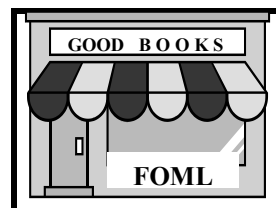


BOOKNOTES



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Another year has flown by for the Friends. It has been my honor and privilege to serve you as President for the last year and a half. I look forward to continuing to work as a member with all of the dedicated Friends who support our vibrant community library through their volunteer efforts in our Bookstores, in the Library, and throughout the community.

In January we will elect three members to the Board of Directors. We hope you will make a point to attend the **Annual Meeting on January 17, 2012 to vote**. Pursuant to bylaws changes enacted last year, the new Board will have seven members. After the election, the Board will select its officers for the coming year.

We have had a very talented and hard working Board this year, and with your help, they have accomplished a lot! Through sales of gently used books, and various fundraisers, as of the end of November, the Friends had donated \$11,825 in 2011 to support library programs for children, teens and adults. The Friends held a number of fundraisers, including a trip to the Old Globe Theater to see the musical, "Emma;" lunches and dinners at Rustico's and J. Carter's Tavern and Grill; a book signing at the Corner Bookstore with Doug McAllister, author of "The Sovereign Principles;" selling flags for the Field of Honor in Town Square Park; and collecting funds for holiday books for HeadStart. In October, the Friends and the Murrieta Public Library Foundation held their first ever joint fundraiser, "Jazz at the Garden," which exceeded its goal of raising \$10,000 for Library programs and collections. We are finishing the year in a solid financial position, prepared to assist the Library's programs and collections in the coming year.

Thanks to the hard work of Managers Nancy Dixon, Maggie Pilotte, Laurie Razo and Pat Farmer, and all of you who volunteer with such dedication, our Bookstores and Internet book sales netted almost \$43,000 during the first eleven months of this year, which is more than the net income for all of 2010! Moving the internet books to Amazon this year has significantly increased revenue in that area.

Many of you also worked hard to advocate with our State legislators to preserve government funding for libraries this year—thank you for those efforts!

Program Chairs Maggie Pilotte and Mary Wulfsberg saw to it that we had a variety of fascinating programs throughout the year, including presentations by several local authors. And Special Events Chair Gayle Overby organized our book sale at the Fire-fighter's Barbeque, the Field of Honor flag sales, and ended the year with a bang with our entry in the Holiday Magic Pushcart Parade: The Murrieta Public Library Polar Express and Book Cart Drill Team!

My deepest gratitude to every member of the 2011 Friends Board and Advisors, who have quietly and effectively carried out the work of the organization. They have risen to the occasion, using existing skills and learning new ones, and giving generously of their time and efforts to enable the Friends to fulfill their mission. Special thanks to departing Board members Vice President Julia Steedman, who has agreed to continue as webmaster, and to Special Events Chair Gayle Overby.

Most importantly, thanks to each and every one of you, for volunteering in the Library, at the Bookstores, and on special projects; joining and renewing your membership dues and other gifts, and participating in fundraisers; working on committees; and for being ambassadors for the Library and the Friends in the community!

2012 is sure to bring another great year of Friends' efforts to support the services of our Murrieta Public Library to the community, and the work of Library Services Director Loretta McKinney and her amazing staff!

Judy Call

"I CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT BOOKS"

.....Thomas Jefferson to John Adams

"BUT FOR MY PART, IF A BOOK IS WELL WRITTEN, I ALWAYS FIND IT TOO SHORT."

.....Jane Austen

A FOND FAREWELL

.....to our retiring President, Judy Call. As you all know, Judy took over the reins as president on very short notice, and under less than desirable circumstances. She has weathered it all beautifully and made some needed changes, most of the time dealing with a not always affable treasurer, adverse to change. She has been both gracious and generous and very involved in every aspect of all areas affecting both the Library and the Friends. She has added a new dimension to the office of president.

We are sorry to see you go, Judy, but wish you well in your new responsibilities with the Golden Valley Music Society. We know you won't forget about the Friends and that you will continue to be a vital part of this organization.

Also.....to retiring Board Directors, Julia Steedman, who has served as our Vice President and website manager and Gayle Overby, who was our Special Events Chair this year, handling among other things, both the Field of Honor Flag sales and our gorgeous Holiday float. He had lots of help and input from past chair Carol Van Dorn and her multi-talented husband, Ed and worker bee Lela Lorens in getting the float ready, along with Michael Sedlacek and Ed who were the float "pushers."



HOLIDAY PARADE FLOAT

This picture of our Holiday Parade float does not do it justice. It was outstanding!!! Please go on our website to see it in all it's glorious color and the accompanying Library Book Cart Drill Team. If you weren't there, you missed **something very special!!**

MEMBERSHIP

New Year's bells are ringing in 2012—and the Lifetime Membership bells are also ringing—*Robert and Cynthia Granzow* will receive an engraved leaf on the Giving Tree in the Library for their Lifetime membership.

Welcome new members: *Jan Jones, Patricia Santo* (a gift membership from Lela Llorens), *Carol Fuller, Inez Small, Cindy Lupello* and *Mathew Mandel. Joyce Lea Brown* and *Kelli-Ann Almeida* (signed up during Friends of Libraries Week and Kelli-Ann is the winner of the special Library Card). Also, welcome back, *Margaret Jones*! She is a returning member after several years of absence. Twenty-three members renewed their membership—thank you!

Is your name highlighted with yellow on the newsletter mailing label? If so, it's time to renew.

How about following Lela Llorens' idea? Think a membership to FOML for a friend! Wow! Just think if we all gifted a friend, we'd double our membership!

Sandra Lucas, Membership Chair

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PROGRAMS

The program committee will have a new Co-Chair this year, bringing in Judy Call. She and Maggie Pilotte hope to be able to attract interesting guests to our meetings for your enjoyment.

We are still working on several leads. The first guest for the **February 21, 2012 meeting** will be **Paula Sassi, a graphology expert**. She has her own company and she will teach us how to correlate handwriting strokes to personality types.

Don't forget to mark your calendars and bring your friends to our meeting on February 21st at 10:00a.m. in the Community Room of the Library.

Judy Call
Maggie Pilotte

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS



Dear Friends ~

Before we begin discussing the plans and upcoming events for the New Year, I would like to briefly share the news about the Library's Garden of Verses hardscape project. Although many of you already know about this, some of you may not have heard and should be informed that one of the original founders of the Friends of the Murrieta Library and current Friends Treasurer Carol Carson donated the materials and labor to remove the decomposed granite (DG) from the Garden and replace it with concrete. If you have not seen the Garden, please come and take a look; it is absolutely lovely and now is really quite usable for a variety of functions! Carol's dear friend Buck Kemmis donated his time as project manager and with the complete assistance and cooperation of the City staff and Del Rio Enterprise who removed the DG and poured the concrete, the Garden was transformed! Many, many thanks to Carol who is an absolute angel for all the time and funding she has given to the community through the Library!

By the time you read this article, the New Year has already been well under way and you have committed to new resolutions – making positive changes in your life - for the 2012 year! The Library is also making changes as well! As you might recall, the Library's *Vision* Statement is to "...be the leading resource of ideas and trends that support the intellectual, cultural and economic success of our community..." Although the Governor cut all State funding for the public libraries, which will significantly impact us, the Murrieta Library is committed to continuing to provide the highest quality services to you! Library staff are currently working on special projects, including e-books and a fines and fees payment system that uses credit cards for remote payments from home or office as well as from the self check-out machines.

Our winter, spring and summer programs are already planned and includes our regular Mother Goose and Me and the Wee Wiggler storytimes. In addition, we are offering a variety of cultural programs such as; "Dancing Tehani – The Dances of Polynesia", "Murrieta Chinese Language & Cultural Academy", and our second "Día de los Libros" event! Of course, we will also offer a "Babysitting Overview 101" workshop and a "Hunger Games Challenge" for the teens and young adults. Planning and implementing these programs takes many hours of preparation. Kudos to the Library staff and volunteers for providing these high quality services as well as to you our Friends for funding them!

Please be sure to take a look at the new art on display around the Library. The Local Art in Public Places Committee, coordinated by Ms. Lyndee Berg have selected new pieces based on the theme of "Forces of Nature" from local artists Henry Lozano, Johnny Herber, Mike Miller and Lesley Quigley for this exhibit, which will be available for viewing thru February.

Last but not never least; the City has a new web site! No worries; the URL/addresses are the same (www.murrieta.org and www.murrietalibrary.info), but the look is much better, the pages and links should be easier to navigate and as it is a dynamic site, it will get better with time! May this 2012 be brighter for all!

Loretta McKinney,
Director of Library Services



Jeanne Eberle, LifeTime Member, Corresponding Secretary on the original Friends' Board and contributor of many articles for our Newsletter, passed away in December. Jeanne was a staunch supporter of the Friends and the Library. She was a dear, sweet soul, bright as a penny with a warm smile and a zest for life. She made many lasting friendships and will be sorely missed. As long as Jeanne was physically able, she was an active participant in anything in which the Friends were involved. Memorial donations have been received in honor of Jeanne. Our sincere condolences to Don and the whole Eberle family.

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