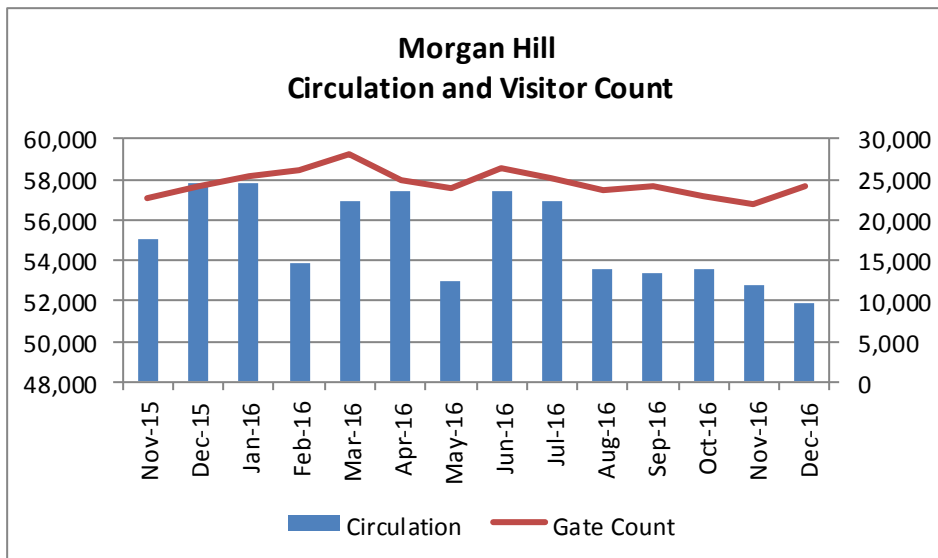
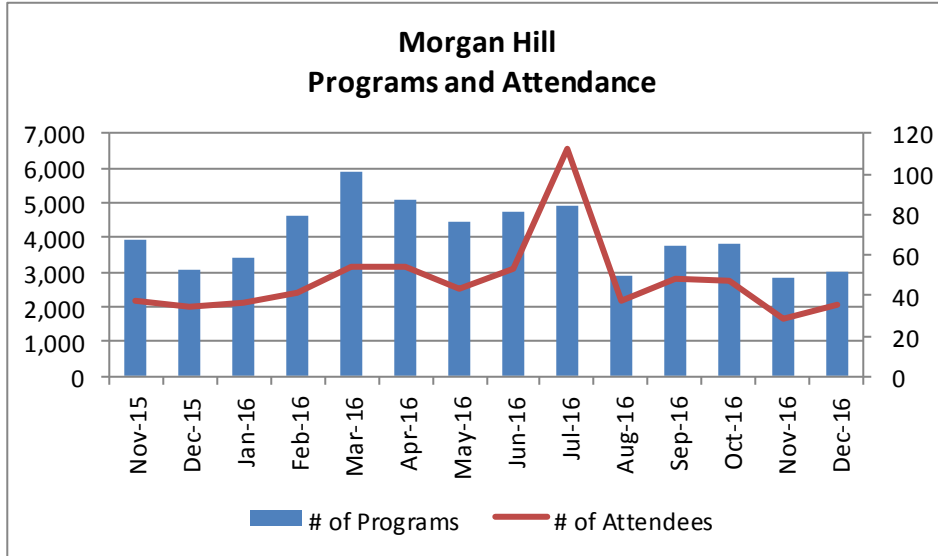


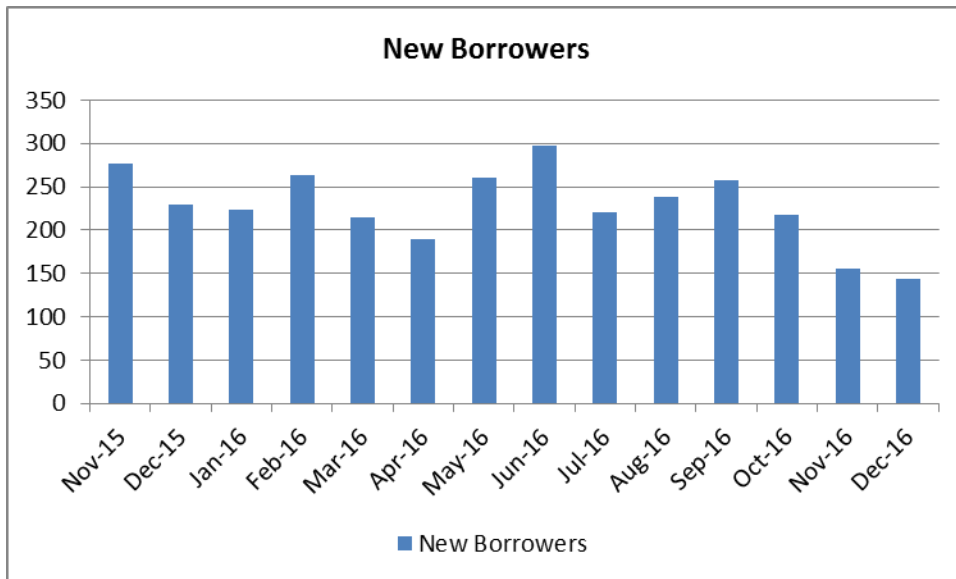
# Library Commission Report

## February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Saralyn Otter, Acting Community Librarian

### December Statistics





## Library News

### Staff

The Morgan Hill Library will soon be welcoming Heather Geddes as the new Community Librarian.



Heather comes to us from Watsonville Public Library where she was the Principal Librarian, overseeing the entirety of system-wide public service, including collection development and the management of the main library. She has a commitment to shaping library policy to facilitate public access and remove roadblocks to access. She has been a strong city and community partner, serving on a city negotiating committee and on the Rotary Club of Freedom for 10 years where she also served as president. She currently serves as the co-chair of the Monterey Bay Area Cooperative Library System (MOBAC) Reference

Committee. She has overseen numerous ambitious projects including the digitization of over 100 years of local community newspapers, and a collaboration with Digital Nest and local high school students to produce documentary short films—a highlight of the Watsonville annual Film Festival. Heather's first day with Morgan Hill Library will be February 27<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Heather!

### Grants

The Morgan Hill Library children's department was awarded with two grants for \$1,000 each from the Rotary Club of Morgan Hill. The grants will fund supplies for our new series of sensory storytimes and robotics programming. Thank you Rotary Club!

### Collection

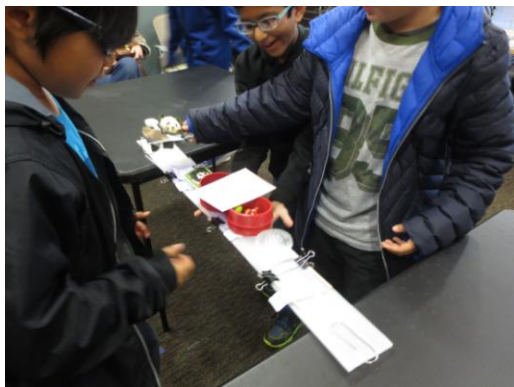
Playaway Launchpads are now available for check-out! These tablets for children are each pre-loaded with 10 educational apps, and come in a variety of themes including: dinosaurs, animals, and transportation.



## January Highlights

### Tech Challenge

The library held two introductory programs to this year's Tech Challenge "Rock the Ravine." The library partners with the Tech Museum, RAFT, and our two local Tech Academy schools, P.A. Walsh and Britton, to support students participating in the challenge. This year the participants were challenged to create a structure that could span at least 2 feet and hold weight.



### AAUW Speech Trek

The Morgan Hill Branch of AAUW held their annual Teen Speech Trek on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Over 70 attendees watched as nine teen speakers gave a speech on this year's topic "Is it time to pass the equal rights amendment?"

### Outreach

The library tabled at two events this past month: MH Values Youth and the Kinder Round Up. We made a total of 37 new library cards, checked out 25 items, and talked to over 500 people.

## Upcoming February Events

### **Friday, February 10<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.

### **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 4-5pm: Decorate Valentine's Day Heart Cookies Teens**

All supplies will be provided to create sweet and yummy cookies until they last. For ages 10 and up.

### **Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm: Friends of the Morgan Hill Library Winter Book Sale**

The Friends of the Library Winter Book Sale will be held in the Program Room at the library Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members-only preview begins at 9 a.m. Memberships may be purchased at the door. All books are \$1 or less, then \$5 per bag from 2 to 3 p.m., including a reusable library book bag, \$4 if you bring your own bag. Children's books are 10¢ each.

**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm-4:45pm: Inclusive Sensory Storytime at Morgan Hill Library**

Sensory Storytime is an interactive and educational program that is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges. This inclusion-friendly storytime features stories, interactive songs, movement activities and fun to stimulate all five senses and promote learning. Any child ages 1 to 7 years old can attend with a parent/caregiver. Siblings are welcome. Registration is required.

*"...and justice for all"*



**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 3-5pm: Silicon Valley Reads Author Visit: Adam Benforado**

The author of *Unfair: The New Science of Criminal Justice* will discuss his book and the current state of criminal justice in the United States. Join us for this important and engaging free talk.

**Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm: Silicon Valley Reads: County Poet Laureate Arlene Biala**

The Santa Clara County Poet Laureate will engage the audience with an interactive POETree on the Silicon Valley Reads theme "...and Justice For All."

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</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.

