

# BOOKNOTES



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**GREAT NEWS.....MANY THANKS** to Judy Call for taking on the task of compiling all the donations the Friends have given the Library since our inception in 1996. She came up with the amazing figure of.....**\$507,208.27**  
 plus money in our \*D/R End. Fund of.....**152,642.65**  
**For a grand total of..... \$659,850.92**

\*For those of you not familiar with the D/R Endowment Fund, it is a fund that was set up to honor one of our founders, Dorothy Renon. The principal is to remain intact, but the Library may use the interest it accumulates if needed.

## PROGRAMS

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

We are pleased to present for the November 19th General Meeting of the Friends the exciting and talented duo who were the 2013 Murrieta Rotary Award Finalists. These young people will start our Holiday Season off with this very special musical performance. Please come and bring your friends and neighbors to hear NICO AYALA (Vocals) and SERENA GU (Piano). The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. after a short business meeting



(Note: You can see NICO performing as a child with Andrea Bocelli and David Foster on You Tube.)



## “TRY A TEA COZY”



If you like mysteries but are not fond of extensive violence, try a ‘tea cozy.’ A ‘tea cozy’ is a mystery set in an historical period that is written similar to Agatha Christie, that is, there are crimes that occur, but they are not usually gruesomely displayed and the emphasis is on investigating and solving them.

Try reading Tasha Alexander’s Lady Emily series. Lady Emily is the heroine of a series of currently eight books involving a variety of crimes. The setting is Queen Victoria’s reign; the characters are both real and fictitious. Also, the historical references and the emphasis on antiques add to the enjoyment of the books. It is a good idea to start with the first in the series, AND ONLY TO DECEIVE, for that is when we first meet Lady Emily; however, one can read any book in the series.

(Editor’sNote: Introducing Sharon Hunter who is going to have a new, regular feature giving us book reviews or recommended reading suggestions. We welcome Sharon to the staff of BOOKNOTES and hope you are as excited about this new addition as we are. Can’t wait to get to our nearest FRIENDS’ bookstore and look for this author. Seems like a wonderful gift idea, too.)

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.....Luanne Ferrer



The HeadStart reading program kicked off September 18 and will continue through May 29. The readers decided in their meeting on **TAKING A BATH WITH THE DOG** for the Holiday gift for all 96 students. We purchased the books at 55% discount and they were shipped at no cost. The total for these paperback books is \$366.89. As we have done in the past, we are asking members to make a contribution to cover the cost of these books—a minimum donation of \$5.00 can be left at either bookstore, or mailed to our P.O. Box 235, Murrieta 92564. This is our only Outreach Program.

An investment committee has been formed to discuss the possibility of investing our Dorothy Renon Endowment fund which has a balance of \$152,000 into something that would provide us with a greater return than the low rates presently earning on the CD. More later as more research is done on this.

The L.A. Times reported that McDonald's donated 20 million books included in each Happy Meal from November 1—14. It was noted at our general meeting in October that Chick-Fil-A has a similar program for the 3 and under crowd.



Just a reminder for those of you who have computers to look at our website: [murrietalibraryfriends.org](http://murrietalibraryfriends.org). There is all sorts of important information on it thanks to Dan Rexwinkel, our "webmeister."

**Wishing everyone a HAPPY THANKSGIVING and a JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON**



## HOLIDAY PUSH-CART PARADE —FESTIVAL OF TREES

.....Carol Van Dorn, Special Events Chair



The Friends of the Murrieta Library are once again entering a float in this year's **Holiday Parade**. This is a true home town event and something we would like to see continued by the city of Murrieta. This will only happen if they see a great deal of interest and a turn-out for the parade and the activities at the park later. We hope you will not only support the **Friends** by coming out the evening of November 30th to view the parade, but also traipse on over to the park and join in the fun festivities. Check out the city's website [www.murrieta.org/special\\_events](http://www.murrieta.org/special_events) for complete details.

They are trying something new in the park this year after the parade and it does sounds like a fun and festive event and it needs the citizens of Murrieta's support. The parade starts at 5:00 and goes down Washington Avenue from Kalmia to B Street. It will turn on B and go down to the park where you can view all the floats up close and take pictures. We'll be looking for you!!



**Books are wonderful gifts. Do your holiday shopping at one of the FRIENDS' bookstores. Great selection, reasonable prices, pleasant atmosphere. Also Gift Certificates make a happy gift especially for children who love coming in and spending their "own" money.**



### AT THE CORNER

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Wed, Fri, Sat.....10-6**

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GOOD CAUSE**

### AT TOWN SQUARE

**Eight Town Square at the  
Library-Adams & B Street**

**Phone: 600-5724**

**Hours: Mon-Sat.....10 to 4**



## MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

Dear Friends,



November is a time of giving thanks and I'd like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU, Friends, for all you do to support the Library. The many hours volunteering in the bookstores and in the Library, fundraising, parades or just talking up the Library to every new person you meet. We couldn't provide the excellent programs we do nor purchase the wonderful collection we have without YOU!

Fall programs are underway with our popular, weekly Wee Wigglers and Mother Goose & Me storytimes for ages 5 and under. We also brought back the popular SAT/ACT Practice Test and Workshop for the teens and the adults had an opportunity to learn how to Overcome Procrastination and Get it DONE! We will continue into November and December with a magic show for children, holiday make up tips for adults and much, much more! You can check the Library's web page at [www.murietalibrary.info](http://www.murietalibrary.info) for dates and times!

Two new services are being offered by the Library. Patrons now have the ability to pay their overdue fines online using PayPal or a credit card. Fees of \$5.00 or more can be paid from a home or office computer, smart phone or tablet by simply going to the Library's web page and clicking on the *pay your fines now* link on the home page. For security purposes, fees cannot be paid using the Library's computers or through the wireless connection. In addition to the convenience of paying overdue fees online, the Library offers domestic and international fax service and can be paid for by credit card only. The fax machine is very user friendly and is located in the application center in the Library.



The holiday season will be here soon! The upcoming Library closures are:  
Monday: November 11 for Veterans Day, Thursday and Friday: November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: December 24, 25, and 26 for Christmas as well as December 31 and January 1 for the New Year.



### YOUR LIBRARY CARD: DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!

.....Michael G. Harris OD, Associate Dean Emeritus & Clinical Professor Emeritus  
University of California Berkeley School of Optometry (CPLA Advocate!)

#### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Tuesday	10 am—8 pm
Wednesday & Thursday	10 am—6 pm
Friday & Saturday	12 pm—5 pm
Sunday	Closed

The Murrieta Public Library offers **NOTARY PUBLIC** service to the general public. To avail yourself of this convenience and make an appointment call Gretchen Sedlacek, Library Secretary, at 951-461-6147. Their rate is the same as the going rate around town.

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE MURRIETA LIBRARY  
BOOKSTORES BENEFIT THE MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## MEMBER NEWS



Happy to report that Coletha Hutchison has recovered from her hip replacement surgery and will be back on the job as Refreshment Co-Chair in the near future.

Sad to report that our wonderful Corner bookstore volunteer and long time member, Bonnie Stalnaker, has passed away. Bonnie moved to San Diego to be close to her daughters and they and her granddaughters were able to be with her during this difficult time. Bonnie has been sorely missed since leaving Murrieta and we send our sincerest sympathy to all her family.



One of our faithful bookstore volunteers, Bea Schugg, has moved to Minnesota. Bea was a hard worker and an assistant manager at the Corner store. She, too, will be missed. We wish her well in her new surroundings..

The **FRIENDS** have donated 330 paperback books, plus 330 bookmarks to be put in the “Goody” bags to be given to entrants for the Murrieta Rod Run, that will take place November 8th & 9th in **Historic Downtown Murrieta.**



### A Big Thank You to:

**SIGNS FOR TOMORROW.** They not only delivered a **BOOKS** feather banner to the Bookstore but they also installed it, plus giving the buyer a very nice discount. So **many thanks** to:

**SIGNS FOR TOMORROW.....**26440 Jefferson Avenue, Murrieta—951-600-8500 who supports our community by supporting our Bookstores that in turn supports our Murrieta Public Library.

and **SAM’S UPHOLSTERY** who once again came through for the Friends. They reupholstered the two chairs at the Town Square Bookstore in a very durable fabric that goes well with the store’s colors at no charge to us. Thanks to Marvin and Ruth Zepede for introducing Sam’s to us and for taking the chairs to Sam’s, picking them up and bringing them back to the store. We are so fortunate to have this kind of help and interest in our mission to support our Library.

### REMINDER—FRIENDS HOLIDAY PARTY Carson’s 6C’s Ranch-December 10th—11:00



For any reason, if you have not signed up for refreshments you may call Lela Llorens at 951-677-4181. It is not too late. Come and enjoy visiting with other friends. Let me know what you would like to bring.

THANKS to all our Friends for your generosity in bringing treats for our Refreshment Table each month.

Your Hospitality Committee...Lela Llorens, Pat Santo and Coletha Hutchison.

## MEMBERSHIP

.....Sandra Lucas, Chair

**Six new memberships** were gained during National Friends of Libraries Week—thank you to Patti Hoffard, Eleanor Newhard, Amée Fitch, Dorothy Harder, Ann Hickey, Carol Carson, Luanne Ferrer, Juanita Blankenship, Judy Call, Robert Fountaine, Julie Francis, Pat Farmer and Lela Llorens who handed out many brochures and talked to many Library patrons. Joyce Brown was even “selling” the merits of the Friends from behind the children’s librarian’s desk to the moms helping their children self-check out books. What a great group! New members joining during this drive received a Friends Book Bag and a special 14 month time period. **Fantastic job!**

Joining us is Rev. Canon Richard A. and Joan Wagner (Lt. Col. USAF ret.), Kathryn Elliott, Nancy Smith, Dawn Vaughn, Ginny Wetzel, and Connie and Dot Nader. **Welcome! Welcome!** And another **big welcome** to new members, Evelyn Dial, Sandi Quintero and Linda Kiendra who joined FOML earlier this month! Many thanks to you who have renewed your memberships. This is how we grow—new members plus members renewing their memberships!

**FOML** also recognized National Friends of Libraries Week by adding \$335 to our coffers with a great day at **J. Carter’s Tavern Grill!** Thank you to the friends of Friends and neighbors; thank you, Bob and Tammy for having us!

### SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN.....Carol Suer

Carol is one of those behind the scenes, unsung heroes. Whenever one of the friends, or one of the friends’ dear ones is having a problem—of any kind—this lady sends one of her uplifting, beautiful, inspiring cards. These cards are received with much gratitude and appreciation for someone having thought of them at their particular time of need. Thank you so much, Carol. Please let her know when you hear of someone who would enjoy receiving a card.

### VETERAN’S DAY PARADE AND ACTIVITES



The City of Murrieta has a big day planned to honor our current armed forces personnel, our veterans and all first responders. We have wonderful War Memorials at the Town Square Park to be viewed, along with the Field of Honor Flag display as well as speeches by our local dignitaries. There will be 2013 flags this year and it is a sight to behold. You can get more information on this at the city’s website, also.

## RESUMES FOR PROSPECTIVE DIRECTORS

**Gary Grim**—Soon after moving to the Colony in 2005, my wife Anne and I began volunteering at the new Town Square bookstore. I also am in my 6<sup>th</sup> year as a reader at the FOML HeadStart and preschool center.

A library has been part of my life since childhood as my parents, brother, son and his wife have been teachers. Growing up in the cold Midwest winters, I would read several books in a day.

Libraries have evolved with the technology advances. My working career was primarily information technology management, and my education includes a BA in Math and Business economics plus an MBA.

**LUANNE FERRER**—Joined the Friends in June, 1999. Was elected to the board in 2000, serving as Vice President. Started the Outreach program and our first five years were spent on an annual February poetry contest (From My Heart) which featured students from one of the Murrieta Elementary schools. This project was funded by a sizeable donation from Guidant (50% to the school for their library and 50% to our Library), and by the Press Enterprise, who provided medallions for the three top winners. After Guidant was purchased this program ceased.

In 2006 became a founding member of the HeadStart reading program; we are celebrating our 8<sup>th</sup> year of reading to preschoolers. This, again, is an Outreach program from the Friends.

Appointed a member of the Library Advisory Committee in 2006 and re-appointed in 2009. We are limited to a maximum of two terms - termed out on June 30, 2012. I currently serve on two commissions of the City of Murrieta.

In 2012 and 2013 I have served as your President, and request your vote to be a member of the Friends board again. Your vote would be appreciated.

**ALLYSON QUINLAN**—My husband and I moved to Murrieta in 1993 and have enjoyed raising our family in this special community. I was a corporate travel consultant and preschool teacher but happily became a stay-at-home mom after adopting our three children. I've been a regular customer of the Friends Bookstore for years and have lovingly referred to it as "My Happiest Place on Earth!" because it provides a reprieve from my active household!

In 2011, Maggie mentioned volunteering and it sounded like a wonderful opportunity for when I was older and my children had graduated. After finding a grey hair, I decided I was old enough and didn't need to wait! I contacted Maggie and have been volunteering at Town Square ever since. I've loved helping other avid readers, referring authors, and giving back to the community.

Thank you for considering me for the Board of Directors. Although it's challenging my comfort zone to run for the board, I feel that my involvement with the youth of our community would be an asset and provide new perspectives. I recently read a quote, "Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark; professionals built the Titanic." ~Author Unknown

### SECRET BALLOT—Candidates for Board of Directors 2014-2015—Vote for Three

Gary Grim \_\_\_\_\_ Luanne Ferrer \_\_\_\_\_ Allyson Quinlan \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** You may vote by email to: [lodew@verizon.net](mailto:lodew@verizon.net); cut this ballot out and mail to P.O. Box 235, Murrieta 92564; or put in an envelope and drop off at either bookstore. Do not sign ballot, but your name must be on the outside to ensure eligibility. Membership must be current to vote. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the January 15, 2014 General Meeting which is the deadline date for voting. **We have three eager, extremely qualified candidates.**

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

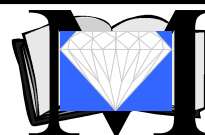
As the Friends of the Murrieta Library, our mission is to support the Murrieta Public Library through fundraising, advocacy and volunteerism, and to promote awareness of and support for the Library as it serves the informational, educational cultural and recreational needs of our Community.

'It is amazing what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit.'

Harry S. Truman

### OUR LOGO

represents.....



Libraries and Book Lovers.....The Open Book in the background  
The City of Murrieta.....The Letter M  
The Gem.....Murrieta is known as  
"The Gem of the Valley"  
It also stands for all our volunteer "Gems"

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Individual.....	\$15.00
Family.....	20.00
Supporting.....	25.00
Patron.....	50.00
Business.....	100.00
<b>LIFETIME.....</b>	<b>250.00</b>

**LIFETIME** members will be honored with an engraved leaf on the Library **“GIVING TREE”**

Website: [www.murrietalibraryfriends.org](http://www.murrietalibraryfriends.org)

**Officers and Directors**

**President.....**Luanne Ferrer  
**Vice-President.**Lorrie Thomas  
**Secretary.....**Aimée Fitch  
**Treasurer.....**Carol Carson

**Directors**

Lela Llorens, Nati Martinez,  
 Rita Nastri  
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 Dorothy Renon

Editor: Carol Carson



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