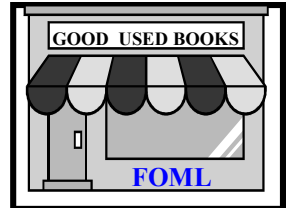


BOOKNOTES



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“A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature.”

.....Ralph Waldo Emerson

PROGRAMS

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

March 18th—MAXINE HOLMGREN. We will learn about the health benefits of tea. She also does Mystery Tea Party plans and has given 13 of them. We will probably do one during the meeting. She has written 4 one-act comedies and a book “Murder at the Fancy Frills Tea Room.”

APRIL 15th—VIRGINIA MURPHY, an herbalist, will give us some helpful hints about using herbs in our gardens and in our lives.

MAY 20th—YIYI KU—A musical program— she is an extremely talented pianist and piano teacher.

JUNE 17th—CARL LOVE, well-known Press-Enterprise columnist and local teacher, will be sharing some interesting facts. He has recently published a book, “From Two Lanes to the Fast Lane.”

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

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

.....Gary Grim

As a new board member and assuming the President’s role, I am slowly learning how the organization functions. I am very impressed with the dedication of individuals who put in many hours keeping things running smoothly. Most people don’t realize how much work goes on behind the scenes with things like financial management, scheduling volunteers, internet sales, legal filing requirements, etc. We are running a not so small non-profit business. It will take me several months to come up to speed and I thank all of the people who have willingly given me their time for my introduction.

I have been volunteering at the Town Square store for six years. It is most enjoyable because the people who come to the store to buy books are very interesting and well read. The conversations with them are great.

After being chosen Board President, one of the first things I wanted to look at is the potential impact of e-books on the sale of print media. A review of sales over the past 6 years shows a slight gradual in-store decline at the Town Square store. 2013 showed a minor decline at the Corner store. The bright spot was that thanks to the efforts of Brian Youens for the Corner Store and Lori and Art Razo and Maggie Pilotte at Town Square, internet sales in 2013 were at a high point of approximately \$23,000 which more than offset the in-store sales declines. We will continue to monitor these trends in the year ahead.

Thank each of you for your support. Please consider getting involved with the Friend’s special activities. Also encourage your friends to join “The Friends”. Member-form is on page 4. See you at the general meetings.



THE INVENTION OF WINGS

Remember how successful Sue Monk Kidd’s book *The Secret Life of Bees* was? It was on the best seller list for quite a while. Also, it was made into an excellent movie. Her latest book is *The Invention of Wings* and it has debuted in the New York Times top ten Book of the Month list.

The story set in the 1830s revolves around two characters, a black slave girl named Hattie and her white family, specifically Sarah. Neither girls are content with their lot. Hattie resents being a slave and Sarah does not believe in slavery but is forced to follow its practices in Charleston. As the New York Times states, “Kidd has a flair for making us see her characters with great vividness and immediacy.” The issue of slavery with all its evils, as well as the depth of her characterization make this a good read. It will be a best seller for a long time.

I recommend this book!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY



“May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings, slow to make enemies and quick to make **friends**.”

“May your home always be too small to hold all your **friends**.”

Old Irish Proverbs



“Gem of the Valley” Lyrics

By Eileen Lloyd and Jason Brawner

*It all started in 1873 with Juan Murrieta and 100,000 sheep.
He took them to the Hot Springs so they could bathe and drink,
but this precious secret wouldn’t be his to keep.
Some folks took a train and came ‘round.
They found that it was perfect and so they settled down.
Now she’s the Gem of the Valley, our little pot of gold where we
can make new memories, treasures to hold and you know she’s a
safe place where we can live, laugh, learn and play.
Yeah, I’m loving Murrieta a little more each day.
Yes, she’s the future of Southern California.
Planting the seeds, ‘cause it’s a great place to grow.
Rocking concerts in the park, car show thrills a daddy’s heart,
Outside movies in the dark with a warm hand to hold.
Where Santa stops on a street side star. Carolers lift their voices
and sing with all their hearts.
She’s the Gem of the Valley, our little pot of gold. Where we can
make new memories, treasures to hold, and you know she’s a safe
place where we can live, laugh, learn and play.
Yeah I’m loving Murrieta, you know I’m loving Murrieta a little
more every day.*

Public Libraries still popular

Libraries are valued by an overwhelming majority of Americans, according to a new study.

The report, released Wednesday by the Pew Internet & American Life Project, said that 95% of Americans 16 and older say that libraries are important because of the opportunities and resources they provide, and because they promote literacy and a love of reading.

Pew surveyed more than 6,000 Americans in July and August in English and Spanish. The results show that most Americans believe libraries are important in their communities and do a good job at keeping up with technology.

Books remain most important—far more than Internet access. Eighty percent of respondents rated books and media either “very important” or “somewhat important.”

Following in descending order were librarian assistance (76%), having a quiet, safe place (75%), research resources (72%) and programs for youth (69%). Programs for adults and use of Internet, computers and printers tied at 58%; while more than half of respondents valued help in applying for government services (53%) and help finding and applying for a job (51%).

“Women, African Americans and Hispanics, adults who live in lower-income households, and adults with lower levels of educational attainment are more likely than other groups to declare all the library services we asked about “very important,” Pew reported.

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L.A. Times—12/12/13

(Submitted by Sunny Prohofsky)

murrietalibraryfriends.org — Take time to look at our webpage. Dan Rexwinkel, our webmaster, has done a wonderful job of posting many interesting facts about the Friends. You can learn so much by checking out past **Booknotes** that have a wealth of information about the Friends; past and future programs and the many, varied subjects, authors and other talented speakers we have had and will have at our general meetings. There is information about our Bookstores, membership, past and future events, volunteer opportunities and Library programs. Make it a habit to check out our website regularly.

MAGGIE PILOTTE — Our “Lady from Spain”

Maggie was born in Madrid, Spain; met and married Paul Pilotte, who was stationed there in the service, during World War II. Paul and Maggie came to the United States in 1970, settling first in San Bernardino and then moved to Murrieta in 1999. She became a member of the Friends soon after and has been continually active in one capacity or another since joining.

One of her major accomplishments was putting on very lucrative style shows, along with Pat Farmer and Linda Tomlin. These style shows always had a fun theme and were so well received and so well attended that it was a big disappointment to everyone when we had to abandon this type of fundraiser due to prohibitive costs and limited choice of venues.

Putting on a style show took a year’s planning, organizational skills, an eye for fashion and contacting various stores for garments to show. Incorporated with the style show there was always a Silent Auction with donated prizes to be raffled. These too were big money makers and it was these types of fundraisers that enabled us to accumulate the \$100,000.00 we gave to our new Library when it opened in 2007 to purchase their complete Reference Collection.

Since then Maggie has not slowed down one bit. She managed the original Bookstore in the Murrieta Gateway Center when our first Library was situated in that same center. Maggie set up many of the basic procedures both Bookstores still follow. Maggie had to take a leave of absence when her beloved Paul became ill. Others took over that store (it took 3 alternating managers to replace her) but when our new Library opened in Town Square and a bookstore was included in the plans, Maggie took charge and became the manager of the Town Square store. She has since been joined by Laurie Razo as co-manager. She also assists Laurie and Art Razo doing Internet sales.

Over time, Maggie served on the Friends’ board from the year 2000 to 2005. She was elected Vice President and Ways and Means in 2005. She served one year in this job and then was off the board for one year. She came back on



the board in 2007 thru 2009, again elected as Vice President and continued to co-manage the Town Square Bookstore. She still sits on the Friends’ board as an Advisory Director.

Maggie took over as Program Chairman when Eleanor Newhard stepped down and has done a fabulous job in this function, bringing us interesting authors, musical programs and other speakers of note. Judy Bain was her co-chair for a couple of years and since then Judy Call has been her co-chair. We appreciate the time and effort that goes into acquiring these entertaining and educational programs. It adds much to our monthly meetings.

She also initiated a Book Discussion Group that first met in the little building at the Community Center and is still going strong.

So, we take our hat off to Maggie Pilotte for the many years she has devoted to the Friends of the Murrieta Library in its mission to support our Murrieta Public Library. A huge **THANK YOU**, Maggie. You have waited a long time for this well-deserved and long overdue recognition.

BOOKSTORE AT THE CORNER... OVERSTOCK SIDEWALK SALE

Saturday, March 15-10 a.m.-6 p.m.



Another chance to purchase hardbacks and paperbacks, mostly fiction, at very reasonable prices—\$1.00 for hardbacks; \$.25 for paperbacks. **Don’t miss it!!** Bring along friends and family and stock up on these excellent buys for books in good to excellent condition.

Carl Love, a Press-Enterprise columnist, local teacher and our May speaker has written “*From Two Lanes to the Fast Lane*” and will sign copies of his book at the Corner Bookstore on Saturday, March 15th. An added plus.

And for every \$5.00 spent, you get a ticket for a fun opportunity drawing. Free cranberry drink will be served. (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

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MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

Dear Friends,

Spring is just around the corner and notable programs for March and April include the *Super Hero Meeting* for children ages 3-12 on Tuesday, March 18th at 4:00 PM. For adults, the Library is starting a *Book Club* that will meet on the first Tuesday of the Month at 2:00 PM and will begin on March 4th. Also for adults, *Geri-Fit Strength Training for Seniors* on Monday, March 24th at 2:00 PM and *Raising a Money Smart Child* on Monday, April 7th at 6:00 PM. For teens there is a *First Aid & CPR Overview for Babysitters* on March 25th at 10:30 AM and a *SAT vs. ACT Workshop* on Tuesday, April 22nd from 6 - 7 PM. For details and more programming information please visit our web page at www.murrietalibrary.info.

Due to the Tour de Murrieta bike race event, the Library will be closed on Saturday, March 8th. The book drops will be open, but traffic may make it difficult to access the book drops. Library users are reminded that while the Murrieta Library will be closed for the one day, books, DVDs, CDs and other materials can be renewed beforehand at the Library or via the Library's web page where library patrons can view their personal accounts and access a variety of free resources that are always available for research.

There is a lot to celebrate in the month of April and one of the biggest reasons is the Murrieta Public Library's birthday! The Library community will celebrate the 15th birthday of the establishment of the 4,000 square foot Murrieta Public Library, which opened its doors for the first time on April 10, 1999! Then on March 17, 2007, the new 24,000 square foot, state-of-the-art, library opened and more than 300 people poured through those doors. The Library has come a long way and we couldn't have done it without your help and dedication to making this a wonderful place for the **community's informational, educational, recreational and cultural needs**.

April is also the month for celebrating National Library Week which is April 13th through 19th. National Library Week is a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers. **Lives change @ your library is the** theme this year. National Volunteer Week is April 6th through 13th, Library Staff Appreciation Day is celebrated on Tuesday, April 15th and last but not least Día de los Niños/ Día de los Libros (Day of the Child/Day of the Book) will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 22nd with a program for all ages starting at 4:00 PM.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind you that Nook e-book readers are available for checkout. The Nooks have pre-loaded titles and can be checked out for two weeks. A list of downloaded titles and forms to check out the Nooks are located in the Application Center near the Customer Services desk.

Happy Spring!



(Sign up a friend—Cut off and mail form below-----  ----- or drop off at the Library or one of the Bookstores)

NEW MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM

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

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GIFTS AND BEQUESTS.....
MEMORIAL DONATIONS.....
REMEMBRANCES.....

We would like to send a card to any member who you would like to honor with a donation for their birthday, for their volunteerism, for mom or dad on their special day, or for the loss of a loved one. All donations are tax deductible and in these special events of a donation, a card is sent to the family acknowledging their loved one has been remembered. Any occasion that would encourage, offer sympathy or to someone who is ill or had a recent operation or, just in general, lift someone's spirits please let me know. You may contact me via email: carolmshome@aol.com or by phone: 951-677-8675. I look forward to receiving lots of requests.

Carol Suer, Chairperson



THANK YOU for your contributions to our refreshment table. We always have enough for us NO matter what we bring. If we have a little leftover, we are happy to leave it to share with the Library staff and they are happy to receive it.

“Our goodies are always better when we share them with Friends.” (Paraphrased from V. A. Storey)

Be sure to sign up at the meetings or email or call me.....
llorenslj@earthlink.net or 951-677-4181



Lela, Pat and Coletha—
 Hospitality Co-Chairs

MEMBER NEWS.....

Welcome back to Bea Schugg who is in town for a brief visit during the month of March. Those who know Bea can call her at 239-0784 to see when she will be at the Corner Bookstore and you can pop in and give her a warm hello.



Our sincere condolences to the McAlister family in the loss of their much loved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Charlene. Memorial donations have been received in her memory.

MEMBERSHIP

.....Sandra Lucas, Chair

The last couple of months we have acquired several new members and we do welcome.....

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|----------------|---------------|
| Ruth Carter | Joan Kline |
| Michelle Lusin | Susan Mirando |
| Mary Penty | Shana Smith |

Also, again, thanks to all the members who are so faithful in renewing their memberships dues.

NOTE CARDS are now available for sale in both our Bookstores. They come in a set of 4 cards for \$2 and depict 4 different scenes of our Library. They are great for dropping a line to keep in touch or just jotting off a quick thank you note. Check them out next time you are in one of the bookstores.

We are looking into the possibility of having T-shirts printed with the Friends of the Murrieta Library logo and selling these, too. We will have more on this item at a later date.

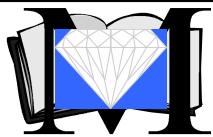
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 At both Bookstores and at the Library.
 Call 951-677-7672f or more information

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.



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Libraries and Book Lovers.....The Open Book
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