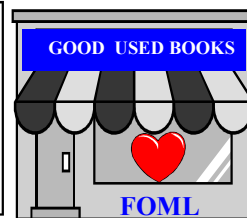


BOOKNOTES



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.....Gary Grim

I want to thank all the volunteers for helping the [Friends](#) complete another year and meet requests from the Library. This is all made possible due to your efforts. As previously mentioned, I want to encourage those of you who have the time and interest to seriously consider stepping into leadership roles during this coming year. New, fresh ideas are welcomed and if you have any questions about what this entails do not hesitate to contact any of the Board members. Put your name in the hat for next year's Board election or take your pick of serving on one of the various committees. And, of course, the Bookstores and the Library are always in need of volunteers. These types of volunteering are open all the time. There is no limit to what is available.

The election results are in and these are the new Board of Directors and Officers for 2015. Bylaw revisions passed.

- Gary Grim.....President
- Lela Llorens.....Vice President
- Aimée Fitch.....Secretary
- Carol Carson.....Treasurer
- Nancy Dixon.....Parliamentarian
- Allyson Quinlan.....School Representative
- Rita Nastri.....Publicity

The Board is elected to set policy and make decisions that are set forth in our bylaws. They are available for any questions or concerns you might have so please feel free to contact any one of them for additional information.

Your **Hospitality Committee** welcomes you to **2015** and welcomes with gratitude your delectable treats and contributions to our Refreshment Table. Remember to sign-up now through the Spring.

Lela, Pat, Eleanor & Coletha



PROGRAMS

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

We had a full house for the November program that consisted of Emma Erickson, a 9 year old protégé who was an outstanding pianist. She awed us with her proficiency and poise. Emma has won many area competitions. She also loves to compose her own music, and received a Silver Medal at the Hal Leonard Composition Competition which attracted hundreds of entries from Canada and the United States.

Also on the program, Yiyi Ku, an accomplished pianist and Emma's teacher. She has an extensive musical background, both performing and teaching. She is presently the principal pianist at Inland Valley Symphony. Her credits go on and on. You can read more about her at www.yiyiku.com.

Accompanying Yiyi was Elizabeth Monacelli on a vintage violin manufactured by Elizabeth's father and it really "sang." She and her violin were phenomenal and added a special touch to Yiyi's piano selections. All in all, a thoroughly delightfully entertaining program.

Thanks so much to Maggie and Judy for their continued excellence in bringing us such great programs.

JANUARY is election of Directors and Officers so we did not have a program scheduled for this month.

FEBRUARY 17th—The guest speaker will be a local author and free lance writer, **EVE GAAL** Her writing has appeared in anthologies and online magazines. Her most recent book is entitled *Penniless Heart*. Come and join us during or after a brief business meeting for this interesting program and some delightful refreshments. In the Library Community Room at 10:00 a.m. (for business meeting)—10:30 a.m. for the program.

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BOOK REVIEW

When Books Went To War

The Stories That Helped Us Win War II

When America entered World War II in 1941, we faced an enemy that had banned and burned more than 100 million books and caused fearful citizens to hide or destroy many more. Outraged librarians launched a campaign to send free books to American troops and gathered 20 million hardcover donations, but something more was needed: books that soldiers could carry in their pockets and rucksacks, on bombing runs and aboard ships, in every theatre of a war that was waged around the globe. In 1943 the War Department and the publishing industry stepped in with an extraordinary program: 120 million small, lightweight paperbacks, extremely inexpensive and covering every conceivable subject and genre of interest to millions of servicemen.

Comprising 1,200 different titles, these paperbacks were beloved by the troops and are still fondly remembered today. Soldiers read them while waiting to land at Normandy, in hellish trenches in the midst of battles in the Pacific, in field hospitals. They wrote to the authors, many of whom responded to every letter. More books were given to American armed services than Hitler destroyed. They helped rescue *The Great Gatsby* from obscurity. They made Betty Smith, author of *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, into a national icon. *When Books Went to War* is an inspiring story for history buffs and book lovers alike.

“A thoroughly engaging, enlightening and often uplifting account of America’s counterattack against Nazi Germany’s wholesale burning of books. I was enthralled and moved.”,,,,,,,,,Tim O’Brien, Author

RECENT LIBRARY DONATIONS

So far, the [Friends](#), through individual donations, have given the Library \$2,750.00 toward the purchase of the digital materials they have requested. Thanks to Carol Carson, Hellen Mickel and Mary Lou Rosczyk for their donations.

We also recently purchased a disc repair machine which will save the Library a lot of money. The Library circulates over 100,000 items a year and they often come back scratched or damaged. Instead of purchasing new, the damaged items can now be repaired as good as new. We were able to purchase a new, updated machine for \$1,000.00 that is very easy to use.

FRIEND OF THE MONTH—NANCY DIXON

Nancy joined the [Friends](#) in 1999 after she came into our original Bookstore that is down the street from the current Corner Bookstore—sixteen lucky years ago for the [Friends](#).

Since becoming a member, Nancy has been involved non-stop—joining the Board of Directors in 2003 to replace dear Milt Zelon, who had passed away. She immediately became our Historian and Publicity Chairman and still retains the title of Historian, along with many other hats she wears.

In 2004, was re-elected to the board and became one of the managers of the Bookstore that lured her into the [Friends](#). After we were evicted from this space, Nancy researched all areas in Murrieta and discovered, after checking very thoroughly, the best location was a vacant space just down the street. Peering through the mail slot, she could envision a bigger, better, more organized—Barnes & Noble type store—which she has managed to bring into existence and continually upgrades and improves. Her past business experience has proven to be an invaluable asset in managing the store. The Corner Bookstore’s reputation for being run like a well-oiled machine is well deserved. Customers—new and repeat—comment daily on the ease of buying there because you can actually find what you are looking for. She trains her volunteers to be customer-friendly and they are all so knowledgeable about and love books themselves. Her sidewalk sales have become famous throughout the community for their great bargains, complete selection and quality of books offered. Don’t miss her next sale that takes place **February 21st**.

Due to a change in the bylaws, Nancy was unable to stay on the Board. But, since this has been rectified, we were able to once again welcome her as a Board member in 2015. She had been appointed Parliamentarian in 2014 and will continue in that capacity, along with her other duties.

This barely does justice to nor gives recognition of the hard work this devoted, very bright, very capable lady has earned, but I have run out of adjectives. I should have checked with Nancy. Being a retired English teacher, she could have furnished me many more.

Thank you, Nancy, for a Bookstore the [Friends](#) can point to with pride and for all you have done and continue to do for our organization so we can continue to support our wonderful Murrieta Public Library.



Remember those near and dear to you on Valentine’s Day.

“**Kindness** in words creates confidence, **Kindness** in thinking creates profoundness, **Kindness** in giving creates love.”



MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

Dear **Friends**,

It's hard to believe that another year has gone by and 2015 is here! Thank you for all your hard work and persistent efforts in 2014 to raise money on behalf of the Murrieta Public Library!

Staff has been busy preparing for winter programs which start the first week in January. The Children's department will have a Frozen Holiday program featuring Frozen movie themed crafts. Later in the month, the department will host their annual Star Party, which has always been a very popular family program. In February, there will be a Mardi Gras program for children that will showcase the musical styles of New Orleans. For teens, January will feature the consistently popular SAT and ACT Practice Tests with a follow up Strategy Workshop in February. Also in February, teens will be invited to the Teen Interview Skills Workshop. Adults will have an opportunity to seek advice from a life coach in January with Life Coaching 101 and will learn how to cook a romantic meal at the Recipes for Romance program in February.

In staffing news, we happily welcomed part-time Librarian Timmie Quitugua and part-time Library Assistant Hayden Birkett in the fall; however, we bid a fond farewell to part-time Youth Services Library Assistant Lisa Gunnett, who resigned her position in November. Filling the vacancy left by Lisa is former staff member Ashley Bigay.

In January, the Library initiated a new fines and fees payment policy. Effective January 2, a patron's outstanding balance must be paid in full before a library card can be renewed. Library card registrations are valid for three years.



February is **Love Your Library** month. The month-long celebration of school, public and private libraries of all types is a time for everyone to recognize the value of libraries. The Murrieta Library recognizes this celebration by waiving \$.50 of fines for each non-perishable food item brought to the Library's Circulation Desk through the month of February. 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 and successful 2015!

LIBRARY HOURS

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

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

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

If I don't ask "Why me?" after my victories, I cannot ask "Why me?" after my setbacks and disasters.

.....Arthur Ashe (When asked by reporters how he felt when he was diagnosed with cancer.)

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Wed & Sat.....10-6
Friday.10-8

KWANZAA.....

..... is a seven-day African-American celebration that occurs from December 26 to January 1. Kwanzaa means “first fruit” and is based on the traditional African winter harvest festival. It is not a religious holiday. It is a time for African-Americans to reflect upon the year that is ending and take pride in their African heritage. It was initiated in 1965-66 in Los Angeles as a way of helping the community heal following the Watts riots. It is celebrated with food such as yams, squash, mango, black-eyed peas, sesame seeds, pecans, sweet potatoes and chicken. Candles are an important part of the tradition. One candle is placed in the center of the kinara with three red candles on the left and three green candles on the right. Each night candles are lit. The idea is that red is a symbol of struggle and bloodshed; the green is a symbol of hope, future, prosperity and the land.



A stamp commemorating Kwanzaa was unveiled in 1997. The stamp was designed by Los Angeles artist Synthia St. James. This is the 2014 issue.

Although Kwanzaa begins the day after Christmas, the two celebrations are very different. Kwanzaa celebrates the harvest and a way of life handed down by the ancestors and parents. Special gifts, educational games, and books may be exchanged but values rather than gifts are emphasized. Seven values, also called principles are celebrated, one for each day of the Kwanzaa week. These are Umoja which means unity, kujichagulia for self-determination, ujima for collective work and responsibility, ujamas for cooperative economics, nia for purpose, kukumba for creativity, and imamo for faith.

On New Years Eve, the principle of kuumba or creativity is celebrated with a big feast called Kwanzaa Kuumba. The menu for the celebration reinforces the theme of black unity and may draw from the foods of Africa, the Caribbean, South America

Mark Zuckerberg, CEO and Founder of Facebook has made a New Year’s resolution to read a new book every two weeks. He wrote in a post, “I am excited for my reading challenge. I’ve found books very intellectually fulfilling. Books allow you to fully explore a topic and immerse yourself in a deeper way than most media.”

He invited his 30 million Facebook followers to join his resolution through a new Facebook page called “A Year of Books.” “My challenge for 2015 is to read a new book every other week — with an emphasis on learning about different cultures, beliefs, histories and techniques.

The group, which already has more than 100,000 likes, will act like a Facebook book club, where Zuckerberg will post what he’s reading and users can discuss the books. His first book was *The End of Power* by Moisés Naim, which he chose because: “It’s a book that explores how the world is shifting to give individual people more power that was traditionally only held by large governments, militaries and other organizations. The trend toward giving people more power is one I believe in deeply, and I’m looking forward to reading this book and exploring it in more detail.”

The latest count, on Amazon, shows the book has already sold out in paperback but is still available in hardcover and the Kindle versions. His pick for this year, Steven Pinker’s “*The Better Angels of Our Nature.*”

FRIENDS’ FLOAT for the Holiday Parade was fantastic—our best one yet. Our creative, clever, multi-talented members Ed and Carol Van Dorn are an indomitable duo. They had a great crew—Ron Fokken who was invaluable, working right alongside Ed with all the manual type stuff; Ruth Zepede, who draped the Olaf figure like an expert tailor; Linda McBride who fashioned Olaf’s face; Allyson Quinlan for the “Frozen” theme idea and color suggestions and Judy Call who decorated the trees along with the other elves—Lela Llorens and Carol Carson. We got extra mileage out of our float this year. The Library used Olaf for two very well attended children’s programs.

Sign up a friend—Print, cut off and mail form below--  --- or drop off at the Library or either Bookstore.

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Specify any special interests, i.e., Board Member, Bookstore volunteer, Programs, Membership, Hospitality, Ways & Means, Special Events, etc.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Individual.....\$15.00
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- LIFETIME.....\$250.00

Lifetime members are honored with an engraved leaf on the “GIVING TREE” in the Library.

MEMBER NEWS.....

Had the pleasure recently to see a stage play of *Meet Me in St. Louis* that was cleverly done. But what impressed me the most was a quote in the Playbill—if you remember the movie, you will be familiar with the Trolley Song—”Facing the challenge of writing a song about a trolley, Ralph Blane and Hugh Martin, songwriters, visited a public library, and in a book they found the caption “Clang, clang, clang went the trolley.” And the rest is history. Our public libraries are such an amazing resource for any type of information you might need.

The **Friends** received a check for \$356.11 from the City of Murrieta which is our share of the distribution of interest for the fiscal year 2013-14. This interest comes from the sale of the Community Center—that was originally the Town Hall—to the City from the Town Hall Association. When this property was sold to the city, a portion of the profits went to the Library, and that same amount was split between the **Friends** and the high schools’ scholarship funds. They have retained the full amount, and give out interest every year. Our half goes directly into either the Dorothy Renon Endowment Fund or the Collection Development Fund.

The principal of the Endowment Fund cannot be touched and is an ongoing fund for the future for the Library. The Collection Development Fund money is given to them every year at the beginning of their fiscal year to purchase materials for their collection. This amount is usually \$50,000.00. And, as most of you know, includes paying for the Library’s very extensive Summer Reading Program and their Fall and Winter Programs and supplies.

Our bookstores are our main source of revenue to fund these requests from the Library so we need to encourage support of our bookstores and other fundraisers that come up at various times.

We also received a check from the Rotary Club for the sale of flags for the Field of Honor in the amount of \$250.00. Good job, members!!

Our **THANKS**, too, to Librarian Joyce Brown for her ongoing support of the **Friends**. She has once again donated \$100.00; plus being one of our main membership recruiters.

MEMBERSHIP

.....Sandra Lucas, Chairman

Hats off to Lela Llorens and her great idea—she gave family memberships as a Christmas gift to the George and Natasha Blue family and the Quentin and Linda McBride family! She also has given memberships as birthday gifts to friends. Thank you, Lela, and welcome to your two families.

Another family has joined us too—welcome to the Chui family. Individuals joining us this past month are Emily Conner, Debbie Phillips, Randi Smeltz and Gabriella Tingley. We look forward to seeing all of you at our monthly meetings.

Alicia Carson’s membership has been upgraded to a Lifetime membership—are the bells ringing, Carol? (Yes, they are loud and clear!)

Fifteen members have renewed—thank you, thank you! I know I sound like a broken record, but renewals are what keeps our wheels turning.

We have lost a very dear and special **Friend** this week. Roberta Fokken: past president, bookstore volunteer, along with husband Ron, and just a loyal, dedicated member. During her tenure as president she spearheaded the drive to buy the Library our wonderful piano which is used by the Library and in our many musical programs and in past fundraisers.



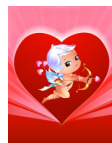
Roberta instigated and planned many really great bus trips. Not only were they educational and fun, they were also profitable fundraisers. She was always cheerful with such a great sense of humor.

Our most sincere sympathies to Ron and their children and grandchildren. She will be missed by all.

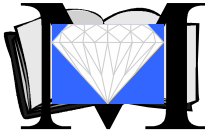
Memorial donations in her memory are already coming in. Maggie Pilotte can be contacted regarding arrangements for her services.

“The biggest seller is cookbooks and the second is diet books—how not to eat what you’ve just learned to cook.”
.....Andy Rooney, news commentator

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.



HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY

OUR LOGO
Represents.....

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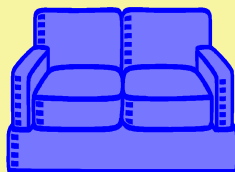
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