



BOOKNOTES



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

.....Gary Grim



The summer break is ending and the Board will get back to work in September. Also, as you can see the first of our great programs at the general meetings will begin. I hope you will attend but for me that will have to wait until October as I will be in the mountains hopefully catching trout. Lela Llorens will be in charge in my absence.

I am pleased to say that the net revenue from the bookstores and Internet through July is the same as 2016. This will allow us to continue supporting the Library at the levels they have requested over the past few years. I join the editor in thanking the bookstore and Internet managers for their dedicated efforts.

Hopefully you had a great summer. Stay cool in this current heat spell and we hope to see you around the stores and at the general meetings.

Our sincere condolences to Larry and Phyllis Osborne in the recent passing of their daughter, Karen. Larry and Phyllis have been faithful members and volunteers for the FRIENDS and the Library ever since its beginning.



Karen was a much admired music teacher for the MVUSD. She worked tirelessly to see that her students received all the best the district had to offer. She will be sorely missed.

We have received her \$1,000.00 annual donation from Judy Call and a \$1,000.00 donation from a CARMAX employee, Lisa Masters.

These donations are much appreciated and will go to the Library to help pay for the various programs we fund for them. So **Thanks So Much** to both of you for your generosity.

PROGRAMS

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

Are you ready to get back in the swing of things with these two outstanding authors? Come and hear their stories and stock up on some good reading material for the fall and winter months. What better thing to do than curl up with a good book.

Invite others to our meetings so they, too, can be introduced to new authors with whom they may not be familiar.

Meetings are in the Community Room of the Library, starting at 10:00 with a short business meeting and there are always delicious refreshments, coffee and tea served. This has got to be the **best bargain** in town.

September 19th—Lisa See—Author

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

October 17th —Carole Gift Page—Author

Her books are set in various locations which makes them very intriguing. With warmth and wisdom, Carole invites readers to infuse each day with vitality by discovering their deepest passions.

Don't miss out on these exciting programs.

Autumn beacons FRIENDS to gather and enjoy!



One's true worth may be measured by the Friends with whom one associates.

Committee members invite you to share autumn's bounty with Friends.

Lela, Pat, Elinor and Mila

REMINDER—USE AmazonSmile-when ordering from Amazon so the **FRIENDS get a percentage.**



Book Review

By Sharon Hunter

The German Girl

By Armando Lucas Correa

The story of the ship Saint Louis and the wealthy passengers is a true story. I remember reading about it in history. Just prior to World War II, the luxury liner was allowed to leave Germany from Hamburg with a boat load of wealthy Jews setting sail for Cuba. The Jews had to deed all their property and most of their possessions before they could leave. However, they were allowed to keep their rich clothes and jewels.

The story focuses on generations of one of the wealthy families, the Rosenthals, told in alternating chapters through the voice of Hannah and Anna. At times it is confusing due to the alternating chapters, but otherwise knowing about the historical facts regarding what happened to the people who left Germany is of interest. Not only do we learn about the rise of the Nazis in Germany but also about the background of Cuba at this time.

Reader's Bill of Rights:

The right not to read
The right to skip pages
The right not to finish
The right to reread
The right to read anything
The right to escapism
The right to read anywhere
The right to browse
The right to read out loud
The right to not defend your tastes

The Paper Chase

Seventy-five years ago Robert Fair de Graff had an epiphany. He realized he could change the way people read by making books radically smaller. Back then, it was surprisingly hard for ordinary Americans to get good novels and nonfiction. The country had only about 500 bookstores, all clustered in the biggest 12 cities and hardcovers cost \$2.50 (about \$40 in today's currency).

De Graff revolutionized that market when he got backing from Simon & Schuster to launch Pocket Books in May 1939. A petite 4 x 6 inches and priced at a mere 25 cents, the Pocket Book changed everything about who could read and where. Suddenly people read all the time. Graff sold books where they had never been available before—grocery stores, drugstores and airport terminals. Within two years he'd sold 17 million.

"They literally couldn't keep up with demand," says historian Kenneth C. Davis. "They tapped into a huge reservoir of Americans who nobody realized wanted to read." While paperbacks remain commonplace, they are no longer dizzily cheaper than hardcovers. Then along came mini tablets and e-readers and, as with de Graff's invention, new forms, prices and publishers are being produced.

The upshot is that "more reading is taking place." as we tuck it into ever more stray moments. So with all the sources there are now, it was de Graff, whose paperback started the making of reading into an activity that travels everywhere.

Clive Thompson
The Smithsonian

"Books are the plane, and the train, and the road.
They are the destination, and the journey. They are home."

Anna Quindlen, *How Reading Changed My Life*

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THANKS.....to.....

..... so many behind the scenes members and helpers who don't often get recognized.

- * Tom Bain for the colorful Bookstore gift certificates he designs and prints up on a moment's notice. These are so nice to give as gifts when you don't know what to buy a person, especially children. They enjoy having their own "money."
- * Lin Farmer—our go-to guy for almost any situation that needs that special expertise, and advice.
- * Dan Rexwinkel—our Website guy who does such a great job keeping our website current and interesting.
- * Rita Nastri—our publicity person who keeps the public aware of what the **Friends** are up to.
- * Our Sponsors—who, by running their business cards, help defray printing costs.
- * The teen volunteers—who are so bright, so helpful and so willing. These young people add such an amazing dimension in easing the workload, especially at the Corner store.
- * All of our volunteers—too numerous to mention—who show up faithfully for their shifts and often come in to price or shelve on other days.
- * All our members for keeping their dues current and for supporting us in many ways, we are not always aware of and by attending our monthly meetings.
- * And, of course, our Bookstore managers who do such a fantastic job giving of their time, extra time, knowledge and love of books. Without Nancy, Ann, Maggie, Laurie and Art, Brian and now Ray Snodgrass, we could not do all we do for the Library. Our Bookstores are our main source of revenue that enables us to support the Library in so many ways. So please continue to support the Bookstores by shopping often and telling all your friends about them. The Bookstores TRULY are the BEST BARGAINS in town.

It is all of this and more that makes the **FRIENDS** the great group it is. We are a FORCE in our community. The more involved you are, the more fun and interesting it is. So contact any of the board to see how you can add this dimension to your life.

Flood Relief.....

There are many groups raising money and accepting donations of clothing and other supplies to try and aid these flood victims. One that came over the Nextdoor Southwest Murrieta website was the VFW Post in Temecula, but the City of Murrieta's website lists many places to which donations may be made.

The City of Murrieta hosted an event on Thursday, August 31st, recognizing the various Commissions that help the City Council and the City staff operate the City. They awarded plaques to those members who had served out their time and were retiring. On the Library Advisory Commission board we had several of our members honored. Nancy Dixon, our Corner Bookstore manager, was retiring after serving six years; Dan Rexwinkel, our website manager, was made Chairman of the board and Juanita Brown who will still be serving until her time is over was recognized. So the **FRIENDS** were well represented during the presentations.

A lovely dinner was catered after the presentations and speeches from the Council had been made. The other Commissions being honored were Planning Commission, Traffic Commission, and Parks and Recreation Commission. All these Commissioners are interviewed by council members for selection and serve as volunteers. They come equipped with a variety of experiences and expertise in aiding the city run efficiently. Their service to the city is much appreciated.



FIELD OF HONOR FLAGS

Honor a Friend or a Loved One—Sponsor a Flag on the Field of Honor, that will be displayed Nov. 4th—11th at Town Square Park. For \$35.00 you get a 3'x5' flag mounted on an 8' pole with the name of your honoree on a ribbon. The flag is yours to keep after the event. This is a stunning display and is a tribute to all those honored.

Application forms will be available at our next general meeting, September 19th, and at both our Bookstores.

“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands—one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.”

.....Audrey Hepburn

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Friends,

July was a busy month with the very successful **Reading by Design** Summer Reading Program. The wide variety of programs included the very popular Bubblemania, which filled to capacity at both shows, Mike the Magician, LEGO Derby, Firefighter's Muster and Make it and Take it Pizza. There truly was something for everyone this summer. There was a 33% increase in children participants and a 39% increase in children completing the program. There were 2,207 children participants! The teens read 724 books for the Teen component – **Read for a Reason**, and raised \$500 for Animal Friends of the Valleys and \$1,000 for Paws 4 Law. A big thank you to our sponsors for the Teen component, Southern California Gas Company who donated \$500, and Carol Carson who donated \$1,000. Thank you also to the **Friends of the Murrieta Library** for their continued support and \$10,000 donation for performers and prizes. In addition, a thank you to the local businesses who donated reading incentives. The Library could not provide such a wonderful Summer Reading Program without the donations received from the Friends and our local businesses. Once again, the staff did an amazing job implementing the Summer Reading Program and training the multitude of volunteers it takes to help us run the program. A big thank you also to the volunteer group, National Charity League: Mothers & Daughters, for their dedication to volunteering at all the big family programs.

Fall/Winter programs have been planned and will start at the end of August. Programs to look forward to include, Junior Ninja Warrior, Pet Rock Adoption Day and Talk Like a Pirate Day for children. Upcoming for teens is an SAT practice test session. Adults will have an opportunity to join a new Personal Growth Book Club where selected books will focus on spirituality, financial success and emotional awareness.

In September, Palmdale Library will be joining the consortium which means the Polaris software system will be unavailable September 18th-20th. During this time, the patron catalog will be in offline mode and while items can be checked out, items are not able to be checked back in. Due to an enormous backlog created by being offline for the week, the Library will close on Friday, September 22nd so staff can check in materials and get them back onto the shelves in a timely manner. The Library will re-open on Saturday, September 23rd and all normal patron transactions will be available. While in offline mode, several basic services such as obtaining a new library card and paying fines will not be available and staff will create signage and press releases notifying the public of the interruption to services.

The Library recently received a \$7,500 grant from the California State Library's Immigrant Alliance Project. The money will be used to update and expand the Library's bilingual book collection for children. Supervising Librarian, Allison Eagans, has been diligently placing orders and adding the new books to the collection.

Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

"The most important asset of any Library goes home every night—the Library staff."

.....Timothy Healey

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on the "GIVING TREE" in the Library.

Murrieta Valley Historical Society

Murrieta's first public park was Hunt Memorial Park located at the intersection of Juniper and Adams in Historic Downtown Murrieta. The land was donated by Mrs. Inez Hunt and is the only known park in Southwest Riverside County established in memory of a World War I Soldier. In 1956 Inez donated her land to the Murrieta Valley Town Hall Association. It became the social center of Murrieta in 1958 for the next 40 years.

Through a government block grant, a new 7,300 square foot town hall was built next to the former Hunt House/Town Hall in 1981 and was used for many city events and private events. In 2001, the City of Murrieta acquired the park and town hall with the hope of developing the Hunt House into a museum, but with budget concerns, the museum project was shelved.

Then in March 2017, the Historical Society met with City representatives and began negotiations to convert the structure into the Murrieta History Museum. Several meetings have taken place and it is hoped that Murrieta will soon have its first museum.

Anyone interested in joining the Historical Society should contact Membership Chairman, Annette Jennings at info@murrietahistoricalsociety.org or by phone: 951-387-4862 and be a part of this exciting happening. Something we have long waited for in Murrieta.

They are having a meeting in the Community Room at the Murrieta Public Library on Monday, September 11th. The speaker is John Thomas, 9/11 + K9 Handler. On September 11, 2001 John Thomas responded to the World Trade Center as a Rescue Specialist. You will hear his story and how he became a K9 handler. Meetings are held at 6 PM and are open to the public.

**WATCH OUT for those
young people who will be out
on the streets trick or treating
on Halloween.**



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.

DINE AND SHOP IN MURRIETA

Keep your tax dollars in your community. Check out the second-hand stores, such as Little House of Treasures, the new clothing store, Gypsy Sunset, Terry's Coffee Trader—where everyone knows your name—Anthony's, the coming Espresso shop, The Public House, The Mill and Forever Florals, all conveniently located on Historic Downtown's Washington Avenue. Ray's Café has been sold and is being promoted as a possible site for a Bed and Breakfast.

There are many eating establishments in out-of-the way spots in town that give you a variety of choices. Check them out and save driving and parking issues.

National Treasure

SNAP JUDGMENT

A better mousetrap has long been the holy grail of American ingenuity.

Countless inventors have sought to match their ingenuity against the 400 milligram brain of the mouse. The Patent Office receives applications for 20 or so mousetraps annually. They range from live traps that let a door fall closed behind it, or as complicated as the "Little Valve" whose website describes it as made "for the sensitive in mind." It probably works, but is inefficient, is six inches long and costs \$22.95 so people are probably not going to buy it.

The rodent poison warfarin came along in 1948 and seemed like it would render the mousetrap obsolete, but within a couple of decades a gene for warfarin resistance was increasingly showing up in mice.

So seven hundred or more mouse generations later, mice are still nibbling on a dab of cheese or peanut butter in the flat, wooden-based snap trap, releasing the bar and sending a spring-loaded jaw down in 10 to 12 milliseconds. It is likely to be around as long as there are mice, and people.

The Smithsonian (Almost everything you needed to know about mice and mousetraps)

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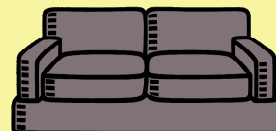
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