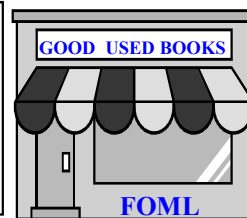


# BOOKNOTES



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.....Gary Grim



The summer break is over and it's time to re-sume the activities of the FOML Board and General meetings. I want to start by again thanking all the Bookstore volunteers who don't have a summer break.

There are two different types of volunteering for the Friends organization. The visible one to the public is the Bookstore volunteers. The other is the management structure which includes the elected Board members and other support positions like membership, treasurer, internet sales, programs, publicity, hospitality, outreach, etc. This second group is the focus of my message. I want to encourage you to become involved with these functions.

Each year some members of the Board have their terms expire and a nominating committee is established to recruit candidates to stand for election to the 7 member Board. We will soon begin this process and I hope some of you will think of joining this team. The Board meets one Monday a month at the Library from September through June.

An area that requires significant effort and could use some extra help is membership. This involves among other tasks maintaining the membership data base and notifying the members when their membership needs to be renewed. Also if there are any accountants out there, the treasurer could probably use some help.

I want to repeat from an earlier *Booknotes* what I enjoy about volunteering with the Friends. You interface with people who read and they are usually very interesting and have a lot of great stories to share.

If you think you can become involved and want more information, contact me or any FOML Board member. You can also leave a note at the Town Square book store to my attention.

Gary Grim  
951-600-8479/[ggrim4@verizon.net](mailto:ggrim4@verizon.net)

**NO ACT OF KINDNESS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL IS EVER WASTED.**



## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

The tables, chairs and umbrellas you see here were purchased from Memorial Donations and are well used in our Library's Garden of Verses. These donations are made in memory of a loved one who has passed on or it could be in honor of a good friend, or **Friend**, or celebrating a special event—an anniversary, a birthday, or just because you want to remember someone. Plaques were placed on the under side of the tables listing the names of the people so remembered. Contact [carolmshome@aol.com](mailto:carolmshome@aol.com)

We just received a generous Memorial Donation from the **Colony Bookreaders of \$120.00** in memory of Fern Platner. That was perfect timing. Thank you so much for this donation in Fern's memory. We will earmark it for a good cause.

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## PROGRAMS

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

Two **fascinating programs** are coming up that you won't want to miss:

**September 16th**—Carol Fitzpatrick will be speaking about American President's Wives. A member of the DAR with ancestral ties to Patrick Henry, Lewis Meriweather, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. She is a best selling author who has written 16 books.

**October 21st**—Anthropologist Bryn Potter—her theme will be about Native American *Basketry Treasures* directed mainly at California baskets and the specific elements identifying these baskets.



## BOOK REVIEW

.... By Sharon Hunter

*Americanah*, is a national best-selling novel by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, a Nigerian who divides her time between Nigeria and the United States. It is a love story of Ifemelu and Obinze, but also a commentary on immigration, American dreams, and the shifting meanings of skin color. Ifemelu earns a living by creating a blog in which she records her observations about the differences living in Nigeria and America. Many of her observations are funny and insightful. Her writing contains lush description, and her characters are finely drawn, of interest to the reader.

This is beautifully written, worthy of your reading.

## FRIENDS OF THE MURRIETA LIBRARY BOOKSTORES

So many donations pour into our Bookstores, that some day they are going to walk in and they won't be able to find Nancy or Maggie because they will be buried under an avalanche of incoming books.

There was an article in a recent issue of the Press-Enterprise regarding the *Frugal Frigate*, a children's bookstore in Redlands that was purchased in 2010 and the new owner says, "I'm the gatekeeper to keep the door open for the community under my watch." The article states, "the 2,000 square foot bookstore has regained its popularity. The owner cares about children and reading, about putting books in their hands early on." That is how we feel about our Bookstores. Not only are we out to raise money for the Library, we are there as an outreach to our community. A new customer walked into the Corner store not long ago and her comment was—as she surveyed how well organized and beautifully displayed all the books are—"This is a gift." Just one of many favorable comments heard daily about both our Bookstores. Along with the Library, our Bookstores are part of why Murrieta is called "**The Gem of the Valley.**" We are indeed facets of that jewel.

### \*\*\*\*\*HELP WANTED\*\*\*\*\*

#### MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANT

Preferably computer friendly —easy, on-the-job training. Involves sending out 1st and 2nd reminder notices——prepared for you——to members notifying them their dues are coming due. Members with email addresses are sent notices via email. Non-email members will get a postcard via regular mail. This is something you can do from home and it helps you get familiar with other members. Please contact me via email or phone:

[slucas07@gmail.com](mailto:slucas07@gmail.com)—951-696-7487

#### WAYS AND MEANS

A creative person **full of great fundraising ideas** to supplement Bookstore revenues so we can continue to and even do more to support our exceptionally wonderful **MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY** and its amazing staff.

This is not a board position. Contact Gary Grim, President [ggrim@verizon](mailto:ggrim@verizon)

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY...."If an article is attractive, or useful, or inexpensive, they'll stop making it tomorrow; if it's all three, they stopped making it yesterday." .....** Mignon McLaughlin, *American Journalist*

# MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

Dear Friends,



It's hard to believe that summer is over and autumn is already here! I must begin by giving a heartfelt thank-you for all your support because we would not be able to put on the wonderful summer programs without your continued sponsorship! **The Friends of The Murrieta Library's** generous donation of \$10,000 enabled the staff to present 18 programs that had a total attendance of over 1,100 community members. I would also like to give a special thank-you to two sponsors whose contribution also made a huge difference. Laurie Blanscet, DO, pledged up to \$1,200 towards the **Teen Read for A Reason** component this summer and the Teens read a total of 121,153 pages, surpassing their goal, which earned \$1,200 for the Animal Friends of the Valleys! Also, a big thank-you to Tony Nanci, of Anthony's Lounge and Ristorante, who donated over 50 certificates for his restaurant totaling more than \$1,000. This helped make our Adult Summer Reading Program our most successful one yet! Of course we also received many other donations from the local business community, to which we also give our utmost appreciation! Without these generous donations, the Library would not be able to provide the level of programs and services that we currently provide for our community.

A big thank you to Carol Carson for her generous donation of \$2,500 to go toward the Library's need for Nook and LeapPad tablets. As you recall, in the July/August **Booknotes**, there was a request and donation form for additional funding for Nook and LeapPad tablets. These items are very popular and the Library is excited to offer additional devices for the Community to check out.

The Library also received a \$1,500 donation in June from the Temecula Valley Woman's Club. This donation will be used to purchased LeapPad tablets and apps geared for pre-school learners. The donation will also be used for two family programs; one with animals and one on science. We greatly appreciate the Temecula Valley Woman's Club for their continued support of Murrieta Public Library programs and services.

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**SCHOOL** is back in session so be on the lookout for all those youngsters crossing our streets. Hats off to all the school crossing guards who are faithfully watching out for the children.

**NEW LAW**—Takes effect September 14th and it is known as the Three Feet for Safety Act. The law will require a motorist passing a bicycle traveling in the same direction to pass with no less than three feet between any part of the bicycle or rider. When three feet is not possible, the vehicle must slow to a reasonable and prudent speed, then pass only when no danger exists for the bicyclist. Failing to do so can incur a fine, whether or not a collision occurs.

Bicyclists must abide by laws, too. Staying as far to the right while being as safe as possible; riding single file when necessary; following same rules as vehicle drivers.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**In the Bookstores**—No experience necessary. On the job training. A pleasant working environment. You pick the time and day that is convenient for you. For more information, contact Maggie at the Town Square store 600-5724 or Nancy at the Corner store 677-5350.

**In The Library.**—There are many ways you can help here. Call Kathryn Miller at 951-461-6145 to find out what you can do to help out in the Library. The Library is also is a wonderfully, pleasant working environment.

**With The Friends** —Contact Gary Grim to see what else the Friends have to offer. (See Page 1).

### AT TOWN SQUARE

**Eight Town Square at the Library-Adams & B Street**  
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### Buy A Good Book



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**Wed & Sat.....10-6**  
**Spec. Summer Friday Hrs....10-8**

**Murrieta Public Library News.....(Continued from Page 3)**

The Library has some exciting fall programs starting in September. Youth Services Librarian, Allison Eagans, is focusing fall programming on a statewide initiative known as **ELF, Early Learning with Families**, providing library services to young children ages 0-5, their families and caregivers. The Children’s Department has developed family focused, child-centric, and developmentally appropriate programs and services that support family strengths and nurture young children’s bodies, minds and spirits. Upcoming Teen programs include PSAT and SAT workshops and practice tests and Graveyard Tales. Adults will have an opportunity to learn about the Santa Rosa Plateau and all the hidden resources it has to offer, and Ghost Hunting with the Southern California Paranormal Detectives will be in October. In the past, we have had the fall/winter programs in the Community Services Department Recreation Guide; however, in the spirit of saving money, the Library programs will only be published in the spring/summer Recreation Guide this fiscal year.

The upgrade to the Polaris Software System was completed in mid-August. The week before completion, the patron catalog went into offline mode and while items could be checked out, items were not able to be checked back in. Due to an enormous backlog created by being offline for the week, the Library closed on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> so staff could check in materials and get them back onto the shelves. The Library re-opened on August 16<sup>th</sup> and all normal patron transactions were made available.

Lastly, I want to reiterate how much the staff, the community and I do so appreciate all the work the **Friends of the Murrieta Library** do for our organization; we simply could not exist without you. The almost \$50,000 donation we received from you in July will be used for Collection Development and for programs and supplies for the current fiscal year. I hope you know how much your efforts are needed and appreciated. Thank you!

**“Libraries evolve beyond books, media to become community learning hubs”**

When ALA members came together recently for their 2014 convention, they were asked to complete this sentence. “The library of the future is...” Responses were varied: “the anchor in my community;” “tech savvy;” “exciting and innovative;” and “is needed more than ever in helping people sort through all this information now available at their fingertips.” This illustrates the library’s ever evolving, **most needed role** in this digital age.

The Library is still very much in need of special donations for these types of material. All donations to **Friends of the Murrieta Library** are tax deductible.

Mail a check to our Post Office box 235, Murrieta 92564 or drop off at either bookstore or at the Library.

**“Books are better than TV.....if you fall asleep while reading, you don’t miss the ending.”**  
.....Family Circus

**DONATION FORM**

LeapPad Ultra @ \$150 (No. \_\_\_\_\_)---Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Apps(s) for LeapPad @\$8/ea (No. \_\_\_\_\_)---Amount \_\_\_\_\_

7” Nook HD @\$130 (No. \_\_\_\_\_)---Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Book(s) for Nook @\$15/ea( No. \_\_\_\_\_)---Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Specify any special interests, i.e., Board Member, Bookstore volunteer, Programs, Membership, Hospitality, Ways & Means, Special Events, etc.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

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- Family.....\$20.00
- Supporting.....\$25.00
- Patron.....\$50.00
- Business..... \$100.00
- LIFETIME.....\$250.00

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



# CORNER STORE OVERSTOCK SIDEWALK SALE

The next Corner Store **Overstock Sidewalk Sale** will be held on **Saturday, October 18th** from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm so be sure to mark your calendars now.



Come by for a **book bargain** and a beverage (courtesy of Lela Llorens), and help us beat the **\$1,028.00** we did at the last sale.



## SPECIAL DAYS

September 1st—**Labor Day**

September 6th—**Read a Book Day**—Take time out of your busy life, and relax with a good book. Cozy up on a chair, indoors or out. It doesn't matter where you read that book, as long as you can do so in a comfortable manner. If you doze off along the way, we won't tell anyone. Hint: Try our Book Review by Sharon Hunter on Page 2.

September 7th—**Grandparents Day**

September 11th—**911 Remembrance Day**

September 17th—**Constitution Day**—Signed on the final meeting day of the Constitutional Congress of the United States—9/17/1787. Had to be voted on by the individual states and did not go into effect until 3/4/1789.

September 19th—**POW/MIA Recognition Day**

September 23rd—**Fall Begins**

**Time to start making plans for the upcoming Holidays. Also, elections will be coming up in November. It is not too early to do your homework and be informed.**

### 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.



Buy a good book  
Support a good cause

## MEMBERSHIP



.....Sandra Lucas, Chairman

to new members:

**Welcome!**

Kathy Cole and Sally Harper. Kathy has also indicated an interest in getting involved in several Friends' activities. She is already volunteering at the Town Square Bookstore. Sally has said she would be interested in volunteering at a later date. Thank you both and for all the renewals that have come in.

How quickly the year goes! *National Friends of Libraries Week* is coming up **October 19-25**. As many of you know, this is the week we man a table in the Library telling Library patrons what a wonderful organization we are and encouraging them to join us. Bring your pocket calendar to our September meeting so you can sign up for a two-hour afternoon shift that week (1-3 p.m. or 3-5 p.m.). We need just a few hours of your time and It's quite painless!

It is not confirmed yet, but look forward to another J. Carter's fundraiser in recognition of that week. You will want to include J. Carter's in your lunch and/or dinner plans to raise money for our Library.



## HOSPITALITY

Bring on the hospitality and your wonderful treats!! Fall is almost here. See you at the Refreshment Table!

Your Hospitality Committee....

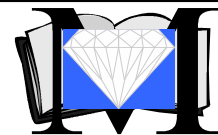
Lela, Pat, Eleanor and Coletha

**"You can tell you are on the road to success; it's uphill all the way."**

.....Paul Harvey

### OUR LOGO

Represents.....



Libraries and Book Lovers.....The Open Book in the background  
The City of Murrieta.....The Letter M  
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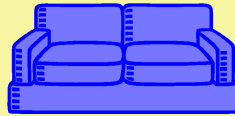
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