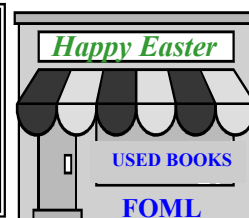




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.....Gary Grim



2015 is off to a good start. Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call have another exciting schedule of authors and artists lined up for the monthly general meetings. I encourage you to come out and enjoy these programs. Bring a friend.

The month of January was off to a solid beginning for the year. In 2014, the revenue for the Friends exceeded Library requests once again. This was aided by strong Internet sales. Last Booknotes I praised all the volunteers. This issue I want to recognize Brian Youens, Art and Laurie Razo and Maggie Pilotte for their work with Internet sales. Over the past few years, in store revenue has decreased but Internet sales have been great, accounting for approximately 44% of book sales in 2014.

This year will be interesting because of the potential impact of e-books. The impact on Friends revenue hopefully will not be significant. My reason for this is that much of what has transferred to e-books is mass market fiction. While working the Town Square store recently I noted that about 90% of the sales were specialty books that as yet don't fit well in the e-book market. These are kids' books, cook books, collectibles, classics, history, non-fiction. I will do a 2015 revenue update later in the year.

I encourage you when deciding what to give as gifts to consider a gift certificate from one of the stores.

See you at the store. People who read are generally very interesting to converse with so come visit us and share your input on good books.

PROGRAMS

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

You are in for an interesting and informative program on **March 17th** when **Sculptor Ricardo Breceda** will be our speaker. He has fashioned over 125 life-size metallic sculptures scattered over Borrego Valley. These sculptures include Plio-Pleistocene animals that once roamed this desert, Spanish explorers, bighorn sheep and dinosaurs.

Startling and stunning as these imaginative sculptures are, the story of how they came to be is just as fascinating. In just a few short years following a devastating accident Breceda has become a famous artist featured on public television, news media, magazines and global blogs.

He is truly an artist for children of all ages, and we are lucky to count him as one of our local residents. This is a program you don't want to miss.

April 11th—Genealogist Karl Weiler will be our guest speaker. Mr. Weiler is the Education Director of the Temecula Valley Genealogy Society. He will be speaking on how to look for your ancestry. Another don't miss program.

If you need any further information on these and other upcoming programs, check our website:

murrietalibraryfriends.org/

and click on Programs, or you may contact either Maggie Pilotte or Judy Call.

"I take a book almost everywhere. Books are the perfect entertainment; no commercials, no batteries, hours of enjoyment for each dollar spent. What I wonder is why everybody doesn't carry a book around for those inevitable dead spots in life."

.....Stephen King

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Our Murrieta Public Library

When someone mentions “library,” the first thing that comes to mind, of course, is *books*. When someone in Murrieta says “library,” with heart-felt pride we think *us*. *Community* is the “how” and the “why” *our* Library is in and at the heart of Murrieta and is, in fact, the most frequented spot in the city. *Community* is what makes our Library unique.

A grass-roots *community* organization, the **Friends of the Murrieta Library** was formed specifically to bring a library to Murrieta. Three years of cajoling, coercing, and twisting arms at the city, county, and state levels finally paid off, turning a vacant bank into our very own MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY in 1999, replete with a Children’s section in the former safe. The investment bore returns on March 17, 2007, with the building of a contemporary, classic, and elegant Library.

Our Murrieta Public Library is indeed a building full of books, but it is so much more. In contrast to the “shhh” image of days gone by, each morning, noon, and evening the young, the wise, and the in-between fill the Library with the quiet sounds of pages turning, mice clicking, books being checked out, books being returned, research questions answered, ideas exchanging, activities engaging, children giggling, friends crossing paths. The energy of *Community* is palpable from minds inquiring, learning, researching, and enjoying. Our children are brought into the wonderful world of books by imaginative and diverse programs, covering the gamut from story time and reading groups, to group activities and classes. Get them into the Library, and the books will speak for themselves! And all of this is free.

None of this would be possible without *our* exemplary Library Manager and her extraordinary staff. Since 1999, the community of Murrieta has grown from 35,000 to more than 100,000, and the librarians have seamlessly and creatively risen to the challenge of meeting the educational, cultural, and entertainment needs of *our community*. They go above and beyond their routine duties to keep abreast of the latest technologies and trends, inventively implementing them in this tough economy. *Our* Library offers a number of computer-based resources such as tutorial classes and tests; live homework help; job search and workplace skills; language learning; and access to the World Book Encyclopedia, reference books, newspapers, and magazines. The defining characteristic of **our** Library staff is that they **care**. And all of this is free.

Anyone can go into a library expecting certain services; in *our community* the services are provided with a smile, with a *genuine interest and caring* that not only enlightens the mind, but enlivens the heart. They make *our* Library a veritable “Care Package.” A “beneficial virus,” if you will, the attitude then becomes contagious in the *community* outside the walls of the Library itself.

An additional way *community support* works with *our* Library to meet its mission outside its wall, is by the efforts of the **Friends of the Murrieta Library**. Once its original goal of bringing a library to Murrieta was accomplished, the **Friends** began its fundraising efforts to provide the Library with the means to broaden its services and to reach out to every member of the *community*. The **Friends** operate two bookstores (with a total of 3,700 square feet), which, in addition to being a source of revenue, provide additional services to the *community*: a source of affordably priced books, a recycling center for used books, a place to meet fellow bibliophiles, and an opportunity for volunteering. Funds from the **Friends** support the many youth and teen programs offered at the Library, and have filled in a few “blank spots” left by the current economy. The Friends purchased a lovely grand piano for the Library *Community* Room, providing yet another dimension of *community* enrichment.

Just as a book is only brought to life by someone reading it, **our MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY** is a vital entity brought to life and purpose by the dedicated participation and pride of ownership of **our** community. Happy Anniversary on their 8th year in this wonderful state-of-the-art facility.

Nancy E. Dixon

“I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of Library.”

.....Jorge Luis Borges, poet, essayist, short-story writer

SPRING—When the birds have begun to build their nests, that’s the time to clean the lint screen in your dryer. Instead of throwing the lint away, put it out where the birds will use it to line their homes.

.....Simple Pleasures





BOOK REVIEW

By Sharon Hunter

Private Vegas

James Patterson/Maxine Paetro

If you like a good crime story and haven't discovered Patterson's Private series you are in for a treat. He has written nine of them, each set in a different city. The recurring hero Jack Morgan owns a series of high tech security firms that operate all over the world. They have the best technological equipment and the brightest investigators, including Jack himself. Currently, Private Vegas is on the best seller list.

I would advise starting with the first Private book although any one may be read out of order. In the first Private book you meet the main characters including Jack's evil twin brother Tom and have an explanation regarding how the investigative agency came about. If you enjoy crime stories, you are for many pleasurable hours of reading. Enjoy!

68th Annual Fireman's BBQ

Sunday, April 19th, is the date set for the **68th Annual BBQ put on by the Murrieta Fire Dept.** Once again the **Friends of the Murrieta Library** will have a booth where we will have adult paperback books, DVD's and children's books and tapes for sale. While our booth will be showcasing and offering for sale items from our bookstores, the primary reason for our booth is community outreach. We are always so surprised at the number of people that don't know Murrieta has such an outstanding library let alone 2 wonderful bookstores for gently used items.

The BBQ will run from 11:30-4:30. We will need volunteers to help set up and take down the booth as well as people to man the booth in 2 hour shifts. If you are willing to be part of this **fun community activity** please contact Carol Van Dorn.

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It's a great way to support both **The Friends** and your community.

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OVERJOYED OVERSTOCK SIDEWALK SALE

Whew! It didn't rain on our "parade." There was however a deluge of customers who spent — drum roll of thunder — one thousand, one hundred dollars.

Yes: \$1,100.00!

All this would not be possible without a great deal of work by a great team. We would especially like to thank Lois Wurtz as coordinator and the generous parishioners and missionaries from the Mormon Church. They show up faithfully each time to set up in the morning, then come back in the evening to organize and take everything inside.

Even though this picture is a little fuzzy and not too sharp, these young men are—sharp, that is. They are the missionaries from the Mormon Church and are the brightest young men on the planet and an indispensable and invaluable help in putting on the sidewalk sales at the Corner store.

This Saturday, February 28th, after efficiently and energetically boxing up books, folding up tables, lugging them inside, and neatly stacking all the boxes of books, the young men had a great time enjoying camaraderie and joking — as you can see from the photo. Thank you so much, gentlemen. Your work is greatly appreciated and your conviviality was a joy.



**A best friend is like a four leaf clover.
Hard to find and lucky to have.**

**'Tis better by far, at the end of the road to find not
gold but the heart of a friend.**

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

Spring

Spring is a time for renewal...and as always, I would like to “renew” my thank you for everything that you do...all year round! The Murrieta Public Library could not continue to offer the great programming it does without your generous support. On that note...notable programs for March and April include, the **Dr. Seuss Birthday celebration** on Tuesday, March 24th at 4:00 PM and **Day of the Child** on Tuesday, April 28th at 4:00 PM. **The Teens** will have an opportunity to learn about **safety, CPR and first aid** on Tuesday, March 31st at 10:30 AM, and the ever popular **SAT vs. ACT Combo Practice Test** will be held on Saturday, April 18th at 12:00 Noon. **For Adults**, the Library is offering a **duo of estate planning workshops, beginning with Special Needs Estate Planning** on Thursday, March 26th at 2:00 PM and **Estate Planning 101** on Monday, March 30th at 6:00 PM.

Due to the Tour de Murrieta bike race event, the Library will be closed on Saturday, March 14th. The book drops will be open; however, 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 patrons can view their personal accounts and access a variety of free resources that are always available for research.

On March 17th, the Murrieta Public Library celebrates eight years at its present location! April is the month for celebrating **National Library Week**, which is April 12th through 18th, and it is a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers.

Library staffing news: Office Specialist, April Philips, started in her new position at the beginning of January. Her main responsibilities are processing invoices, booking the Community Room and ordering Library supplies. Part-time Page, Theresa Gonzalez, resigned her position in January and the vacancy is being filled by former Library volunteer, Ashley Templeton.

Happy Spring everyone! Thank you again for all that you do!



This is the Friends of the Murrieta Library decal to be placed on your car or your home window. If you do not have one of our decals please call Sandra Lucas -696-7487 or e-mail her at slucas07@gmail.com



The “Giving Tree” in the Library. There are some interesting names on it. Check it out next time you are in the Library.



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

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

MEMBERSHIP.....Sandra Lucas, Chairman

Eight new members since January! James and Carol Herney, Bernadette Kauffman, Lorraine Kline, Laura Cannon, Mary Lou Rothacher, Katherine Scordo, Eleva Dewey and Margaret Foley—Welcome all! Some of you heard about us from our website and at least one of you is already volunteering at the Corner Bookstore. I know this because Katherine has been my partner on the first and last Tuesdays of the month. She is taking a break from law school so the Friends are the beneficiaries of some of her spare time!

Always—thanks to the 17 members who have renewed in the last several months. We are working on a better way to let you know when your membership is up for renewal so that you can renew in a timely manner.

March is the Library's 8th anniversary (at its present location) so in celebration, we are having a **fundraiser at J. Carter's Tuesday, March 24th**—lunch and or/dinner. They will give us **20%** of your bill if you present our flyer to your server. Why not invite a friend or a neighbor who is not presently a member of the **Friends of the Murrieta Library** and give them one of our brochures during lunch or dinner. I will have brochures and flyers available at the next meeting—March 9th—or you may email me at slucas07@gmail.com and request either one and I will email you back. They will also both be available at either bookstore as well. Let's have a big turnout and make some money for the Library!!

Our heartfelt thanks to all who signed up at the last meeting to bring delicious goodies. The sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting as well for those who have not done so yet.

Your Hospitality Committee

Lela, Pat, Eleanor and
Coletha

"A wizard must have passed this way.
Since—was it only yesterday? Then
all was bare, and now, behold! A
hundred cups of living gold!"

Emma C. Dowd, "Daffodil & Crocus



"A **Friend** is someone who reaches for
your hand, but touches your heart."



OTHER SPECIAL CITY EVENTS

March 13—15—Tour de Murrieta Bicycle Race. Starts at Jefferson and Kalmia and goes throughout the city.

April 4—Eggstravaganza—Los Alamos Hills Sports Park

For additional information on City happenings go to the City's website www.murrieta.org-Homepage or call City Hall at 951-304-City

The **YMCA** is coming to Murrieta soon. It will be located in the Murrieta Gateway Center where our **Friends Corner Bookstore** is and will be in the building that formerly housed Azusa Pacific's satellite branch. This is good news.

We have a new facility in Murrieta called **enhanced vision or O V A C**. They have products that enable those with vision problems to see pictures and see and hear written material that is difficult to view. They are located off Winchester Boulevard at 30111 Technology Drive, Suite 110. In going through the main entrance, it is the first door. The phone number is 800-325-4488.

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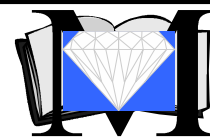
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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
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OUR LOGO

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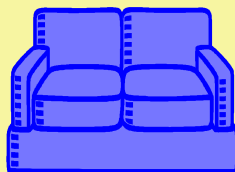
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