



# BOOKNOTES



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

.....Gary Grim



I have noticed that the media have started to advertise for Mother's day coming up soon. As with any holiday for which a present would be appropriate, the question is what to give. Several years ago my family came to an easy solution: give books. This has become an enjoyable way to say whatever is appropriate for the occasion. The one exception is my college grandchildren. Money is their number one appreciated gift. Over the years we have learned what genre of books will be appreciated. So for mother's day why not take advantage of our wide variety at the book stores and surprise mothers, daughters and daughters-in-law with some good reading material.

As we approach summer, I can report that the net income year to date for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter was on par with previous years. At its March meeting, the Board approved funding the full amount of the Library's request for the upcoming fiscal year.

**We hope to see you at the monthly general meetings where you can meet old and new Friends, hear interesting, worthwhile and entertaining programs and get fed, too.**

**READ.** Researchers in Britain asked participants who were feeling stressed to engage in various activities, including reading, listening to music, having a cup of tea or coffee, and taking a walk.

**Reading** reduced stress levels and heart rates by 68 percent, the most significant effect of any item on the list. (The least effective: video games.)

**“There are many ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.”**

..... Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

## PROGRAMS

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

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU DON'T FORGET

All meetings are held in the Library's Community Room at 10:00. The programs start after a short business meeting. Meetings are free and open to the public and delightful refreshments are served. Bring a friend. Hope to see you there!!

### MAY 16TH—IN HOUSE CUISINE

#### From the Right Side of the Bars

Author Louise Matthews takes you behind bars to show you what it is like cooking and eating in jails, all without the mess and pain of being booked and strip searched. She lives with her husband and four fur babies in San Diego, CA.

This sounds like a truly fascinating topic.

### JUNE 20TH—MEET THE FOUNDERS

#### An Oral History of the Friends

Nancy Dixon, the **FRIENDS'** Historian, will be showing a video presenting an oral history from some of the original Founders, board members and city council members involved with the wonderfully interesting history of the **FRIENDS** and how it all came about. There will be a special interview with the Palm Springs Library Director, Henry Weiss, who was hugely instrumental in helping us get established as a non-profit. The Murrieta **FRIENDS** has such an interesting history that you won't want to miss this. We are all proud to be members of this group.

**Gratitude** is a special virtue and we cannot be more grateful than we are for our **FRIENDS** who help us to succeed. Your Hospitality Committee sends a very hearty “thank you.”

Lela, Pat, Eleanor and Coletha

## Reading Partners

Reading Partners mobilizes communities to provide students with the proven, individualized reading support they need to read at grade level by fourth grade.

We know that reading is the foundation for all future learning, and the ability to read transforms lives and empowers children and communities to reach their full potential. Research shows that students who read at grade level by fourth grade have a greater opportunity to succeed in school and in life.

That's why we partner with under-resourced schools and engage volunteer reading partners to work one-on-one with students who struggle with reading.

An evidence-based and community-driven organization, we recruit and train volunteers to work one-on-one with students for 45 minutes twice a week, following a structured, research-based curriculum.

Our program model works and is backed by evidence-based research which proves that our students make significant gains in reading. On average, Reading Partners' students more than double their rate of learning while in the program.

**Editors Note:** My daughter is personally involved in this in the city of Pasadena and has seen the remarkable change it has made in the student with whom she is working. They also have recruited a segment of the business environment—mainly realtors—to volunteer. This collaboration between local realtors and the schools of Pasadena is continuing to grow. It includes the local realtor community, the Pasadena Educational Foundation, United Teachers of Pasadena, Reading is Fundamental and the Pasadena Public Library. It is not only rewarding for the students but also for the volunteers.

Let's hope school districts throughout the country adopt and install this program in their communities.

## Odyssey Of The Mind

Murrieta Valley schools have a long history of participating in **Odyssey of the Mind**. What is Odyssey of the Mind? An international program for students from elementary school through college run by volunteers and funded strictly through donations. Kids learn creative problem solving, active listening, team work, public speaking, stagecraft, and out-of-the-box thinking while having fun.

Teams choose to solve one of five long-term problems by creating their own 8 minute performance based on a given topic. Students do research, write scripts, build sets and props, and rehearse for weeks in preparation for their regional tournament. They cannot have any adult help. At the competition, the teams are also given an on-the-spot "spontaneous" problem to solve that requires quick, creative thinking and teamwork. OM builds confidence and independence in a challenging environment.

Our Cole Canyon Team won FIRST at Regionals and FIRST at the California State Tournament in March! And NOW they are advancing to the 2017 **OM WORLD FINALS** at Michigan State University in May!


They need help to get there! Our goal is to raise enough money to offset the cost (approximately \$2,500 per student) (7—5th graders.)

All donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to Cole Canyon PTC/OM or email: [omconstance@gmail.com](mailto:omconstance@gmail.com) for more information.

We appreciate and thank you for your support!

Constance Youens, OM Facilitator

Follow our journey at [www.facebook.com/CCOMFundraiser](http://www.facebook.com/CCOMFundraiser)

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## OUR CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS

At the recent April 18th Murrieta City Council meeting, Mayor Rick Gibbs presented a proclamation to the owner of the Comprehensive Autism Center, Mr. Chris Macken, in recognition of Autism Awareness Month and all the work this group does making the public aware of how prevalent autism is and providing a storyteller, Jennifer Smith, to come and put on programs at our Library for the children. Mr. Macken called our Children's Librarians: Allyson Eagans, Kathryn Miller and Ashley Bigay to come up and then ran a video showing the programs our Library, and these special librarians in particular, put on for these children. It was such an impressive film and it got a round of applause from everyone in attendance at the meeting. It made everyone there more aware of how grateful we are for our Library, the Library staff and all that the Library offers our community.

## One reason the world is still a wonderful place

When you're a child, if your home is perhaps unhappy or else just cramped or dull, and you are too poor for the mall to hold any appeal for you, there is a third, magical space you can go to on a rainy day: the Library. A place where you can go without a penny in your pocket and be given a room full of worlds. For each book is a doorway you can walk through into another land. There are a million people, from across the world and through time, who are sitting on those shelves, dying to tell their stories and become your friend. It is a place where you will be valued not for what you wear or how you look, but for how many words you have collected and stored in your head, such as (corybantic, uxorious, shagreen, mimosa). Most important, it's a place where you can just sit on a chair and read all the rude bits from Judy Blume books. And we invented these facilities! We made them happen. How cool is that? This is humanity's greatest achievement.

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It always amazes those of us involved with libraries or just generally book lovers, how often we encounter people who are not aware of our Library, where it is located, or our two wonderful bookstores. So it is always very satisfying to be able to pass on this information. A reminder; we can all be AMBASSADORS and tell everyone who needs to know about both of these wonderful facilities in our community.

## Everything Old Is New Again

The Corner Store recently joined with the Friends of the Sun City and Perris Libraries for an *Antiquarian, Rare, and Collectible Book Fair*. Conceived and very well organized by Noel Cajudo, Manager of the Sun City bookstore, it was a good outreach opportunity and a chance to interface with other Friends groups. We made \$281, primarily due to a customer who bought \$171 in signed books. We had those books thanks to one of our Corner Store regular customers, Chris, who goes to author signings and then periodically donates his "treasures."



**Speaking of sales: the next Overstock Sidewalk Sale at the Corner Store will be on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Hope to see you there!

And don't forget about our Gift Certificates. They make great gifts when you need something for a special occasion.

Nancy Dixon, Manager



## BOOK REVIEW

By Sharon Hunter

### The Life That We Bury

By Allen Eskens

This is a beautifully written novel by a fairly new writer. It has won numerous awards and has been nominated for an Edgar for best first novel (2115), as well as other awards for other prestigious awards for first novel. I can see the writing style is smooth, the descriptions well done, the characters finely drawn.

The story is compelling and suspenseful. The central character is Joe Talber who has to complete a writing assignment for an English class; he chooses to interview and write about Carl Iverson, a convicted killer who has been released from prison due to pancreatic cancer. As he interviews Carl, Joe begins to believe Carl is innocent. He slowly unravels the web of Carl's conviction with the help of Lila, a neighbor. However, the stakes grow higher as they dig deeper into the circumstances of the crime.

I hope you enjoy the book as much as I did. Good reading!

# MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

Summer will soon be here which means staff is very busy with planning and preparing for the Summer Reading Program. May is the month when final preparations; press releases, signs, book logs and all other Summer Reading Program plans, are wrapped up. May is also the month for school library tours. This is the perfect opportunity for teachers to fill gaps in classroom assignment time with a positive and productive field trip and gives the Library staff the perfect audience to promote the Summer Reading Program.


The Summer Reading Program begins June 10<sup>th</sup> and runs through July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The theme this year is **Reading by Design** and was inspired by the creativity of authors, illustrators, builders, inventors, artists, architects, and everyone who makes our world a more interesting, livable, accessible, and beautiful place. The hope for the theme is to inspire readers to explore their own creativity and design new worlds for themselves and for all of us. There will be a Summer Reading Kickoff event on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m.-3 p.m. The event will be a hands-on, fun-filled adventure with STEM activities, games and exploration.

Oral histories are now available to check out. Librarian, Laura Davis, has done an exceptional job of maintaining the Heritage Room collection and changing out displays over the past few years. Laura's latest project includes making 15 oral histories available to check out. If you're curious to hear the tales from some of the locals of what living in Murrieta was like years ago, go to the reference desk and check out some oral histories.

Speaking of Murrieta history, the Library has partnered with the Murrieta Valley Historical Society and will be hosting bimonthly history talks. The first one is on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Library's Community Room, featuring historian Paul Price, who will be speaking about the rich history of our local mines.

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful



Sign up a friend—Print, ~~cut off~~ and mail form below to P.O. Box 235, Murrieta 92564  
—or drop off at  the Library or either Bookstore.

## NEW MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM

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

Raised Up Truck Club—Thank you for your Lifetime Membership! Carol Carson’s heavenly chimes were madly ringing several weeks ago! A huge welcome to new members, Sharon Green and Katy Bies and from the the Firemans’ Barbeque, we received a new membership from the Jamon Buggs family. For those of you who have renewed your membership, a big thank you!

**Advocacy...** Now is the time for members to do some advocating....

The President’s preliminary budget, among other things, defunds and would close the Institute of Museum and Library Service (IMLS), the federal agency charged with providing support to libraries.

IMLS funds make experimental and innovative library services possible. It also provides essential support for small rural libraries as well as for every state library in the nation (which use federal funds for resources to which every library in the state typically has access). While IMLS’ work is often in the background, it is no less crucial for that. Much of its work is carried out with funds through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Libraries also receive federal support for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program through the Department of Education. Together, they provided more than \$210 million to libraries in FY 2016 and the President’s budget would eliminate both. Loss of this money would have a staggering effect on communities throughout our country, as well as on the millions of individuals who use America’s libraries. Contact your representatives now and ask them to preserve funding this year for the Library Services and Technology Act. <http://cqrcengage.com/ala/?0> where you can send an email.

For more information, go to <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/federallegislation/fight-for-libraries>.

**FIREMAN’S BBQ —April 23rd**

The **FRIENDS** participated as usual in the annual Fireman’s BBQ with a booth selling books supplied by our bookstores. We had a successful day, not only selling \$161.00 in books, but distributing information about the **FRIENDS**, our bookstores and our Murrieta Library.

Nancy Dixon, Corner Store Manager, selected a wonderful variety of like new books that consisted of enticing cookbooks, delightful children’s books, popular chapter books for middle and high school readers, as well as in demand novels, including romance genre.

The books had to be transported to the site, thanks to the combined efforts of Allyson Quinlan, her daughter, Kelsey and Pat Farmer. All the while under the expert supervision and organization of our fearless Special Events person, Lela Llorens who set up, opened and closed the booth—from 9:00 until 5:00—a long day! Helping her sell and hand out materials were members Mila Asperin, Juanita Blankenship, Judy Call, Carol Carson, and Rita Nastro. Pat Farmer and Polly Filanc also lent a hand in the booth. We signed up a new Family membership and had two other ladies interested in joining and possibly volunteering. All in all, a day well spent.

In researching some past **Booknotes**, ran across an Editor’s Note in the very first issue of **Booknotes** dated February 1998. It reads, “A special and heartfelt thank you to Kristopher Carson for his invaluable help in getting this Newsletter out.”

Nineteen years later, the editor is still heavily relying on this young man to get our Newsletter out to the members. He is so knowledgeable and always so patient that without his continuing support, this editor would not be able to do the job. So, once again, a **special and very heartfelt thank you** to my grandson, Kristopher Carson. The Editor

**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.....**



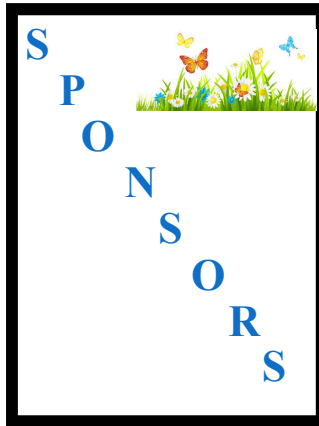
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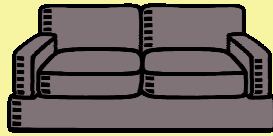
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