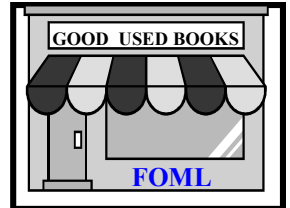


BOOKNOTES



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PROGRAMS

.....Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call, Co-Chairs

As we welcome new 2014, we are also looking forward to another year of great presentations for our general meetings. Following are programs we have already scheduled.

February 18th—MICHAEL MEYER, author of mystery thrillers, humorous fiction and non-fiction books—a local writer - will be our guest speaker.

March 18th—MAXINE HOLMGREN. We will learn about the health benefits of tea. She also does Mystery Tea Parties and has written 13 of them. We will probably do one during the meeting.

APRIL 15th—VIRGINIA MURPHY, an herbalist will give us some helpful hints on growing and Life.

MAY 20th—YiYi Ku—A musical program— she is a pianist and piano teacher.

JUNE 17th—CARL LOVE, well-known Press-Enterprise columnist and local teacher, will be sharing some interesting facts. Has recently published a book.

Please mark these dates on your calendars, join us and bring your friends. Meetings are open to the public in the Library’s Community Room at 10:00 A.M. Refreshments served and we guarantee a good time!



REFRESHMENTS REQUESTED!!

The Hospitality Committee invites your contribution to grace our refreshment table at each meeting. We hope you will take a moment at the next meeting and sign up. We **welcome** your treats. Thank you!!

Lela, Pat and Coletha

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NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS—2014

Introducing your two new directors:

Gary Grim and Allyson Quinlan.

Directors continuing in this capacity: Lela Llorens, Carol Carson, Nati Martinez and Rita Nastri. Also, Luanne Ferrer was re-elected as a director.

The new board elected the following officers:

Gary Grim	President
Lela Llorens	Vice President
Carol Carson	Treasurer
Luanne Ferrer	Secretary

We hope you will contact any of these for more information about the Friends and how you can participate and volunteer. There are so many opportunities to be involved in this great group.

INTROVERT OR EXTROVERT?



While I do not normally read non-fiction, every once in a while a subject catches my eye. Susan Cain’s *New York Times* bestseller *Quiet* is a book about the power of introverts in a world that can’t stop talking. Cain argues that we “...dramatically undervalue introverts and shows how much we lose in doing so.” Her book identifies the differences between introverts and extroverts and explains how American history of valuing extroverts came about. The book “reads” easily for a factual subject.

In teaching, our staff had several inservices regarding helping students learn, and we took the Myers-Briggs personality test. The test is a simple multiple choice test. When I took it in my 20’s, I was an introvert. By the time I took it in my late 40’s, I was on the cusp. If you haven’t taken it, you might find it interesting. It is very probably the most accurate personality test.

Sharon Hunter

Community at the Corner

“Where it all comes together” was the original motto of the City of Murrieta, emphasizing the importance of community: come together = *com-unity*.

At the Friends’ Corner Bookstore we have abundant opportunity to gather and to serve the community. Book lovers “just love this place,” as we often hear. Not only can they buy books at reasonable prices, they can recycle the books they just would not have the heart to throw away. They also meet other books lovers, share favorites, and discover new authors.

The space we have allows us to serve the needs of special needs students and adults. We have participated in the Work Ability Program of the MVUSD for about eight years, and we also provide volunteer opportunities for adults of two Day Care programs. One of the students (with a stuttering problem) from the first year of Work Ability ended up flourishing: he has just graduated from San Jacinto, and has been working his way through college as a cashier at the Super Target, so I get to see him periodically to catch up.

You may recall that the grant the library received which enabled the building of the “new” library had a requirement to interface with the school district. We are able to participate in fulfilling that by offering high school students the opportunity to complete their required volunteer service hours. This has been another win-win situation, and I might add, a great joy. We have had *so many* wonderful students through the years, and a number love it so much that they just keep volunteering after they have met their minimum requirement. Emily Ferrell, who has been coming for three years, loves to work at the sidewalk sales. She even changed her flight to visit her grandmother so she could work at the last one! We will also be having our first “grandchild” any day now as one of our former teens is married and expecting a boy. We suggested naming him Booker (as in T. Washington), but I don’t think she’s buying that.

We volunteers are a community among ourselves. Working with similarly dedicated people is rewarding, and literally every one says what keeps them doing it is that “it’s fun!” The fun is the interface with so many in our community, the sharing of books and life stories.

As we know, community is basically what it’s all about in Murrieta (and why we love living here!). The recent change which has placed the Library under the umbrella of the Community Services Department further strengthens the concept. What we are able to do at the

Corner Store is not only to raise funds for the library, but to join in its goal to “meet the educational, intellectual, cultural, and entertainment needs of the community.” I know the Town Square store also shares this feeling of pride and pleasure in serving our community and our Murrieta Public Library.

None of this community service would be possible without the generosity of the property owners Yasi, Incorporated. Over the five years of our current lease, they have donated over \$120,000 in reduced rent. To Yasi and to the property managers, Parkstone, Inc., we owe an *enormous* debt of gratitude, and the undying thanks of the Library, the Friends, and the community!

Join the community at the Corner, “where it all comes together.”

Nancy Dixon

Note: Watch for another wonderful sidewalk sale with great bargains coming up the end of February.

Speaking of community.....Shopping Local is an Investment in your Community

“**Shop Local**” is more than a slogan—with every dollar you spend in Murrieta, you invest in your community. Murrieta receives one percent (1%) of every taxable dollar spent when you buy within the city. Sales tax makes up almost one-third (1/3) of the City’s revenue. So think twice before going out of town to shop or eat out. Support your local merchants. What benefits the City, benefits its citizens. **Shop and dine in Murrieta.**



Don't forget to remember your loved ones with a card, flowers or candy on this special day.

**“A people that values its privileges
above its principles soon loses both.”**

.....Dwight D. Eisenhower,
34th President of the United States

Message from Luanne Ferrer, Outgoing President

I hope you all had wonderful Holidays, and that 2014 will be a year of health, happiness and success.

We have wrapped up another year at the Friends and have much to be proud of:

1. We acquired several new members; some Lifetime members and faithful renewal memberships. If you have received a renewal notice and haven't sent in your check, please do.....as you may remember, I had a goal of 300 members in 2013!
2. Our California Coastal Cruise in May made some money, which we will use for the Library, plus we welcomed ten cruisers who did not previously belong to the Friends.
3. The HeadStart program has functioned well. We have added new readers and substitutes, and the Friend's members not only paid for the new Holiday gift books for the classrooms, but had extra funds that enabled us to give Gift Certificates from our Bookstores so the teachers may purchase books for their classroom libraries.
4. Our Friends' float in the City's Holiday Parade was superb this year. Following the theme of the City, our float was called Trees of Knowledge, and we had five trees on the float; the main tree covered with books from our Bookstores; others decorated by the Library; Judy Call, Lela Llorens, Carol Carson and Ruth Zepede, If you attended the annual Christmas party at Carol Carson's you saw the float in all its glory! Carol and Ed Van Dorn pulled it all together, painted, tied everything down, lighted it all up and **made it happen**. Thanks to all for your participation.
5. The Library recently honored all their volunteers and both Nancy Dixon and Maggie Pilotte compiled the hours each volunteer donates to the Bookstores! An incredible total—the Board thanks all of you for your time and effort to make these stores so successful, especially these two managers and the Internet people, whose efforts make such a difference—Art and Laurie Razo (also co-manager-Town Square) and Brian Youens.

We have three positions available on the board and three candidates: Gary Grim, Allyson Quinlan and Luanne Ferrer. Results of the election and new officers are included in this newsletter.

Our present Secretary, Aimée Fitch, who has held this position since 2010, has resigned as secretary, as you can see from the list of new officers, I have stepped into this job. Hard shoes to fill, but Aimée has been a good role model to follow.

Best wishes for 2014.



BOOKSTORE HOURS AND VOLUNTEERS

AND speaking of our bookstores,

Town Square—Total No. of volunteers—43
Bookstore Hours - 72 hrs/wk x 51 wks = 3,672 hours
Internet — 22 hrs/week x 51 weeks = 1,428 hours
for a total of **5,100 hours** (adj. for holidays)

And hats off to the Corner Bookstore manager, Nancy Dixon. Nancy just tallied up all the hours she and her volunteers devote lovingly, willingly and efficiently to the Corner store and the figures are, as Huell Howser would say, "SPECTACULAR."

No. of volunteers —————38
Bookstore hours ————— 4,598
Manager, Nancy Dixon ———2,080
Internet —————1,500
for a total of —————**8,178 hours**

The total number of hours for both stores = **13,278**
Both stores are always in need of volunteers. Contact either store for more information.

Celebrating
President's Day-2/17
Lincoln—2/12 and
Washington-2/22



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MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

Dear Friends,

HAPPY 2014!

First of all, I'd like to thank you ALL for your tireless efforts in raising money for the Library in 2013. Your dedication and hard work never ceases to amaze and it is always very much appreciated by the Library staff and the community.

The Library started off the new year with the merging of Young Adult and Teen books. The Teen books that were housed on the children's side of the Library have now joined the Young Adult collection on the opposite side of the Library. This will make it much easier for the teens to browse the wonderful collection that is geared toward middle school and high school patrons looking for a great read.

The winter, spring and summer programs are already planned and includes the regular Mother Goose and Me and the Wee Wiggler storytimes. In addition, there are a variety of programs such as a PSAT practice test and results workshop and Chocolate Creations for the teens. The popular Star Party is back for families to come and explore the night sky with the Temecula Valley Astronomers. Upcoming programs for adults include California Native Plants with Master Gardner Laura Simpson. She will talk about the wide variety of drought resistant California native plants to create a water-smart and beautiful garden. Genealogy Basics will be presented by instructor Michelle Norris who will share tips and discuss the best research strategies to trace your roots.

New this year is the LEGO Club for ages 5-12. The LEGO Club will meet at 4 PM on the second Tuesday of the month through April. The Youth Services department is seeking donations of new and used LEGOS - please help spread the word! Donations can be dropped off at the Youth Services reference desk.

Coming in February is "Love Your Library" month. This month-long celebration of school, public, and private libraries of all types is a time for everyone, especially library support groups, to recognize the value of libraries and to work to assure that the Nation's libraries will continue to serve. In recognition of this celebration, the Murrieta Library will waive \$.50 of fines for each non-perishable food item brought to the Library's Circulation Desk. The maximum amount of fines waived is \$10.00. This is a great way to reduce or eliminate the fines from your library account and help those in the community who need assistance. The donations will be given to the Murrieta United Methodist Church.

Have a wonderful 2014! We look forward to seeing you throughout the year!

YOUR LIBRARY CARD: DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!

.....Michael G. Harris OD, Associate Dean Emeritus & Clinical Professor Emeritus
University of California Berkeley School of Optometry (CPLA Advocate!)

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Tuesday	10 am—8 pm
Wednesday & Thursday	10 am—6 pm
Friday & Saturday	12 pm—5 pm
Sunday	Closed

The Murrieta Public Library offers **NOTARY PUBLIC** service to the general public. To avail yourself of this convenience and make an appointment call Gretchen Sedlacek, Library Secretary, at 951-461-6147. Their rate is the same as the going rate around town.

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE MURRIETA LIBRARY
BOOKSTORES BENEFIT THE MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

A Letter from a “Friend”

“Enclosed is a check for dues 2014 for our Friends of the Library, a venerable group which has contributed so much to our Library and Community. The figures are astounding when one considers how these dedicated people who dollar by dollar, hour by hour, have volunteered time and treasure. So it is with regret I am no longer able to volunteer at our cozy, happy bookstore. When I encounter these dear volunteers I see goodness written on their faces. Blessings to you.

Love to all, Pat Reardon”

Any of you who know this dear lady, will appreciate her thoughts and her sincerity and admiration for all the volunteers and Friends of the Murrieta Library. Pat expresses so perfectly the spirit and feeling we all have for this wonderful group and our “reason for being,” our Murrieta Public Library. Thank you, Pat, for these sentiments; and for all your years of faithful volunteering. We miss you and wish you all the best!

Love, Your Friends.

REMINDER: Now that **BOOKNOTES** has “**Gone Green**” those of you who get it via email will also receive your **renewal notices** via email. Postcards will be sent for those using regular mail. It is **imperative** you notify us of any change in email address, regular address and phone number. This enables us to keep our mailing list current. Contact me—slucas07@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At both **Bookstores** and at the **Library**. Call 951-698-1035 for more information

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As the Friends of the Murrieta Library, our mission is to support the Murrieta Public Library through fundraising, advocacy and volunteerism, and to promote awareness of and support for the Library as it serves the informational, educational cultural and recreational needs of our Community.



Buy a good book
Support a good cause

MEMBER NEWS.....Donations

This past year we have received several donations from individuals in our group. Eleanor Newhard gave \$400.00 in honor of Maggie Pilotte and Art and Laurie Razo, Town Square Bookstore managers. And again later in the year \$400.00 honoring Sandra Lucas, Membership Chair and Linda Tomlin, for all her past participation in so many of the Friends’ activities. Judy Call and Cordelia Snow have each given \$1,000.00. Nancy Dixon and several volunteers at the Corner Bookstore gave a donation in memory of Bonnie Stalnaker, one of Nancy’s assistants at the bookstore, who passed away recently. Also donations were made in December in memory of Mayor Gibbs’ wife, Kathy; Carol Kravagna Hansen’s mother, Alice; and Carol Carson’s daughter-in-law’s stepfather, Auldie Mathews.

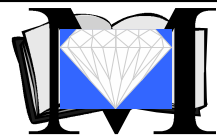
The bulk of these donations have been transferred into our Collection Development Fund that will be donated to the Library in July of 2014 for the purchase of books and other material for the Library’s collection.

We get regular **Memorial** donations for members or members of their family who have passed away and this is a wonderful way to honor the person and to also support the Friends. And then occasionally just a miscellaneous donation from some **good-hearted** person who just wants to help. When memorial donations are received, an acknowledgement card is sent to the family telling them a generous donation has been made in their loved one’s memory and a card is sent to the donor for tax purposes.

These donations are much appreciated and all are used to help the Friends achieve their mission of supporting the Murrieta Public Library. **Many, many thanks** to each of you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

OUR LOGO

Represents.....



Libraries and Book Lovers.....The Open Book
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The Gem.....Murrieta is known as
“The Gem of the Valley”
It also stands for all our volunteer “Gems”

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Business.....	100.00
LIFETIME.....	250.00

LIFETIME members will be honored with an engraved leaf on the Library **"GIVING TREE"**

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