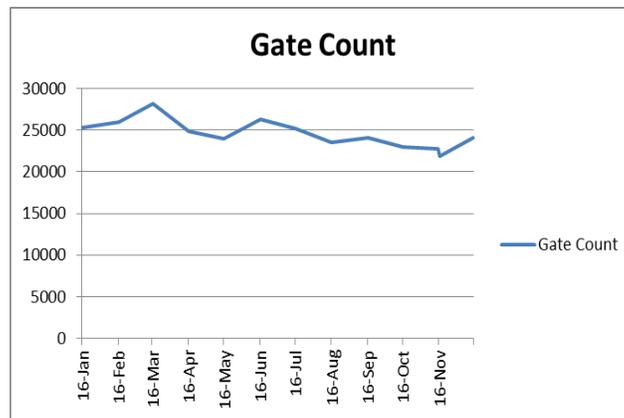
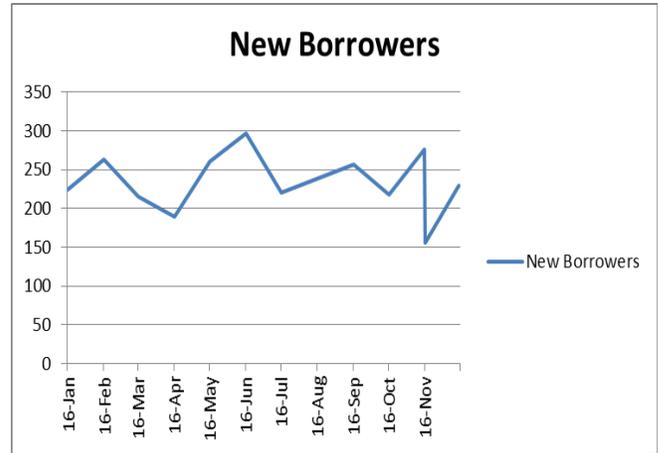
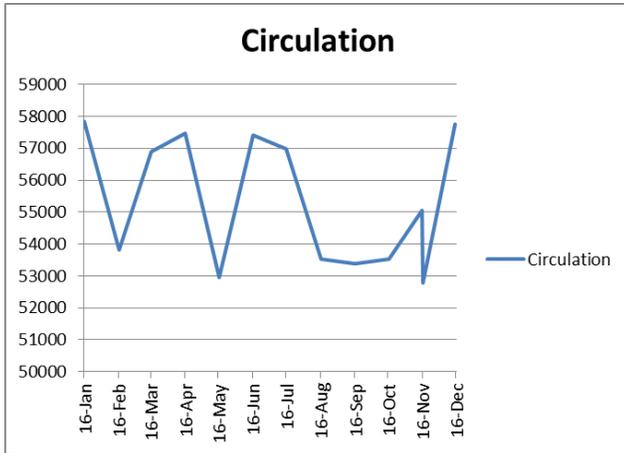


**Library Commission Report**  
**January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**  
Saralyn Otter, Acting Community Librarian



**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, 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, with the use of the library system's mobile laptop lab.



## Noon Year's Eve Party

On December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup> 3-4:30pm: Rock the Ravine - Tech Challenge for Gr. 3-5**

### **Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.