



# June 2024



## Newsletter

This is an exciting time for the Moorpark City Library, the Moorpark community, and the Moorpark Friends of the Library! After many years of delays, groundbreaking for construction of the New Library is expected to take place either this fall or early 2025. I am beginning my term as MFOTL President with the following goals:

- To increase active membership in MFOTL
- To keep the Moorpark community updated on progress of the New Library Project
- To reach out to the business community for support of the library as a most vital community resource
- To coordinate with local service organizations on fundraising events

Now that construction of the New Library is about to begin, it is imperative that MFOTL ramp up fundraising efforts for interior enhancements of the new building. Moorpark City Library staff will present specifics at the upcoming Membership Appreciation Event; details can be found in the newsletter. I hope you will all attend—and bring a non-member friend or neighbor with you. Please consider taking an active role in MFOTL if you have not already. We need your ideas and assistance. Our membership team and fundraising committee will be reaching out to you!

Bernadette McDowell  
President, Moorpark Friends of the Library



## It's All About You!

Truly, it is. It's all about your support: your membership, your participation in MFOTL events, your donations, and your commitment to supporting our librarians as they make our library so meaningful and relevant to the lives of our community—just check out the monthly calendar!

So, we thank YOU for the support that allowed the Moorpark Friends of the Library to provide materials and participation in three significant events.

### **Kids' Fest on April 27.**

A constant stream of families enjoyed the crafts tables, comic book giveaways, visit and pictures with—wait for it—**Spiderman**, cartoon classes and visit with author Dan Gutman, touch-a-truck, children's book giveaways, and a special kit to make Spiderman masks and capes. Altogether, a great day!

### **Earth Festival and Community Yard Sale on May 4.**

Drizzly weather didn't put a damper on the popularity of the library's and MFOTL's joined tables, for sure. Together, we told the story of the life of a book, showing how it was loved at every stage of ownership, and even lived on through recycling. And we helped children make biodegradable pots from newspaper, filling them with soil and seeds, and taking them home to plant.

### **Moorpark Apricot Festival, May 11.**

Back into sunshine, a beautiful day to help children enthusiastically decorate cloth squares, telling their own and their family's stories. Look for the quilt that will be constructed from the squares and hung in the library.

*Thank  
You*

Again,

from Your Moorpark Friends of the Library Board

~Rosalie Barili

## Volunteers!

We invite your energy and commitment of time to fulfill our mission of supporting the library and its programs. For a better idea of what we do, and to discover your special interest, you are welcome to attend a board meeting. For further information, contact us to select a date from the following upcoming 2024 meeting dates:

July 16  
September 17  
November 19



# Come To The MESStival

Here's your chance to let your inner kid play with bubbles, mud, tie-dye, and other goopy fun projects at the Moorpark Library's MESStival on the opening day of the 2024 Summer Reading Program. Well, it's really for the kids and grandkids, but...



## MESStival

SUMMER READING  
**ADVENTURE**  
AT MOORPARK CITY LIBRARY

**Kona Ice & Pizza Man Dan's**  
available for purchase!  
(proceeds to benefit the Moorpark  
Friends of the Library)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15,**  
**FROM 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

### Slime Station



Discover how mixing glue (a polymer) with an activator like contact lens solution triggers a chemical reaction called cross-linking, transforming the mixture into a stretchy, squishy non-Newtonian fluid.

### Finger Painting



Through the simple act of finger painting, children explore the fundamentals of color theory, discovering how primary colors mix to create new hues. They experiment with texture and patterns with every stroke and swirl.

### Sharpie Tie-Dye



Witness firsthand the fascinating process of diffusion, as rubbing alcohol spreads and blends Sharpie ink, creating beautiful, tie-dye effects that illustrate how liquids can move and mix.

### Mud Pies & Seed Bombs



Dig your hands into rich, earthy soil, blending it with water, clay, and seeds to create your very own seed bombs and mud pies.

### Bubbles



Discover how surface tension works to create perfect spheres and why bubbles pop when they land on dry surfaces.

### Sensory Play



Children are invited to engage their senses through a variety of hands-on activities designed to stimulate creativity and curiosity.

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**DON'T MISS IT!**

~Rosalie Barili

## Membership Appreciation & New Library Project Information Event!

Please join us on Friday evening, June 21, at the City Library for our Annual Membership Appreciation event. Program presenters include our library staff and a city representative who will provide exciting updates and current information about the New Library Project.

From Library Director, Christine Conwell: *"Join us in celebrating 'A New Chapter' for our community. The new library symbolizes a transformative step forward, ushering in an era of renewed opportunity and inspiration. This is more than a new facility; it's the beginning of an exciting journey that redefines our community's story. This library will be a beacon of knowledge and innovation, empowering future generations and fostering a spirit of collaboration and discovery. Together, we turn the page to a future where every resident has access to the resources, support, and inspiration they need to thrive."*

You, our valued "Friends," are an essential part of this event! We encourage you to bring a non-member friend or neighbor. As we move toward the reality of our long-awaited new library building, support from the Friends of the Library becomes more important than ever, and we welcome your ideas. Find out how you can help with fundraising and other support by expanding your involvement. We hope to see many of you on June 21 at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. And remember ~ bring a **new** "Friend!"

~Lou Langkusch

## International Libraries Tour - Second Stop: France



Continue with us on our trip around the globe to see what international libraries have to offer! Located in the heart of Paris, behind the Palais Royal, the Richelieu palace is the historic location of the Bibliothéque Nationale de France (National Library of France) and houses the museum as well as a reading room. The Oval Room is a beautiful, free to access, reading room containing over 20,000 books to peruse. The collection mainly centers around art history, theater and show history, maps, manuscripts, ancient coins and medallions, and music.

However, it also includes an extensive collection of graphic novels with over 9,000 volumes. The first rendition of the library was created under King Louis XI, and from 1537 it has received a copy of every French publication. First opened to the public in 1692, the library was moved to the Mazarin Palace on Rue de Richelieu in 1721, where it recently underwent 12 years of restoration work that concluded in September 2022. Not only is there a library but spread over 1,200 square meters is a museum that explores the history of France through the collections of the royal family and the national library that established itself after the Revolution. To keep visitors returning to the museum, the collections are renewed every three months (<https://www.bnf.fr/fr/richelieu>). Stay tuned to see which library we will visit next!

~Eleanor LaBarbera

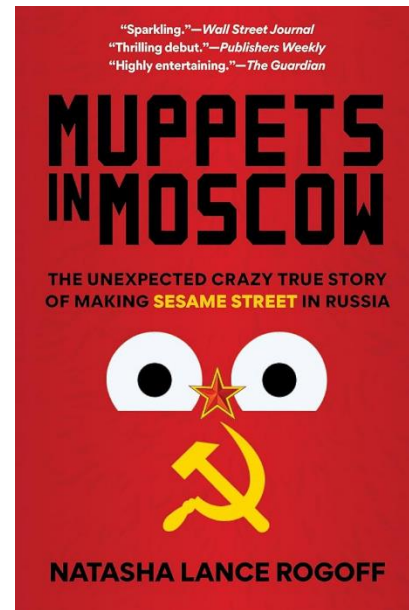
## What Are You Reading?

*Muppets in Moscow: The Unexpected Crazy True Story of Making Sesame Street in Russia* (2022) by Natasha Lance Rogoff

After the collapse of the Soviet empire in the 1990's, the timing appeared to be perfect to bring Sesame Street to Russia, with the Muppets envisioned as ideal ambassadors of western values. In this gripping tale, Rogoff recounts how she and her team of talented Moscow artists faced bombings, assassinations, and a military takeover of their production office. Even so, they remained determined to bring laughter, learning, and a new way of seeing the world to millions of children across the former Soviet Union.

Recommended by fellow Friends member, Susan Salmore, *Muppets in Moscow* offers an invaluable perspective of the Russian people and their culture that is crucial to understanding Russia's complicated relationship with the West today. I found most interesting the thought process behind the creation of the two lead Russian Muppets and the neighborhood they would live in that best depicts Russian life. I don't often read non-fiction, but I thoroughly enjoyed this book.

~Teri Glazier



## June and July Library Events!

### Children's Programs:

Storytime in the Parks - Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Locations found here - <https://www.moorparkca.gov/690/Programs-Events>

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.

Manga Meetup (Grades 9-12) - Fridays, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Crafty Teens - Saturdays, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons - Fridays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Adult Programs:

Crafty Adults (Ages 16+) - First Thursday of the month, 2 p.m. or 6 p.m.

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

Knot & Hook (Ages 13+) - Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Dungeon & Dragons (Ages 13+) - Wednesdays, 5 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

## How a Library Changed (or Affected) My Life: Diana Fowler

When I was eight years old, my parents uprooted our family from a neighborhood with children my own age in a suburb of Chicago all the way to Pasadena, California. My dreams of living next door to Disneyland were not fulfilled, and neither were my hopes of moving to another neighborhood filled with children. We were on a street where almost every house seemingly was occupied by a widowed senior citizen.

Fortunately, I come from a family of avid readers, my mother and two older sisters could always be found with their noses in a book, and I was always trying to be like them. During the long months of summer 1966, I was bored to tears without playmates, so my mother took me to the library.



Our closest library was one of Pasadena's smaller libraries, The Hill Avenue Branch Library. Spanish architecture on the outside and Mission style furnishings on the inside gave it a warm feeling. It was here that I discovered the books that would save me from boredom. That first summer I would leave the library with stacks of books by Beverly Cleary, and the Carolyn Haywood series of Betsy and Star stories. That library became the place I looked forward to visiting during the summer, where I discovered new books to spend my time with. That library was where I learned about the card catalog, and it was there that I gathered information for my fifth-grade report about the Civil War and my sixth-grade report about London. I can still remember sitting at the library's long wooden tables surrounded by encyclopedias. That library was the reason I took an elective class in middle school called Library Practice, where one period a day I got to help in the school library and learned to shelve books and follow the Dewey Decimal System. That beautiful library is still there, and I drive past it whenever I am in Pasadena. I know that by now the long wooden tables and card catalogs have probably been replaced with computers and desks, but in my mind, it is still the perfect little library for a lonely little girl.

~Diana Fowler

### Porch Sales!

The MFOTL series of "Pop-Up" porch sales started on June 7 and will continue every first Friday of the month:



July 5  
August 2  
September 6  
October 4  
November 1  
December 6

Keep an eye on your calendars and make sure to get there bright and early for the best selection!

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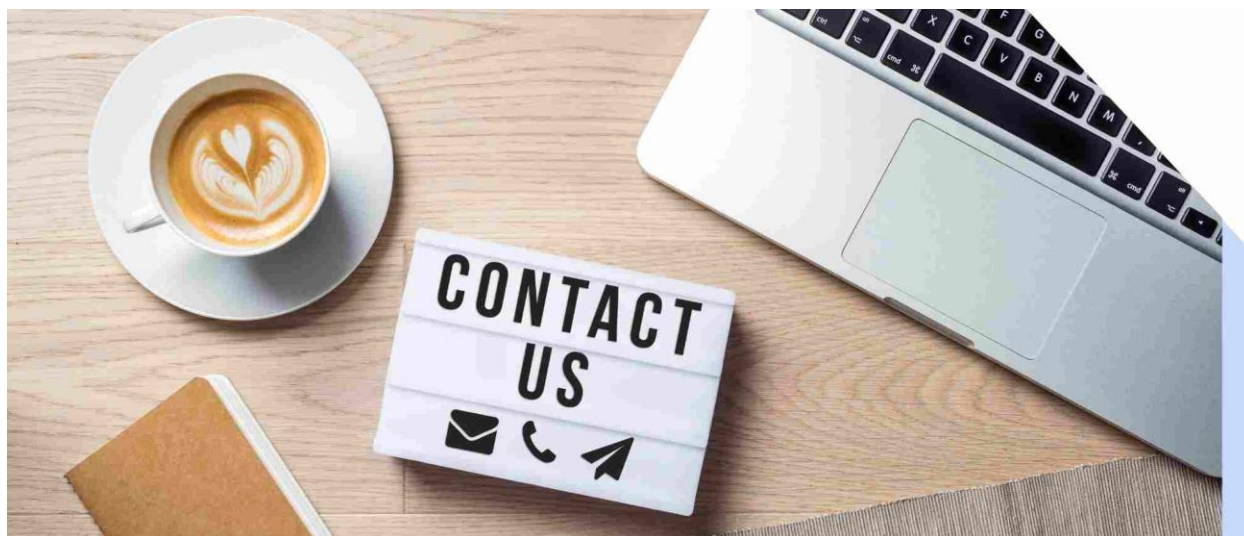
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