



October 2021 Newsletter



THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!

Things are slowly inching their way back to what feels more like the times of a few years ago. One great example is that this year Moorpark was able to bring back Moorpark Country Days! People had the opportunity to not only enjoy the festive parade on High Street, but also had the chance to visit a plethora of wonderful booths. If you were there, I hope you had a chance to check the Moorpark Friends of the Library used book sale!

Many holidays are waiting just around the corner, and we have fun holiday books available in the bookstore, so be sure to check them out. Speaking of holidays, the Friends of the Library have a new FUNdraiser coming to you for your family and kids! Santa will send a letter to your child/children that will include some goodies and a chance for Santa to visit your house. Get the details inside this newsletter. What a wonderful gift for your child or grandchild!

We are all thankful for the cooling weather and being able to see family and friends again while still being safe and careful. We look forward to seeing everyone either at the library, MFOTL events, or around town.

Theresa Tardif
President, Moorpark Friends of the Library

Hello



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Update from MFOTL's "Biggest Little Bookstore"

We thank you for your donations of used books over the past few months, which enabled us to bring many cartons of books to our Country Days booth on High Street on Saturday October 2. We had a grand total of seven tables with books for adults, children, and teens, along with an assortment of DVDs. It was a pleasure to see how excited people got when choosing books to fill their bags for \$5.00. The sale continued on the porch of the library until October 11, but if you missed out on that, you can always visit the MFOTL used bookstore in The Moorpark City Library during library hours. There are fantastic books waiting to be purchased for the low price of \$2.00 for hardback books, \$1.00 for paperback books, and \$0.50 for teen and children's books. Additionally, we have a wonderful selection of DVDs. Does your teen need a classic book for a school reading assignment or are you hoping to catch up on some of the classics yourself? We have many of the classics that sell for \$0.50 each. Want to try some new recipes at home? Check out our collection of cookbooks – as I write this we have a beautiful set of Williams Sonoma cookbooks along with many others. Trying to keep your mind sharp? We have some activity and coloring books tailored for grown-ups.

We are in the planning stages of another Bag of Books Parking Lot sale in the very near future, and being a member of the Friends of the Library means you will get to shop earlier than the public and pay only \$4.00 per bag! Look for a special email about this in the future.

We may be small but we have a little of everything for everyone.

~Diana Fowler

MOORPARK BOOK CLUB PROJECT

Are you a member of a Book Club in Moorpark? The Moorpark Friends of the Library want to discover all the Book Clubs that exist in our tiny town. We are conducting an informal survey to confirm our hunch that Moorpark residents are sharing their love of reading. The survey is attached. Complete the survey and e-mail to mfotlibrary@gmail.com or mail to: MFOTL, P.O. Box 452, Moorpark, CA 93020.

[Bookclub Project.pdf](#)

~Teri Glazier



Letters from Santa

The Moorpark Friends of the Library is excited to offer a fundraiser titled "Letters from Santa." For a \$25 donation to the MFOTL, children will receive a letter from Santa. Also included with the letter are holiday stickers, coupons for free items such as two books from the Friends of the Library Bookstore, plus a few treats from local businesses. As an added bonus, you'll receive a link to a YouTube video of Santa and Mrs. Claus reading *Twas the Night Before Christmas* and an opportunity to win a visit from Santa.

To receive further information or if you have any questions, please email us at mfotlibrary@gmail.com. The order form and \$25 donation 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. The deadline is Friday, December 3, 2021. Proceeds from this fundraiser support the City Library's enrichment programs.

Some questions we have already received are whether we have a fillable form and whether you can pay online.

The order form included with this newsletter is a "fillable" form for your use if you find it convenient and are familiar with them. Whether you use the fillable form or just print the order form and fill it in manually, we must receive a hard copy of the form with your payment.

In either case, we need a check to accompany the mailed order, since we are not yet set up for payments online. As noted on the order form, payments may be made in cash or check at the library.

[Letters from Santa Order Form.pdf](#)

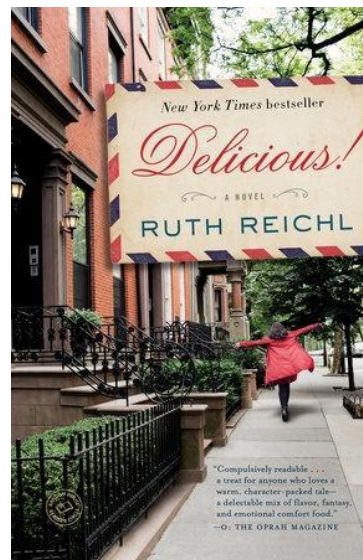
~Teri Glazier

Book Recommendations: What Are You Reading?

Delicious! by Ruth Reichl

I recently had the distinct pleasure of reading *Delicious!* by Ruth Reichl. I was drawn to this book by the promise of connecting with the culinary elite, and Reichl's brilliant descriptions of food did not disappoint. I found it to be thoroughly entertaining -- a perfect choice for the foodie in me.

Billie Breslin, a young California woman, possesses a lifelong uncanny gift for detecting the spot-on nuances of herbs and spices in any food. After college, she accepts a position with trendy gourmet magazine *Delicious!* in New York. As it turns out, she can also cook with the best of them, though lacking formal training. Billie's adventures in The Big Apple are as utterly charming as she is. They are just dangerous enough to be fun, and eventually thrust her into the world of mystery.



Delicious! is based on the true stories of the trailblazing epicurean magazine, *Gourmet*. Ruth Reichl has been editor-in-chief for of *Gourmet* ten years when it was ultimately sold and discontinued in 2009.

P.S. Our main character's signature dish is her grandmother's gingerbread. The recipe, included in this book, sounds amazingly "delicious!" I can't wait to make it!

~Lou Langkusch



What The Eyes Don't See by Mona Hanna-Attisha

The inspiring story of how Dr. Mona, alongside a team of researchers, parents, friends, and community leaders, discovered that the children of Flint, Michigan were being exposed to lead in the tap water and then battled their own government and a brutal backlash to expose the truth to the world. Paced like a scientific thriller, this book reveals how misguided austerity policies, broken democracy, and callous bureaucratic indifference placed an entire city at risk. And at the center of the story is Dr. Mona herself, an immigrant, doctor, scientist, and mother whose family's activist roots inspired her pursuit of justice.

~Teri Glazier

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