



BOOKNOTES



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

.....Gary Grim

Summer is officially here. It is a good time to stay inside and beat the heat and what is better to do than read books. I suggest you visit our air-conditioned stores and pick some good books to get you through the hot summer days.

How about trying something different. Many of us tend to read the same genre of books. I suggest you go to our bookstores and select different aisles than you normally pick from. Select a few interesting titles different from your normal reading e.g. if you are a mystery/thriller reader go to the history section or the regular novel fiction section. Our experienced volunteers might even be able to offer you some types of books that will broaden your scope of interest. Just ask for some assistance.

With no meetings until September, enjoy the summer. Judy and Maggie have worked hard to arrange some good guest programs to finish out the year.

Look forward to seeing you in the fall.



PROGRAMS

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

July and August are dark months for the **FRIENDS**, however, the following program will be coming up in September so watch for more information later including what they have planned for October.

September 19th—Lisa See—Author

For a little change of pace, she will be presenting her program via Skype. Her latest book is "The Tea Girl of Humming Bird Lane." Sounds interesting.

As usual, delicious refreshments are served from a table beautifully decorated with the "theme of the month." The table in itself is always a treat. Many thanks to our wonderful refreshment committee.



This is just one example of our bounty laden tables at our meetings

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY



MEMORIES made with **FRIENDS** are blessings of the heart. Blessings, Joyful Memories and especially Gratitude to all from your Hospitality Committee.

Lela, Pat, Eleanor, Mila and Coletha

REMINDER—We can ALL be **FRIENDS'** Ambassadors by telling everyone about this wonderful group; our wonderful Bookstores and letting them know how much we do for our wonderful Murrieta Public Library.

#WHYIREAD

In May, in celebration of its bicentennial, Harper Collins Publishers invited authors (and you!) to share why books are so important. The company distributed a total of \$200,000 to an assortment of charities to promote literacy for future generations. Visit hc.com/200 to read all about it.

FOLLOW UP ON ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Our Cole Canyon team took second place “in the world” in the international tournament at Michigan State. They missed first place by less than 3 points out of 350. They competed against a field of 70 teams from around the nation and the world including China, Singapore, South Korea, Germany, Poland and Togo.

The kids are so excited! They met children from all over the world through their pin trading and got a taste of campus life from living in the dorms and taking meals in the cafeteria. Michigan was lovely, so green. A classic campus with brick buildings, sprawling lawns and groves of trees. Even a small river flowing through.

They performed on a beautiful stage in a full theatre complex with stadium seating and gave their best performance ever! Thank you all for your support!

Constance Youens, OM Facilitator

ALSO...being summer...and vacation time, many of our bookstore volunteers are gone and the bookstores are in need of fill-in workers. It is a good time to try your hand at learning about selling and sorting books. You will find it is a fun and interesting way to fill in some spare time. Just give Maggie or Nancy a call.

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Friday.10-8

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boldly splattered with rust:
poppy hills of California.

Carnival Colors

Pink cotton candy drizzles,
slathers of pale blueberry and
marshmallow
atop scoops of soft mountains:
Sunset Sundae

Sunset Serenade

A cacophony
of screams and flying charcoal:
a murder of crows.

Nancy Dixon

- First two written March 12, 2003 driving up the 15 through Temescal Canyon
- Third one also driving up the 15 in 2014
- Fourth written in a parking lot, enjoying the sunset, with the crows heading out for the night. November 3, 2014

The Answer Is

She's a great friend and a great **FRIEND**. She's dedicated. She's willing to pitch in to get the job done. She's there when you need her. She prices. She trains. She sells. She helps one and all! She welcomes. She organizes. She shares her trusty companion, her wonderful dog Nick. She's fun. She's joyful. She's my amazing sidekick and also Assistant Manager. She and I love "Jeopardy!"

And the questions is: "Who is Ann Hickey?"

Nancy Dixon

P.S. Ann worked the Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, June 24th, though under the weather, and we made **\$900.00!** Then she came back on Sunday to help me put things away. She's our **Corner Champion!**

Wonder Woman

In the March/April, 2016, edition of the "Booknotes," we had a "sad goodbye" article about the Abernathys moving to Texas. To my delight, Lauren has come back during each of her college breaks and is here for the summer. She's at the Corner Store all of the days I am there, where she attacks incoming donations like a bee drawn to pollen, making honey from the chaos. She prices kids' books with a wave of her "*wand*"erful pencil – making magic both in the store and at home.

During the first couple of weeks of June, she spent *hours and hours* editing the **Friends'** oral history video interviews I had done. She was there the day of the "unshowing," trying in vain the entire time to make the library's outdated system communicate with my new laptop.

Thank you, Lauren, for being such a gift to the **Friends** and to the community!

P.S. We're hoping for a showing of the video at the January meeting.

Nancy Dixon



BOOK REVIEW

By Sharon Hunter

A Dog's Purpose

.....by W. Bruce Cameron

.....is an often funny, but also moving story about a dog named Bailey who experiences three lives. In the process, he wonders why and will he ever find his purpose. A heartwarming story, it provides us with a "dog's-eye commentary on human relationships and the unbreakable bonds between man and man's best friend."

If you like animal stories, you will enjoy this novel. The book has just been made into a movie starring Dennis Quaid, and I understand it is available on CD. It is an easy read and appealing to all.

REMINDER—USING AmazonSmile

We can increase our organization's donation potential by using **AmazonSmile**. Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase to Friends of the Murrieta Library merely by your designating **AmazonSmile** when you order anything through Amazon. It is a painless way to support the Friends so we can continue to support our Murrieta Public Library.

Speaking of the Corner Store.....

We need to extend long overdue thanks to a young couple who were still in high school when this store opened and a need came up for shelving in the back room. Bradley Carson and his then girlfriend, Christina (who has become Mrs. Bradley Carson) made and installed shelving so sturdy it is still serving an invaluable purpose holding the continuing overflow of donated books. So MANY THANKS!! They now have two beautiful young daughters who are frequent customers of the store.

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

Dear Friends –

The **Summer Reading** program is in full swing! The 2nd annual **Summer Reading Program (SRP)** kick-off event was a success with over 700 people in attendance. There are still many fun programs planned for July and I encourage you to join, or spread the word to those families you know, to come into the Library and signup for our wonderful and engaging **Summer Reading Program**. As you know, SRP would not be as successful without your generous donation of \$10,000 for supplies and incentives.

The two damaged book drops have been replaced. The new book drops each have a slot for media items, allowing patrons to return DVDs and CDs in the book drops without having to come inside the Library.

The **Murrieta Public Library** was recently selected to receive the **NASA@ My Library Eclipse kit** which includes 200 eclipse glasses. We will partner with the Temecula Valley Astronomers to present a morning program for the August 21 solar eclipse. We also received word in May from the California State Library that the **Murrieta Public Library** was accepted into the **Virtual Reality Experience Project**. The Library will receive a virtual reality computer system with an Oculus Rift headset. Staff will receive training on using the virtual reality computer system, which will be used for programs geared for those 13 and older.

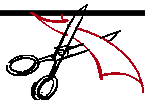
Enjoy the days of summer!



Can you all believe all our Library staff does for our community!! They are amazing!! We have a **state-of-the-art Library staff**. I hope all of you take time to look in the Heritage Room at all the history items Librarian Laura Davis has assembled, identified and put on display. You will find it fascinating and informative. Please do take advantage of all our Library has to offer—free of charge—for all ages—for all interests. Where else can you get such a bargain in such pleasant surroundings. The Library is the heart and soul of our community. On the city's website, under **Most Popular**, the Library is at the top of the list. **No surprise!**



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on the **"GIVING TREE"** in the Library.

MEMBERSHIP.....Sandra Lucas, Chair

Welcome to new members Kathy Cagle and Barbara J. Holt! We are pleased you have joined the **Friends** of the Murrieta Library and hope to meet you at a general meeting in the near future. Thanks so much to you who have renewed your membership.

Did you know that:

To date, the **Friends** have raised over \$875,000 to support the Library, and have donated \$642,000 of that amount for the Library collection and programs, a baby grand piano, computers, and furnishings. Almost \$235,000 remains available to meet future Library needs.

Friends of the Murrieta Library looks forward to continuing support of the Library collection and programs, especially the children's Summer Reading Program, through operation of its bookstores and other fundraising activities. Our members will continue to volunteer in the Library and at community events, and are proud to be active partners in this vibrant community resource, the Murrieta Public Library.
—Judy Call

A reminder to pat yourselves on the back and be proud that you are a part of the **Friends of the Murrieta Library**.

KNOX COLLEGE, Galesburg, Illinois was singled out recently by the New York Times as one of the schools "doing the most for the American dream." Knox ranked #16 among all U.S. colleges and universities for its success in helping low and middle income students pay for college and graduate with a degree. A Knox education is a transformative education. It changes lives.

It has a wonderful history. Knox College and Galesburg, as far back as Knox' inception in 1837, were instrumental in the anti-slavery movement and in aiding the Underground Railroad as a Freedom Station during the turbulent Civil War years and its aftermath.

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.

MURRIETA CITY EVENTS MURRIETA'S 26TH ANNUAL BIRTHDAY BASH

Saturday, July 1st—California Oaks Sports Park
from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM

- ◆ 5:00 PM Live EARTH—A tribute to Pat Benatar
- ◆ 7:00 PM Lights—A tribute to Journey
- ◆ 9:00 PM—**FIREWORKS**



An Extra Book Review

I just finished reading the most amazing true story that has been made into a movie by Disney.

"Queen of Katwe."

Phiona Mutesi had never seen a chessboard. Her home was a decrepit shack in the slums of Kampala, Uganda. At nine years old, she was barely literate, a school dropout who spent her days wandering through the Katwe slums selling boiled maize and hoping she could find a single meal to eat each day. Then she met Robert Katende, a local missionary working for Sports Outreach, an American relief organization. Under Katende's tutelage, Phiona slowly learned to play chess. She gradually mastered how to strategize, how to defend her pieces, and finally she learned how to win. She won game after game, against boys, against adults, against renowned players, until it became clear that she possessed a true gift for chess. Through a series of unlikely sponsorships and miraculous coincidences, Phiona was able to begin competing and winning in tournaments around the globe. Despite all odds and countless life-threatening obstacles in Katwe, Phiona is now one of the world's best chess players. Her journey is one that will leave you inspired by the strength and dedication of this courageous young woman.

"This story has the power to inspire girls everywhere.".....Alexandra Kosteniuk, Grandmaster

OUR LOGO

REPRESENTS.....



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The City of Murrieta.....The Letter M
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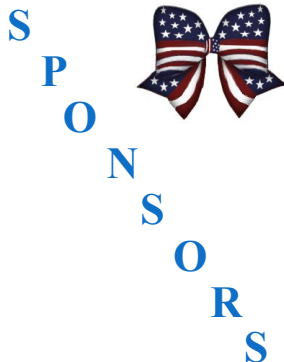
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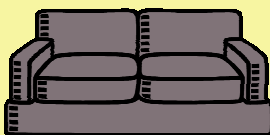
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