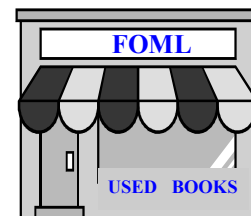




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.....Gary Grim



I hope everyone is enjoying the start of the summer season. It is a great time to beat the heat by relaxing with good books. We just returned from two weeks on the east slope of the Sierra trying to catch the wily trout. During that time, I had a chance to reflect on the importance of libraries in communities.

We made use of the libraries in Mammoth Lakes and June Lake while we were there. Even the small cluster of houses around Crowley Lake has a branch. The presence and quality of a community library says a great deal about the quality of life in that area.

We are so fortunate to have a great library in Murrieta and a fantastic organization like the **Friends** to support it. You are all to be commended for your efforts on its behalf. I do not know of another community that has as active a **Friend's** organization as ours.

I hope to see you at the stores and definitely in September when the general meetings resume and we are treated to more great programs and tasty refreshments.

PROGRAMS

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

July and August are dark months. Here is a heads up on what to expect when we return in the fall. We are extremely fortunate to have:

JEANNE NELSON.....Local Author.....will speak at our **September 15th meeting**. She has written a book:

MEMORIES: THE MURRIETA SCHOOLS
A History of the Murrieta Valley
Unified School District

Jeanne Nelson was the district librarian and library coordinator for the Murrieta Valley Unified School District for 21 years. In this book she has turned a class project into a history of perseverance, change and growth from one school to 19 in less than 20 years.

No one is more qualified to talk about this amazing growth than September's guest speaker. This is an exceptional opportunity to learn more about the city we all love and its educational background. Bring your friends and family!!

**10:00 a.m. in the Community
Room of the Library.**

More About October's program later.

Healthiest Bedtime Reading Habits.....Reader's Digest—July/August 2015 issue

In a two-week study, 12 participants were assigned to read either an e-book or an iPad or a printed book before they went to sleep each evening for five nights. Then they switched formats and read for another five nights. When people read on the iPad, they took longer to fall asleep and spent less time in REM sleep than with the traditional books. Researchers say using devices that emit blue light—including cell phones and laptops—before bedtime can have negative long term health effects.



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BOOK REVIEW

By Sharon Hunter

Sing in The Morning, Cry At Night

Sing in the Morning, Cry at Night is a first novel written by Barbara Taylor. It is a bittersweet tale set in early twentieth century Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, the heart of America's coal mining region. It is a "place where Grace and Grief — now, as then—go hand in hand." It is a story of a family and the tragedies that they face.

The story centers on a family tragedy that involves hope, love, mystery and wisdom. There is a strong sense of place in the novel which describes the life of the miners and their families.

I think of it as a modern *How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn. This is a sensitive, beautifully written book well worth reading.

AMERICA'S LIBRARY: Thomas Jefferson's Massive Donation and the Creation of the Library of Congress

In 1800, President John Adams signed a bill transferring the seat of the U.S. government to Washington. At that time, the Library of Congress was established. The initial collection of 740 books and 3 maps was housed in the Capitol building until August 1814, when British troops invaded and burned down the building destroying the small library.

By 1815 Thomas Jefferson had collected books across a vast spectrum of topics and languages, which eventually totaled 6,487 books, the largest book collection in North America. After retiring and living at Monticello, President Jefferson offered his personal library as a replacement. In January 1815, Congress appropriated \$23,950 to purchase his collection and thereby laid the foundation for a great national library. After two disastrous fires, Congress approved the construction of a separate building for its library.

The new "Congressional Library" was opened on November 1, 1897 and was hailed as a glorious national monument. In 1980 the building was named for Thomas Jefferson in honor of his role in the Library's history. Between 1984 and 1997 the Thomas Jefferson building was restored to its original 19th century splendor. It is located at 10 First Street, SE in Washington, DC.

The Dream Works Because The Team Works

.....Nancy Dixon, Corner Bookstore Manager

And do they work! The dream payoff was \$1,160.00 from the Overstock Sidewalk Sale on June 13th. The day is always one of community: the volunteers coming together to serve the community who literally show up in droves. This time, they were lined up in the parking lot to pay for their treasures.

Huge thanks to all who pitched in: Lela Llorens, Brian Youens, Juanita Brown, Nitsa Oudijk, Jacqueline Reed, Darlene Rardin, Helen Sam, Lois Wurtz, and the Missionaries and parishioners from the Mormon Church (and yours truly, of course).

But we had a special treat for and from one of our long-time sale volunteers: Emily Ferrell. Emily started doing her community service hours with us when she was a freshman, and she graduated two days before the sale (having long surpassed the required hours). Emmy has never missed a Sidewalk Sale in all that time, even changing the flight to visit her grandmother in order to be here one year. With three sales per year that would be 12 sales, times 8 hours per sale. You do the math—that's a lot of hours! The numbers are significant, but it's the heart she put into her service that really stands out. We all love her as do the customers, and the sales won't be quite the same without her.

Emily has a job for the summer and will be signing up with the Coast Guard, probably by the fall. Our biggest and heartiest congratulations for your accomplishment, Emmy! We hope to keep posted on the many successes in life we see for you.



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Friday.10-8**



Katelynn Carson exploring Cheyenne's Corner at the Corner Bookstore in pursuit of an interesting, fun, colorful book, of which there are plenty, in the children's sections of the Corner and the Town Square Bookstores. The children head straight for Cheyenne's Corner as soon as they walk in the store. They love having gift certificates so they can spend "their own" money. These are available at both our Bookstores and are good at either store no matter where they are purchased. All proceeds from the Bookstores benefit the Murrieta Public Library by allowing the Friends to furnish performers and supplies for the Library's many programs throughout the year. And, annually fulfilling their request for funds to purchase materials for their Collection.

The Corner store also has Pre-school Children's Reading Time every Monday morning at 10:30 a.m. If your children or grandchildren have not taken advantage of this special corner, do bring them in for a real treat. Each month it is decorated for whatever holiday or event occurs in that month.

A wild idea.....

We have some problems. We're falling behind educationally. Too many of us are out of work. And for a nation that fostered so much technical innovation, there sure are a lot of clueless people walking round. We have children who can't or don't read, adults who can't navigate a computer, businesses that can't afford rent—and every technological advance brings mass confusion. How many proprietary, incompatible devices can a person carry?

So here's **a wild idea**. Let's build a place in every community and in every school where we can bring our questions, our problems, and our thirst for knowledge. Where we can learn a trade or a language. Where we can pull ourselves up by our bootstraps. A place with information, computers, a wireless network. Heat. Electricity. Lots of plugs. Art and literature. Technology workshops. Story times. Job help. Medical information. A place to preserve our community history. Most important, a place to get kind, professional, human help.

We would share the cost and keep it commercial-free, so we would never be in doubt about whose side it's on —always, it's on the consumers' side. To reflect this shared investment, we'll call the consumers patrons. And at every step, the patrons' dignity and privacy would be respected.

Could it really be this simple? We don't need to build this place. It's already built. It's already stocked and staffed. It's a success, too; people flock to it in droves. Our ancestors were geniuses for inventing libraries. Our parents and grandparents did the hard work, raising the political will and capital to get them built. Our librarians have assembled and organized the most reliable information, the best entertainment, the most useful resources; they've adapted to the digital age; they stand ready to serve us in good times and bad, at every stage of our lives.

Our job is relatively modest. We just have to keep it going.

BY MARILYN JOHNSON

Author, Library Advocate

Marilyn Johnson's latest book is This Book is Overdue! How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All. This piece is from her blog at www.thisbookisoverdue.com

Taken from ALTAFF publication "The **VOICE** for America's Libraries" - November 2011 issue. (Reprinted by request)



MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Library Manager



Dear Friends,

Summer is here and that means it's time for the Summer Reading Program! This year's theme is "Read to the Rhythm!" and runs from June 15th through July 25th. The Children's Department offers nine special programs, teens will have seven programs including the Finale party and five programs are offered for adults. All departments offer wonderful prizes for reading. For teens, I am especially pleased to announce that the annual "Read for a Reason" program continues: for every page read and reported on a teen reading card, one cent will be donated to Animal Friends of the Valleys; and new for this year, "Paws for Law", a foundation dedicated to supporting the **Murrieta Police Department's K9 unit**. Funding for "Read for a Reason" is provided by the generous donations from Carol Carson and Southern California Gas Company, a Semptra Energy utility.

I am also pleased to announce the **Friends of the Murrieta Library** approved our request for funds for the fiscal 2015-2016 year. The **Friends** donation of \$30,000 toward collection development and \$13,500 for performers and supplies allows the Library to offer a variety of materials to check out and high quality programming for the community.

On June 16, 2015, the Murrieta City Council approved the Library's Operating Budget for fiscal years 2015/2016 and 2016/2017. The library budget for fiscal year 2015/16 totals \$2,158,795 and 2016/17 totals \$2,250,531. Library funding is almost entirely dependent on property tax which comprises 94% of total revenue received. The Library Fund receives about one and one half cents of every dollar paid in ad valorem property tax. This equates to about \$45 per year for a home valued at \$300,000. The Library budget is balanced utilizing \$290,995 in economic contingency funds in 2015/16 and \$297,731 in 2016/17. The Library Fund has been the slowest fund to recover due to the large dependence on property tax for operations. Previously, the Library received funding from the State of California, but Public Library Funds (PLF) were one of the many sources of revenue that the State has taken away from cities over the past several years.

In staffing news - Gabe Diaz replaced Terri Daniel and started working in the reference department on May 11th. We said goodbye to part-time library assistant, Phaedra Miller and welcomed Katie Calametti on May 26th to fill Phaedra's position. Once again, I would like to thank the **Friends of the Murrieta Library** for all that you do! Your continued support, efforts in fundraising and volunteering are truly appreciated by all!

Quotes: "Come with me" mom says, "to the Library. Books and summertime go together."Lisa Schroeder, Author

"It was good to walk into a Library again. It smelled like home."Elizabeth Kostova, *The Historian*

"The very existence of libraries afford the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of man."T.S. Eliot

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!)

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

MEMEBERSHIP

.....Sandra Lucas, Chairman

Once again, as Carol Carson says, bells are ringing out in heaven for the **Friends of the Murrieta Library's** newest **LIFETIME** members, Ken and Marsha Ellingboe. Marsha has returned to the fold, being a member some years back.

Welcome to Ken and Marsha and seven wonderful new members as well. We have three Family memberships: Nancy Gutierrez; Anna Kelly and Lorri Cerwin families. We have also had four Individual memberships; Veronica Melvedt, Kathleen Ybarra, Ut Triguyen, and Janine Taube. Lorri is a member of the Temecula Valley Women's Club and has volunteered at the Library to do an archiving project for Laura Davis in the past. She has now jumped in to work at the Town Square Bookstore adjacent to the Library. Make these new members feel welcome by introducing yourselves whenever you see them at the meetings.

A big round of applause to the 23 members who have renewed their memberships. Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!! Renewals are much appreciated.

Once again, when you renew your membership, please help us by filling out the form in the newsletter and including it with your check or cash.

Have a great summer and we'll see you in September.

HOSPITALITY.....CHALLENGE: a call to take part.. "There is no challenge too great for those who have the will and heart to make it happen." Our thanks to all of you who help us "make it happen" each month.

Your Hospitality Committee; Lela, Pat, Eleanor and Coletha

OUR MANY THANKS to this exceptional committee who see to it that we have a delectable array of treats at our meetings, as well as a beautifully decorated food table depicting the speaker or event of the month. This enhances and enriches our meetings.

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.

SPECIAL CITY SUMMER EVENTS

Concerts-in-the-Park

Saturdays —July 11, 18, 25 and August 1

These concerts will be held at the **Town Square Park** behind the Library

Movies-in-The-Park

Saturdays —August 8 and 15

These movies will be at the **Cal-Oaks Sports Park**

Bring, your blankets, chairs, food and, of course, your children and enjoy these free City events.

The City is also offering various camps for children of varying ages from **July 6th through July 10th**. Check out the city's website for additional information on all the above activities. Or pop into City Hall and pick up some information at the friendly receptionist's desk.

One more — **Mother/Son "Minutes to Win It" Dance —Friday August 21.**

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE. Remember our Military personnel who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. Long may our flag wave.



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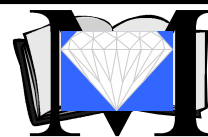
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"The Gem of the Valley"
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YES, THIS IS OUR OWN LELA LLORENS. How privileged we are to call her a **Friend** as well as a friend. We love you, Lela.

////// Meet your Neighbor

The Mindset of Success

Our wonderful neighbor, Lela Llorens, grew up knowing that she could do or be anything she wanted if she was willing to work hard, thanks to her dad. Although she could have looked at her African-American heritage as an obstacle, her upbringing instilled her with confidence and a positive attitude. Additionally, being a part of the Girl Scouts taught her to always *"Be Prepared."* Lela learned in her youth to look at each situation with composure and calm, a mindset that has served her well throughout her life.

Lela's passion for education and desire to keep moving forward have propelled her to receive several degrees including a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy, a Master's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation, a Doctorate in Philosophy and a Certificate in Gerontology. *"I chose Occupational Therapy as a career because I thought I would enjoy helping people—children and adults—build or rebuild their lives following illness and/or disability,"* she explains. Lela

worked as an occupational therapist for 18 years helping children and adults with developmental, mental and physical disabilities before becoming an academic faculty member. Over the next several decades she served on the faculty of several universities from Florida to California.

At the time she retired, over 18 years ago, Lela had been serving as the Associate Academic Vice President for Faculty for San Jose State University. With a career that spanned 50 years, Lela took satisfaction that she was a part of better than she found it. Upon retirement, Lela and her husband, Joe, decided to move to Southern California where they could be closer to their daughter. They began looking in the Temecula Valley and soon discovered Murrieta where they settled.

Lela became involved with the Friends of the Library right away while she continued as a consultant to the Occupational Therapy Department at the USC. With the passing of her husband she knew it was time to get more involved in

her community. She now serves as the Vice-President of the Friends of the Murrieta Library.

As a widow of nine years, Lela has found the Murrieta Senior Center to be a vital part of her life. *"It has been a great place to meet people and make friends. The openness, acceptance, atmosphere and the activities available are exceptional,"* she emphasizes. Lela participates in an exercise group, a writing group and a book club and says there is something for everyone. She believes this involvement is important in continuing to live a happy and healthy life. Lela also takes great comfort in her spirituality. *"My faith keeps me going when times are tough,"* she shares.

It is such a joy to count amongst our neighbors such an accomplished woman. Though she gives much of her time to volunteering locally, to this day Lela continues to mentor younger colleagues in the field of Occupational Therapy and Education. What a great example of making life worthwhile.

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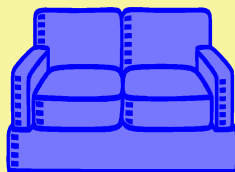
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