

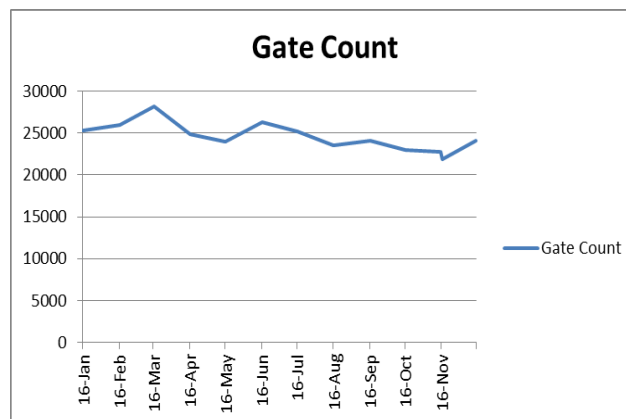
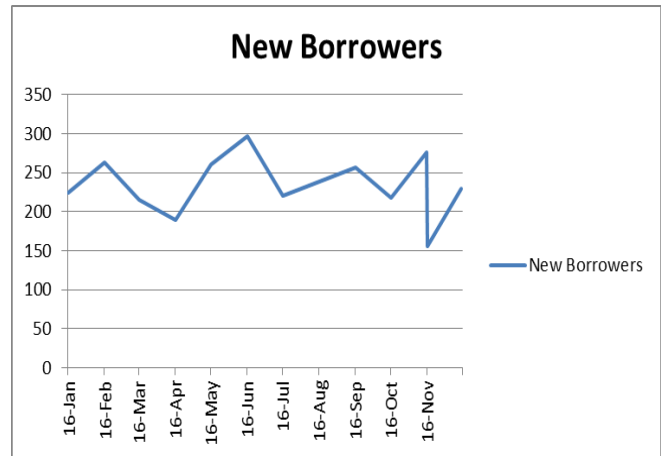
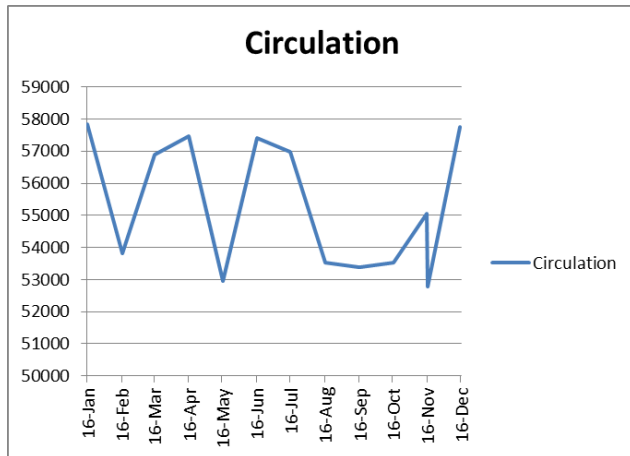
Library Commission Report

January 3rd, 2017

Saralyn Otter, Acting Community Librarian



November Statistics



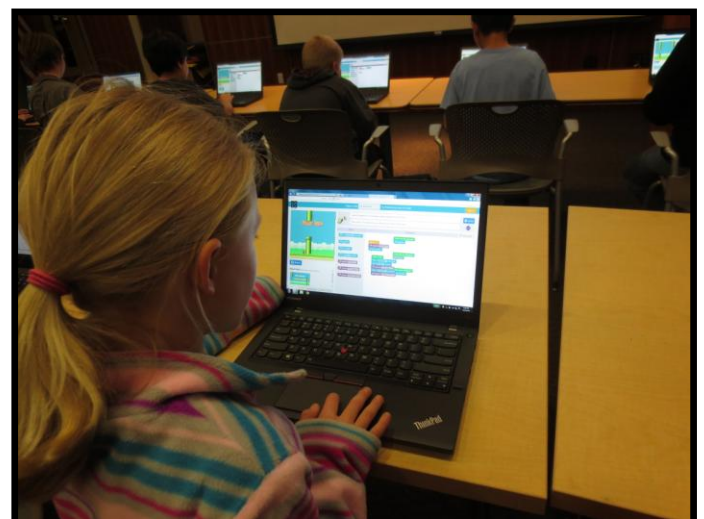
December Highlights

Holiday Crafting

Over 75 people joined us for hot cocoa and a variety of holiday crafts including making gift bags, ornaments, and other holiday decorations.

Hour of Code

The Morgan Hill Library participated in an "Hour of Code," a global event, where kids learn basic code to create a program. During the Morgan Hill event, each participant created their own Flappy Birds game. We were able to host 15 kids, 3rd-8th grade, with the use of the library system's mobile laptop lab.



Noon Year's Eve Party

On December 31st a Noon Year's Eve party was held for children and their families to celebrate the start of a new year. The kids made party hats and fireworks paintings, and counted down as the clock stuck 12pm. Balloons were dropped and noise makers sounded!

Outreach

The Children's staff has been continuing to provide monthly visits to the Terracina apartment's after-school program. Each month the Children's Librarians bring a hands-on activity for the school-age kids to work on.

Upcoming January Events

Mondays in January, 12:30-3pm: Play of the Hand: Free Bridge Lessons

Play of the Hand is a free series of 10 intermediate bridge classes taught by Al Peponis, ACBL accredited instructor.

Monday, January 9th, 7-8:30pm: Cookbook Book Club

Try some new cookbooks, taste new recipes and make some new friends at our Cookbook Book Club! November theme: Casseroles.

Monday, January 9th, 7-8:30pm: Growing Vegetables in Containers

You can grow healthy vegetables in containers all year round! Containers allow you to utilize many different spaces to grow your own food. Learn about containers, soil, nutrients and irrigation that will help you grow vegetables successfully! Presented by UCCE Master Gardener Joan Cloutier.

Friday, January 13th, 4-5 pm: Python Programming & Minecraft

Learn about API, programming concepts like variables, data types, Boolean logic, conditionals and loops. Start off with modifying small programs, and soon you'll be writing your own programs that use Python to interact with Minecraft. Sign up to reserve a spot or drop-in and see if space is available. No programming experience is required. For 3rd-8th graders.

Saturday, January 14th, 2-3pm: Pinterest Craft Club

Want to finally make some of those crafts you see on Pinterest? Join us one Saturday a month for crafting fun! All supplies are free and provided while they last. This month's craft: Shrinky Dinks.

Wednesday, January 18th, 7-8:30pm: Creating a Rain Garden with Native Plants, California Native Plant Society Talk

Learn how rain gardens keep water on site and solve drainage problems and which California native plants are best suited for them. A free talk by Madeline Morrow, President of the Santa Clara County chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

Friday, January 20th 3-4:30pm: Rock the Ravine - Tech Challenge for Gr. 3-5

Friday, January 27th 3-4:30pm: Rock the Ravine - Tech Challenge for Gr. 6-8

Gear up for the Tech Challenge or just have fun exploring different ways to build a bridge while figuring out how to cross a ravine! Sign-up online or at the Information Desk to guarantee a spot or drop in that day.

Tuesday, January 18th, 4-5pm: Teen Winter Craft Program - DIY Candle Transfer Art

Use your own artwork to create a unique and beautiful candle. Ages 10 and up only.

Tuesday, January 24th, 4-5pm: Teen Winter Craft Program - Bubble Art Stationery

Use paint, soap and water to make your very own stationery. Ages 10 and up only.

Tuesday, January 24th, 6-9pm: AAUW SPEAKERS SERIES: Speech Trek 2017

Attend the annual AAUW Speech Trek Teen Speech competition. Teen girls will present their 3-5 minute speeches and compete for cash prizes. This year's topic: Is it time to pass the Equal Rights Amendment? Audience members welcome

Tuesday, January 31st, 7:30-8:45 pm: Books with Dessert Book Club

A good book, good company and some tasty treats. Bring a dessert to share and join us as we discuss the ***Make Your Home Among Strangers*** by Jennine Capo Crucet.