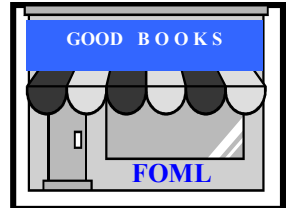


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



.....Luanne Ferrer



For those members unable to attend the February 18th General Meeting, here is a quick recap:

- 1) Your newly elected board members, Nati Martinez and Rita Natri, were introduced.
- 2) A reminder that you, the membership, must vote on the Bylaw changes recently enacted by the Board. For those with a computer, they are posted on our website www.murrietalibraryfriends.org on the front page on the right upper corner. Since there are such a small number of members without a computer, it was decided not to mail the entire package, but to let the automated members vote by March 11th. If you wish a copy of the new Bylaws, please contact me and once the voting is completed, I will arrange to send you a revised copy.
- 3) Our Bylaws require an Annual Financial Report and it must be requested in writing. Please drop me an email request to luanneferrer@verizon.net or "snail mail" a request to our P. O. Box 235, Murrieta 92564.
- 4) We are still looking for new members, so please talk to and encourage your friends, relatives and neighbors to join. An individual membership can be as low as \$15 annually and benefits the Library, one of the **Gems** in Murrieta.

PROGRAMS

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

The guest speaker for our **March 19th** meeting will be **Gena Philibert Ortega** who will be presenting her book "**From the Family Kitchen**" and how to explore the lives of our ancestors through the food they ate. Gena also holds a Masters degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and a Masters degree in Religion. This should be an extremely interesting and educational presentation.



At the **April 16th** meeting, we will be welcoming **Lia Fairchild**. She is a local teacher, holds a Bachelors degree in Journalism and is also the author of two books that have been published—"In Search of Lucy" and "A Hint of Murder." We are looking forward to hearing what Lia will be sharing with us.

DONATION RECEIVED: From Eleanor Newhard — A \$200.00 donation honoring Maggie Pilotte and a \$200.00 donation honoring Art and Laurie Razo and family. Much deserved recognition for our co-managers and Internet sales people at our charming Town Square Bookstore. Many thanks to Eleanor Newhard for this most generous donation.

FRIENDS' WEBSITE—murrietalibraryfriends.org If you have not checked out our website, you are missing out on something special. Our current webmaster, Dan Rexwinkel, has done an excellent job in promoting all the Friends' activities; who we are; what we do; a complete coverage on the **Friends of the Murrieta Library**. You can just click on the various headings and find any information about the Friends you could possibly want. Current and past copies of our newsletter BOOKNOTES; future programs; history of the Friends; Special Events. It is updated regularly. So avail yourself of this wonderful exposure and it will make you proud to be a member of this organization.



MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Loretta McKinney, Director of Library Services

Dear Friends ~

March 17 is coming fast and we all know what that means ~ the Murrieta Library celebrates its sixth birthday in our beautiful “new” Library! According to the comments we receive from the library patrons, the Library facility is still a warm and welcoming facility that complements the high standards of the community it serves! Library and City staff take extra efforts to maintain the facility as well as to keep it clean and operating at its optimum; after all, this is *your* Library! Aside from the facility itself, I would like to share some real numbers about what takes place *inside* the Library. Sometimes we routinely frequent certain shops, restaurants, and stores for our services and we forget that many others also routinely use the same venues. When you look at the numbers below, you will realize that you are one of the 1,000 people that visit the Library *every day*! Before we moved into the new facility, you might remember the Library was in a 4,000 square foot renovated bank building. There was little room by 2006 for collections and minimal room for programs. Essentially, we had 35,000 volumes and maybe held 10 programs through the year. Keeping this in mind, I would like to share some of the fiscal year 2011-2012 statistics, gathered by Principal Librarian Elise Malkowski for the State Library Annual Statistical Report, that reflect how busy your Library is every day!

Population of Murrieta	104,985	Library Card Holders	42,734
Daily Visits to the Library	1,000	Items Checked Out	446,422
Reference Questions	67,097	Books & Media Items in Collection	81,908
Internet Users	40,802	Library Programs Held	157
Total Staff	24	Attendance at Programs	6,104
Total Full-Time Equivalency	17.5	Volunteer Hours Donated in the Library	6,123

Happy Birthday kudos to the wonderful Friends of the Murrieta Library who work tirelessly in the Corner Bookstore and the Town Square Bookstore, to you the Friends Board who keep the “business” operating so efficiently, and to the Friends general membership, who without your support, all of the 1,000 daily library users would not have such a lovely library full of great collections and excellent programs!


Next year, the Library community will celebrate the 15th birthday of the establishment of the Murrieta Public Library, which opened its doors for the first time on April 10, 1999!

On the heels of the Library’s Birthday, April brings National Library Week from April 14th through the 20th with the theme “Communities Matter @ Your Library.” In addition to the Día de los niños ~ Día de los libros (Day of the Child ~ Day of the Book) celebration on Saturday, April 27, watch for other news of special programs for YOU our Library Community!

April is also National Volunteer Month and Library Staff Appreciation Day. If you remember, please take a minute to thank the volunteers in the Friends Bookstores as well as those who give their personal time in the Library for their generosity! All of those numbers above could not be accomplished by 17.5 FTE staff alone! Murrieta Public Library is a public library for the people, by the people!

One last bit of information: due to the Tour de Murrieta event, the Library will be closed on Saturday, March 9. The book-drops will be open, but traffic will be snarly!

Happy Spring!

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”

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.

HELLEN MICKEL

It is hard to single out one volunteer for special recognition because all of our volunteers deserve to be recognized individually for their faithfulness, dedication, friendliness and their knowledge of their product (books!).

However, once in a while we notice this person who has been working at the Corner Bookstore forever. She works four days a month every month and was working the extra Monday and Thursday when there are five of these. She is so conscientious that when she has to be off for some reason, which is rare, it really bothers her.

When Hellen is at the bookstore, she not only mans the cash register to wait on customers, but she prices books, cleans books, shelves books and manages to keep busy the whole time she is there. Hellen is thoughtful, too. When she sees the store's basket of soiled cleaning rags is full, she takes them home to wash and brings them back clean and ready to be used. She greets people with her warm smile and many of the children refer to her as "grandma." She just radiates that kind of presence.

Hellen has lots of practice being a grandma. She has four of her own plus their spouses, and six great grandchildren who all adore her and call her "grammy." Fortunately, they live fairly close and she attends all their birthday parties and as many of their sporting activities as she can squeeze in. All of which keeps her very busy when she is not "minding the store."

Hellen will be celebrating her 90th birthday in July, but she is so enthusiastic and always raring to go that she belies this number. She walks every morning in Historic Downtown Murrieta with her three cronies, picking up litter along the way, and has no trouble keeping up. Of course, they aren't far behind her in age. She has a delightful sense of humor, a wonderful memory always relating a story from the past. We marvel at all she has stored away and can recall.

Hellen was one of the original charter **Lifetime** members of the Friends—joining in 1998. She also contributes refreshments regularly for our monthly general meetings. There is no stopping her or slowing her down. How fortunate the Friends are to have Hellen as a hardworking, fun-loving, much involved member.

THANK YOU, Hellen, for being such a role model and a pleasure to work with and walk with.

Your Friends



You, too, can be a volunteer at one of our wonderful, bookstores by contacting either Maggie Pilotte—600-5724 or Nancy Dixon—677-5350. No prior experience necessary. Opportunity to meet new Friends. Pleasant working conditions. Choice of hours and location.



Corner Store Sidewalk Sale— Saturday, March 16th

Excellent bargains on all types of books, free refreshments and for the first time there will be an opportunity drawing. Bring your friends and neighbors to this **not-to-be-missed sale**.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

The **66th Annual Murrieta Firemen's BBQ** will be held on **Sunday, April 14th** from 11:30-4:30. The FOML, as usual, will have a booth with books for sale. We are in need of people to staff the booth. Two volunteers are needed for the 11:30-1:30 shift as well as the 1:30-3:00 shift. One more person is needed for the 3:00-4:30 shift. This is a great opportunity to support your organization and meet some great Murrieta residents in the process. **This is always a fun and well-attended event.** The best way to contact me is by email: cvan-dorn@verizon.net or you may call me at: 951-461-2381.



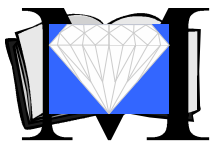
Our **Sunshine Chairman**, Carol Suer, would like to hear of any one in need of one of her lovely, uplifting cards. So let her know if someone is ill, lost a loved one, recovering from an illness or just needs a "Thinking of you" card. It is always nice to be remembered. Contact Carol at Carolmshome@aol.com.

Memorial Donations are also a nice way to remember someone who is gone or for a special occasion. Linda Tomlin will give you more information about this. Email lindatomlin41@yahoo.com

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