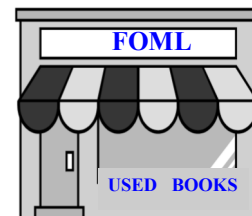




# BOOKNOTES



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Gary Grim

Your president is on vacation but wants

to wish all the members a great St. Patrick's Day and of course, the nicest of Easters. And thanks again for all your support of the **Friends**.



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



**"Blessed are they who have generous friends."**

Our thanks to all of our generous **Friends** for all your contributions of great treats for our refreshment table.

Sincerely, Lela, Pat, Eleanor and Coletha

## HAVE A BOOKSTORE SIDEWALK SALE AND THEY WILL COME.

The Corner Bookstore had another successful Sidewalk Sale on February 27th and the customers flocked to the store. The one day's receipts were \$1,041.75. The customers were excited to get the bargains offered, plus making in-store sales a near record. Many thanks to **Nancy Dixon and the many helping hands** that made this possible.

This is the wonderfully, multi-talented Abernathy family—mother, Stephanie and daughters, Lauren and Kirsten—to whom we are saying a fond, but very sad farewell.. These shoes will be hard to fill. We wish them all the best in their move to new surroundings and we know they will enhance the lives of all their new friends as they have added immeasurably, with their many gifts, to the **Friends of the Murrieta Library**.



## PROGRAMS

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 15.....Author and Local Winemaker AUDREY CILURZO

The Cilurzos knew nothing about making wine when they purchased their land in Temecula. They took classes at UC Davis and bought every book on wine they could get their hands on. Audrey and Vince grew grapes for ten years, then opened **Cilurzo Winery** in 1978. They made several different wines including a Cabernet and a Late Harvest Petite Sirah. One of their best sellers was a wine called Vincheno, a Petite Sirah/Chenin Blanc blend named after their son Vinnie and daughter Chenin. When asked how they want to be remembered, it's by the success their children have attained.

"All we wanted to do was make good wine and get people coming here."

Let's show our appreciation for Audrey coming to talk to the **Friends** by having a big turnout for this interesting, informative program. Bring family and friends. The programs are all free and delicious refreshments are an added treat.



## INDEPENDENT READING IN THE CLASSROOM CRITICAL TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Despite the explosion of apps and games and online videos, kids are still reading, and many are doing it the old fashioned way with printed books. Just like us, kids pick up books because reading is fun. It lets them explore other worlds, go on adventures, and recognize themselves in their favorite characters, showing them that they are not alone.

But if we want them to keep reading, we need to find ways to keep it fun. Scholastic is the largest publisher and distributor of children's books in the world, and NEA Today recently spoke with Judy Newman, president of Scholastic Book Clubs, about trends in reading among children.

### Why is reading for fun important for students academically?

**JN:** The most critical skill for success in school or in life is the ability to read well. Reading is the only way to build usable vocabulary because in books, words are written in context, with meaning and nuance. Once you have a strong, dynamic vocabulary you can translate your thoughts and ideas (and hopes and dreams), and communicate them to others.

Teachers and Librarians are hugely instrumental in connecting kids to books they will enjoy reading because they truly get to know the kids in their class and their school. They know students' reading levels so they can feel successful and positive about reading. And they know that the easiest way to help kids find books they'll like is by giving them continuous access to a wide variety of books from which to choose. They know that their students have a wide array of interests and that they read at many different levels.

Kids will be happy reading something that they choose—that matches their interests and their ideas of the world. Plus, the art of choosing a book to read and borrow from the Library, or owning a book to add to a personal bookshelf, is amazingly empowering.

## INDEPENDENT READING (Continued)

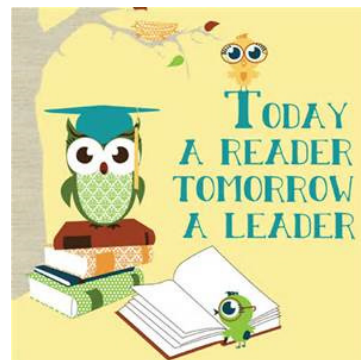
**Scholastic's latest reading survey shows that kids prefer print books to ebooks. Can you explain why?**

**JN:** Kids love to collect books. You can have pride of ownership in displaying your print books in a way you cannot with digital editions. Kids like to turn pages. To keep track of how far they are in a book. They like to write their own name in the front cover and use bookmarks and book covers.

For younger children, the joy and bonding that happen when parents or adults or even other children read aloud to them is much richer with a physical book than with an e-reader, tablet, or phone sitting between the parent and child on the couch or at bedtime.

*Copied from NEA Today*

This article and the information contained in it should reinforce the importance of Library cards for all children **and** buying printed books. Help your children and grandchildren enjoy the use of our Murrieta Public Library and all it has to offer. Our used bookstores have an unending variety and supply of every type of book in prime condition. And, especially, a marvelous selection of children's books. Buying gift certificates so the children may purchase their books themselves is a real treat.



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Friday. ....10-8  
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## Series Reading Program: Creating a Culture of Reading

At Walter Bracken STEAM Academy Elementary, an urban school in Las Vegas, Nevada, educators have created a culture of reading by introducing Series Reading across all grade levels.

- ◆ By fifth grade, students are two and a half years above grade level.
- ◆ Instead of talking about the latest TV shows, students excitedly discuss the books they read.
- ◆ Students are often caught reading books under their desks during other lessons.

“Kids are hungry to read,” said the assistant principal. “They come in on a Friday and ask me, ‘Can I check out two books?’ because they want to take two books home on the weekend.”

### The Benefits of Reading a Book Series

When students read a series:

- ◆ They are familiar with and deepen their connection with the books’ characters.
- ◆ They increase comprehension.
- ◆ They increase reading time.
- ◆ They don’t waste time trying to decide what books to read next.
- ◆ They are familiar with vocabulary the author uses.
- ◆ That familiarity helps increase success and understanding with each book in the series.

◆  
“They read tons of series each year, and they just don’t stop,” says the principal. “We found this magical thing where they were talking about characters and comparing and contrasting in the hallway.”

### Did you know.....

Jessamyn West who wrote “The Friendly Persuasion,” was the teacher at Harmony School, a one-room school that served the San Jacinto Valley in the early 1900s, where she stayed for four years. Her husband, Max, became a teacher at Hemet Junior High School. Her book was later made into a movie.

“The Friendly Persuasion” has charmed generations of readers as one of our classic tales of the American Midwest.



## BOOK REVIEW By Sharon Hunter

### The Japanese Lover Isabel Allende

This novel has been on the best seller list of top ten novels for many weeks. Allende unfolds this tender love story starting during the late 1930s when suspicion and hatred was building against the Japanese.

Alma Belasco, a child, arrives from Poland to stay with her wealthy relatives because war with Germany is evident and her family is Jewish. We learn her parents perish in a concentration camp. She makes friends with Ichimei Fukuda, the son of the Japanese gardener, and they form a life-long love for each other that spans many years with long time breaks and marriages to others. There is a very sad twist to the story at the conclusion.

Every character is well drawn and interesting, including Irina Bazeli who becomes Alma’s care worker. Gradually Irina’s cool façade is changed by Alma’s son Paul, and we learn of her tragic history.

This novel is an unusual story within an historical period. Allende accurately portrays the historical time revealing its confusion, fear and prejudice. It is beautifully written. It is a great read and worthy

### 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.

### OUR LOGO

Represents.....



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



## MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

Dear Friends,

Spring is just around the corner, although with the weather we've been having it seems it's been here since February! Some notable programs for March and April include a Fairy Celebration for children ages 3-12 on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. Adults will have an opportunity to learn about power food and synergy food in a program presented by culinary expert, Celine Cossou, on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. For teens, there is a First Aid & CPR overview workshop on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 AM and a New SAT Practice Test workshop on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 - 4 PM. For details and more programming information please visit our web page at [www.murrietalibrary.info](http://www.murrietalibrary.info).

Due to the Tour de Murrieta bike race event, the Library will be closed on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

The front entrance to the Library will have a new look soon. The Bradford pear trees that were planted when the Library was built nine years ago have caused the concrete to lift in certain areas of the main entrance walkway and have become a tripping hazard. The trees have been removed and crepe myrtles will be planted in all but two of the planters.

A Code Adam procedure has been put into place at the Library to assist guardians and caregivers in keeping children safe at the Library. Code Adam was created in memory of 6-year-old Adam Walsh and available through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Our procedure was adapted from the NCMEC's procedure and approved by the Murrieta Police Department.

The Murrieta Public Library turns 17 this April! The Library opened its doors for the first time on April 10, 1999, in its prior location on Los Alamos Road, and has come a long way. 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. Thank you for all you do!

**HAPPY SPRING!**



### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Tuesday.....10 am—8 pm

Wednesday & Thursday.....10 am—6 pm

Friday & Saturday....12 pm—5 pm

Sundays & Holidays....Closed

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

#### NEW MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM

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#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

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Lifetime members are honored with an engraved leaf on the **"GIVING TREE"** in the Library.

**MEMBERSHIP.....**Sandra Lucas, Chair

**A Library card is a passport that takes you to every corner of the universe.** And it's not reserved for the well-off or the well-educated. It's available to everyone who wants one — free of charge. **The Friends of the Murrieta Library** help make that possible by supporting the Murrieta Public Library through funding programs, adding to their collection, and supplying other special needs the Library has.

By renewing your Friends of the Murrieta Library membership you ensure **The Friends** being able to continue doing all of this.

We welcomed new members Marilyn Exler, Sheila Taylor and Lynn Marie Hornecker recently. We are always looking for new members to become involved in the **Friends** through volunteering as there are many opportunities in many areas.

NOTE: The **Friends** wish our Membership Chair a speedy and complete recovery. Membership is a time-consuming job and Sandra does it so well.



### ***The Murrieta Public Library Foundation***

*Invites you to attend a  
Stay at Home & Read a Good Book Birthday Ball  
Honoring the Murrieta Public Library*

*Date: Sunday, March 27, 2016*

*Time: 7 p.m.*

*Place: Your Favorite Reading Spot*

*Attire: Comfortable*

*R.S.V.P. by March 25, 2016*

*Suggested Ticket Price: \$30 Donation\**

*\*All Proceeds to Benefit  
Murrieta Public Library Special Projects*

#### ***Reply Card***

*The favor of a reply is requested on or  
before March 25, 2016*

*Make check payable to MPLF and mail  
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*Murrieta, CA 92562*

*or donate at*

*murrietalibraryfoundation.org (PayPal)*

## **MURRIETA VALLEY USD NEWS**

**NBC San Diego** news ran a story recently about the release of students' personal information and ABC news also covered the story.

Here is what you need to know and what you can share with anyone who asks you about it.

A lawsuit filed against the California Department of Education (CDE) in April 2012 by the Morgan Hill Concerned Parents Association and the Concerned Parent Association alleged widespread, systemic non-compliance with special education laws by school districts across the state.

As part of that lawsuit, the federal district court ordered CDE to provide the nonprofit [California Concerned Parents](#) with personal student data on all K-12 students who have attended a California school since 2008.

The MVUSD is not releasing any student information. The court has ordered California Department of Education to release the student information.

Parents and guardians, or former students now over the age of 18, may object to the release of students' personal information. In order to opt out, they must notify the Court by completing the ["Objection to Disclosure of Student Information and Records"](#), and mail their objection to the Court at the following address by April 1, 2016.

United States District Judge Kimberly J. Mueller c/o  
Clerk of the Court Robert T. Matsui  
United States Courthouse 501 I Street, Room 4-200  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
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For more information visit: [the California Department of Education website](#) or call CDE at 916-319-0800.



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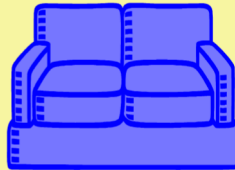
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