction novels and nonfiction books on various subjects, including some beautiful coffee table books starting at \$1.00-\$10.00. Stop by the bookstore to purchase some books to start your own Jolabokaflod Christmas Eve tradition.

-Diana Fowler

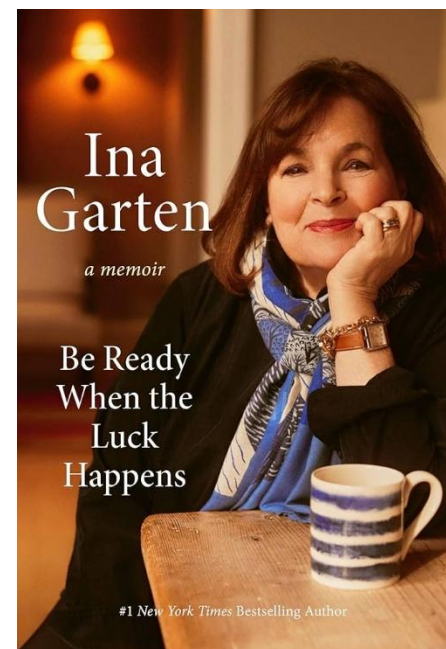
What Are You Reading?

Ina Garten, a memoir. Be Ready When Luck Happens (2024)

Ina presents an intimate, entertaining, and inspiring account of her remarkable journey. Ina’s gift is to make everything look easy, yet all her accomplishments have been the result of hard work, audacious choices, and exquisite attention to detail. She brings her past and her process to life in a high-spirited and no-holds-barred memoir that chronicles decades of personal challenges, adventures, (and misadventures), and unexpected career twists. From a difficult childhood, to meeting the love of her life, Jeffrey, and marrying him while still in college, from a boring bureaucratic job in Washington D.C., to answering an ad for a food specialty shop in the Hamptons, from the owner of one Barefoot Contessa shop to author of bestselling cookbooks and celebrated television host, Ina has blazed her own trail and, in the meantime, taught millions of people how to cook and entertain.

Not often do I read autobiographies/memoirs, but as a favorite cookbook author and television host, I had to learn more about her and how she carved her path to achieve such success. You appreciate her even more as she shares intimate challenges in her life. The book includes some favorite recipes as well. This book would make a great holiday gift for the aspiring chef in your life.

-Teri Glazier



Christmas Cookie Decorating Class

MFOTL put the Fun in fundraising with our incredible Christmas Cookie Decorating Class led by professionally French-trained pastry chef Julie Safley of Killer Confections in Calabasas! It was a huge success with the bonus of creative fun, friendship and yummy cookies. Thank you everyone that attended for supporting the Moorpark City Library.

-Lori Preciado



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BE OUR GUEST

Do you know that anyone may attend a meeting of the MFOTL Board of Directors? It has been announced at various times in our bimonthly newsletters, but we want to make sure everyone interested knows how and when to join a meeting.

Who: You and others who might be interested in joining us!

When: The 3rd Tuesday of every other month beginning in January, starting at 2 p.m.

Where: Conference Room of the Ruben Castro Human Services facility

How to Attend: Just pick your desired date and notify the board president at MFOTLpresident@gmail.com three days before to receive information about attendance.

Information will be published in all issues of the newsletter and on the website.

We warmly welcome you to learn more about what MFOTL does to support the Moorpark City Library, especially as we move forward to our beautiful new library!

The next six meetings (2025) are scheduled for: January 21, March 18, May 20, July 15, September 18, November 18.

December and January Library Events!

All Age Programs:

Studio Ghibli Guild – Last Saturday of every month, 5 p.m.

December 28 – *Spirited Away*

January 25 – *The Secret World of Arrietty*

Children's Programs:

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

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

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

Golden Grades Tutoring – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 p.m. – 6 p.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+) – Thursday, January 2, 2 p.m. or 6 p.m.

Book Club for Adults on Zoom – Monday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

RSVP to Jaime Richards at writetorichards@gmail.com



“Letters from Santa” 2024!

The Moorpark Friends of the Library just completed their 4th annual fundraiser titled “Letters from Santa.” Once again, this fundraiser was an enormous success!

For a donation to the Moorpark Friends of the Library, children received a letter from Santa personally addressed to them. Included with the letter were coupons for free items including books from the MFOTL bookstore and treats from generous local merchants: 7-11, Ubatuba Acai, Krav Maga, McDonald’s and Coffee a la Mode. In addition, there was a raffle ticket providing an opportunity to win a visit from Santa, and a raffle ticket to win a coupon from Lucky Strike for a bowling session for two with a Baskins Robbins treat.

A highlight of the event was our reindeer/car caravan to the winning family’s home on December 14. Santa (aka Robert Perez) was driven to the winning child’s home by Elf Steve Preciado and gave out gifts. Mrs. Claus (aka Rosalie Barili) and some of Santa’s elves also brought joy to the winning child. Santa and the Friends of the Library look forward to more fun with “Letters from Santa” 2025!

- Linda Goble



“Letters from Santa”

December 14, 2024



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Many thanks to our Friends for their continued support!

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