A Season of Gratitude

As the days shorten and the weather cools, I am feeling the warm and fuzzies reflecting on all we have accomplished this year. Thank you for your continued support of our county libraries; your donations truly change lives.

Did you know that each year 35,000 children receive services via Monterey County Free Libraries’ Summer Reading Program, Homework Centers, and Online Tutoring? These core services are made possible because of generous donors like you. That is a lot to be thankful for! Because of you, children have access to library programs that enrich and inspire; programs that foster learning and growth. Together, we truly are Opening Windows to a Larger World.

In Gratitude,

Julia Foster, Executive Director
Words & Wine: Twice as Nice

This year marked FMCFL’s 25th annual Words & Wine gala. What a fun event! We wined and dined, and most important, raised funds for our libraries. YES, because of your support, we met our campaign goal and raised $50,000, which will directly support MCFL’s homework assistance programs.

Additionally, this year our sponsors generously funded a family-friendly event geared especially for youth. Held at Soledad High School and open to all, this event featured STEM workshops facilitated by Chevron’s FABLAB and Greenfield Community Science Workshop, as well as a special presentation by Grant Imahara. What a treat to see families and youth share in the love for libraries and all that libraries offer! Sparks flew, paper airplanes soared, people got messy, and hearts and minds were opened. At the event’s end each child left with a 3-D printed "Key to Success" and don't we know that to be true: Libraries truly are one of the keys to success.

Special thanks to our many sponsors for making these events possible. It’s true: your support does change lives for the better!

Didn't make this year's events? Planning is already underway for 2020! Stay tuned for exciting news to be announced soon...
Be the Love and GIVE Today

Monterey County Gives! is a partnership between the Weekly, the Community Foundation for Monterey County and the Monterey Peninsula Foundation that pools resources to raise millions of dollars for local nonprofits in a matter of weeks. FMCFL is lucky to be one of the nonprofits featured in this year’s campaign. Will you join the movement and make a donation today?

Each nonprofit must submit a BIG IDEA, which your donations directly support, and this year FMCFL’s BIG IDEA is to expand MCFL’s award-winning homework center assistance programs. Currently, MCFL offers homework centers at 10 of its branches but the need to offer in-person homework assistance is needed at ALL of MCFL’s branches, including the smaller and more rural branches like Aromas, Buena Vista, Big Sur, San Ardo, San Lucas, and Parkfield.

These homework centers are one-stop shops that offer reading assistance, help with math and writing assignments and even makerspace/STEM activities. During the summer months MCFL’s homework centers stay open and offer free lunch in the library to children and teens in need, and also facilitate other funsummer learning opportunities to help prevent learning loss over the summer months (the "Summer Slide")

GIVE your end-of-year, tax deductible donation today (or before midnight on December 31st). Visit: https://bit.ly/2LDJioS

Librarian’s Corner

We are thrilled to introduce Hillary Thayer as MCFL’s new Library Director. Hillary started at MCFL in August and has hit the ground running. Hillary brings a breadth of experience to her new position (lucky us!), including acting as a Children’s Librarian, Reference Librarian, Branch Manager, Youth Services Supervisor, Principal Librarian, and City Librarian for Torrance Public Library.

Additionally, Hillary has a Master of Library Science from UCLA, and a Master in Public Administration from Cal State Long Beach. Oh, and she is also currently the President of the California Library Association. See what we mean? We are lucky to have Hillary leading our Monterey County Free Libraries. Join us in welcoming Hillary to Monterey County! We look forward to sharing her column in our next newsletter issue.
Your Support Changes Lives: Thank You!

We sincerely thank the below mentioned individuals and organizations who generously donated to the Foundation for Monterey County Free Libraries. Your support changes lives -- thank you!

For more information, visit: www.fmcf.org

Recent Grants:
Anonymous
Arts Council for Monterey County
Community Foundation for Monterey County
Eagles for Education
Monterey Peninsula Foundation
Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation
Northern Monterey County Foundation

Individual Donations:
Acosta, Denea Lynn
Addleman, Jayant and Stephen
Alderete, Anna L
Arrellano, Constance Regina
Astengo, Be and Alan Katz
Ausonio, Nancy
Ballesteros, Linhra R
Barnes, Jim and June
Bauman, Lew and Jennifer Stone
Beck, Carol
Bednar, Elizabeth A
Bejar-Castro, Rosala
Bennett, Michael W
Bishop, Barbara
Bittner, Barbara
Bleisch, Harold and Jacqueline
Blevins, Shirley S
Block, Jan
Bravo, Mariaelena
Briscoe, Richard and Demi
Broccini, Paul P
Brousek, Thomas
Brubaker, Ana E
Bunter, Mark
Cabatu, Mog and Regina
Cain, Katherine
Canning, Jessica
Cano-Dumas, Maria del Rosario
Cavazos, Gloria Rodriguez
Cervantes, Diana Louise
Chilton, Greg and Liz
Chuca, Sonia
Cline, Don and Sheri
Corlett, Mike and Cindy
Coronado, Gonzalo
Criollo, German E
Dathan, Jennifer Caso
De la Torre, Elsa
De Leon, Jesse Gevara
DeSantis, John and Sarah
DeRoches, Charles
Dormody, Heidi Anna
Eastwood, Ron and Carol Cuellar
Espinosa, Maria Christina
Evangelista, Edna Daza
Ferrante, Juanita
Ferris, Kasey Janine
Fowler, Nicole Elizabeth
Franciscovich, Bill and Diane
Gazo, Anna L
Gazzano, Shawn Edward
Glass, Will
Gomes, Maria Janita
Gomes, Sean and Maria
Gonzalez, Deb and Manny
Grier, DL and Linda
Guss, Dr. Deneen
Hanni, Krista D
Harrar, Nancy
Herendeen, Bob and Anne
Hofeffer, John and Frances
Hooper, Richard and Janel Obenchain
Hopkins, William F
House, Robert and Millie
Hrepsych, Naxomi Sunshine
Hunt, Kathy
Jimenez, Diana M
Jimenez, Elsa Mireya Mendoza
Johnson, Armilda Enriqze
Kadosh, Aviv and Jennifer
Kim, Nan Kyoung
King, John and Eileen
King, Vanessa
Klug, Estrella
Kotowski, Dr. Nancy
Krenz, Matthew Thomas
Lawrence, Laura
Limito, Leinette and Richard
Sumbing
Lo, Fredellen Oreiro
Lomeli, Maria del Rosar D
Lopez-Morales, Juan Pablo
Lorimier, Diane
Lorono, Tet
Lozano, Julie Ann
Madrigal, Olivia
Martinez, Ana
Martinez, Sandra Marie
Mayfield, Peggy C
McClean, Jon and Diana
McKenna, Kate
McShane, Stephen and Danielle
Meineke, Stephanie
Meyers, Alice
Mora, Ruth Leal
Morgan, Patricia and Lourdes Ornelas
Muñoz, Teresa Marie
Murray, Shaunna Lynn
Murray, Constance
Myask, Marti
Navarrette, Kym Rodick
Ngaa, Sheldon
Noll, Elaine Wojcik
Novo, Mike
Oyoque-Ledesma, Leticia
Padilla, Maria P
Pajas, Janel
Pakish, Craig
Palomino, Robert George
Parsons, Marcia Bull
Perez, Kelly
Pezzini, Joe
Potter, Lucy
Radisch, June
Rawlins, Deborah Lynn
Renteria-Galvan, Lupita
Rienda, Norma
Robledo, Angelica Raquel
Roddick, Richard and Patricia
Romero, Tina Marie
Ruiz, Yesenia
Ruiz, Samuel and Yulissa
Rule, Jack
Saetta, Stacy L
Sahagan, Ralph
San Juan, Rosalyn Gonzales
Seavey, Anne Michaels
Shih, Sylvia
Smith, Jennifer and Douglas Holtzman
Smith, Jeff
Soares, Gloria
Soares, Richard and Renate
Straus, Leslie
Tavares, Jennifer M Butz
Theyer, Christian and Hillary
Thomas, James and Sally
Treffy, Nancy J
Valdez, Alma Rosa
Vest, Dawn Anne
Vezzosa, Jeff and Beth
Wallace, Dale
Ward, Jane and Jim
Wells-Robinson, Veronica L
Whitaker, Dani
Willman, Lucy
Winslow, Cindy and John
Ybarra, Sally
Yonemitsu, Dawn Marie
Zoellin, Sylvia J
Zuniga, Martin

Business Donations:
About Time Clock Shop
Adalyn Properties
Alaska Airlines
Allure Salon
Amazon Smile
Annie Glass
Artel Theatrical
Auszino Incorporated
Bianchi, Kasavan & Pope
Billee J. Headley Family Fund
Bloom Wellness Spa
Braga Fresh Family Farms
California Rodeo
Cardinale Moving & Storage
Chamber Music Monterey Bay
Chevron Corporation
Children’s Discovery Museum of San Jose
Chilton & House
Claudio’s Specialty Breads
Electrolysis & Massage
Electrolysis & Massage
Claudio’s Specialty Breads
Electrolysis & Massage
Electrolysis & Massage

Foundation for Monterey County Free Libraries is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization

450 Lincoln Ave., Ste 203
Salinas, CA 93901
Phone: (831) 424-3564
www.fmcf.org

WINTER 2019 | NEWSLETTER
OPENING WINDOWS TO A LARGER WORLD

Fishwife Restaurant
Friends of the King City Library
Googie Grill
Lavorato & Darling, Inc
Luís’s Chocolates
McShane’s Landscape Supply
Mechanics Bank
Monterey Bay Aquarium
Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa
My Museum
Ocean Mist Farms
Old Fisherman’s Grotto
Pac Rep Theater
Pacific Valley Bank
Parkfield Library
Pebble Beach Co. Foundation
Princess Monterey Whale Watching
Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System
San Ardo Library
San Lucas Library
Santa Lucia Highlands Wine Artisans
Sardine Factory
Scales Seafood and Steaks
Swenson & Silacci
Tanimore & Antle, Inc.
The Don Chapin Company
The Fish Hopper Restaurant
The Haute Enchilada Cafe
The Whole Enchilada
Vintners and Growers Association
VinVision
Wave Street Café