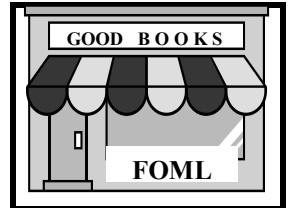


BOOKNOTES



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A TRIBUTE to.....

Pat and Lin Farmer. There was an article in the April, 2001 issue of **BOOKNOTES** that is being reprinted below. Pat is retiring as our Internet Manager which means we are also losing our most dependable back-up person, Lin. **Almost everything** that was written in this article still applies, plus all the additional projects she and Lin have been involved in.

“We have a **fantastic** couple who do so much for the FRIENDS organization. Lin and Pat Farmer are a pair of hard-working volunteers that are a pleasure to be around. Hardly anyone is aware of how much Lin helps behind the scenes. He solves Internet problems, builds shelves, works at the store during and after hours, carries books and helps with **whatever** else needs doing.

Pat is a real gem! She (did) manage publicity, make beautiful signs, fliers and book-marks. She (did) initiate the selling of books over the Internet and has done a **remarkable** job for the Friends with this endeavor. This means describing the book, and its condition, setting a fair price—which takes many hours of research to determine—and then mailing it. Plus keeping **detailed records of all sales**. Due to the knowledgeable, dedicated efforts of Pat and Lin, our Internet sales have steadily spiraled upward. She does book pricing at the Town Square store and works a regular shift. She still finds time to attend meetings and is always ready to lend a hand when a problem arises. Through all of this, you never see Pat or Lin without a smile!”

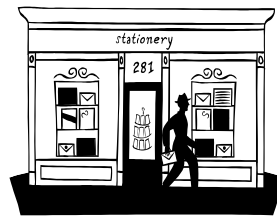


Pat, together with Maggie Pilotte, put on lovely style shows and silent auctions that garnered much of the funds that went into the Friends original donation of \$100,000.00 to the new Library. This money enabled them to purchase their complete reference collection.

More recently, Pat and Lin were Johnny-on-the spot when it came to being a large part of the successful Joint Fundraiser the Friends and the Foundation put on—JAZZ IN THE GARDEN—that raised money for the Library.

This really barely scratches the surface of **all** they have done. The FRIENDS owe Pat and Lin a huge debt of gratitude for their dedication, ability, know how and leadership through the years. They will continue to be an important part of the FRIENDS. They are just taking a well deserved break from part of their “duties.” **Thank you both so much for everything! Enjoy traveling and being with those grandchildren!**

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OUR LOGO



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The City of Murrieta.....The Letter M
The Gem.....Murrieta is known as “The Gem of the Valley”**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.....Luanne Ferrer



So many wonderful things to discuss in this Spring issue:

If you haven't already done so, please write to the State Budget committee and advocate that Governor Brown fund the state libraries. Sample letters and a list of members of the Budget committee can be found at the Library and the bookstores. Lack of state funding will also impact Federal funding because of a matching funds requirement. The impact on our local Murrieta Library will be \$140,000+.

Those of you who have computers should take a look at our revised website. Thanks again, Dan Rexwinkel and Julia Steedman for all your hard work.

Bookmarks that list both bookstores were printed and distributed to all school libraries in the Murrieta Unified School District.

We are thinking of GOING GREEN for our newsletter, and our next issue may be mailed to those without an email address, and accessible by computer to the "computer savvy". You will receive a phone call in June to verify whether you have an email address

The next time you are at the library, take a look at the tables, chairs and umbrellas in the Garden of Verses. Two sets were purchased through memorial donations – a wonderful way to remember a loved one who LOVED the Library. Also, two more sets were donated by Friends' member Cordelia Snow.

Two upcoming fundraisers: **Jazz in the Garden** this fall (date to be advised) and a **Coastal Cruise** May 4, 2013 (information on the website). More information later. Stay tuned.

Encourage your family, friends and neighbors to join the **Friends**. Your membership helps us donate to the Library. Application forms are available at both bookstores and on the website.

Firemen's BBQ

The Special Events Committee expresses appreciation to the following people for their assistance in making the Friends' Booth a success: Nancy Dixon and the Corner Bookstore staff; Volunteers Ed Van Dorn, Judy Call, Juanita Blankenship, Cloyce Thomas, Carol Carson, Hellen Mickel, Clara Stevenson; Joyce Brown, Librarian; Kay Riscol of the Murrieta Fire Department, Station # 1; and the Boy Scouts who helped with the set-up. We are most grateful to these wonderful volunteers and personnel for their generosity of time and resources in helping us make \$220.75 that day.

Lela Llorens and Carol Van Dorn, Co-Chairs

A wild idea....

We have some problems. We're falling behind educationally. Too many of us are out of work. And for a nation that fostered so much technical innovation, there sure are a lot of clueless people walking around. We have children who can't or don't read, adults who can't navigate a computer, businesses that can't afford rent – and every technological advance brings mass confusion. How many proprietary, incompatible devices can a person carry?

So here's a **wild idea**. Let's build a place in every community and in every school where we can bring our questions, our problems, and our thirst for knowledge. Where we can learn a trade or a language. Where we can pull ourselves up by our bootstraps. A place with information, computers, a wireless network. Heat. Electricity. Lots of plugs. Art and literature. Technology workshops. Story times. Job help. Medical information. A place to preserve our community history. Most important, a place to get kind, professional, human help.

We would share the cost and keep it commercial-free, so we would never be in doubt about whose side it's on – always, it's on the consumers' side. To reflect this shared investment, we'll call the consumers patrons. And at every step, the patrons' dignity and privacy would be respected.

Could it really be this simple? We don't need to build this place. It's already built. It's already stocked and staffed. It's a success, too; people flock to it in droves. Our ancestors were geniuses for inventing libraries. Our parents and grandparents did the hard work, raising the political will and capital to get them built. Our librarians have assembled and organized the most reliable information, the best entertainment, the most useful resources; they've adapted to the digital age; they stand ready to serve us in good times and bad, at every stage of our lives.

Our job is relatively modest. We just have to keep it going.

BY MARILYN JOHNSON
Author, Library Advocate

Marilyn Johnson's latest book is This Book is Overdue! How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All. This piece is from her blog at www.thisbookisoverdue.com.

Taken from ALTAFF publication"The VOICE for America's Libraries" — November 2011 issue

NOTE: We are so fortunate to have a Library just like the one described above right in our own community. The location for the Murrieta Public Library is Adams and B Street. The phone number is 304-Book (2665). Find out and take advantage of all your Library has to offer. You will become a regular patron.

Use your smart phone and down load the QR app shown on the right. You can scan this QR code and it will take you directly to the Friends' website.





Dear Friends ~

As usual, there has been a lot of activity in the Library during the winter and early spring season! The Hunger Games program enticed 60 teens to spend a Saturday afternoon at the Library, not just for the one hour that was originally planned for the program, but for three hours! They had so much fun; they did not want to go home! We loved it having the teens stay, too! The Babysitting 101 program was full of teens as well. This program was presented by a Red Cross certified instructor who gave the participants tips on how to keep their charges safe, provided basic first-aid techniques and offered ideas on how to start their own babysitting business! The Genealogy program was also a big hit as there are many interested individuals of all ages in our community who want to find information on their ancestry. This is one program that we would like to offer again and again! These are but a few programs that kept the Library full of people! We have been counting 1,500 a day coming into the Library! Thank you Friends for sponsoring such high-quality programs for community members of all ages and backgrounds!

The highlight of this season came from the Friends as a result of several memorial donations. In memory of Jeanne Eberle, Rita Park and Herb Smith, the Library purchased two tables with eight chairs and two beautiful umbrellas for the Garden of Verses! As soon as the table sets were assembled, Library patrons were out enjoying the Garden! This wonderful scene encouraged our Friend and Temecula Valley Woman's Club member Cordelia Snow to donate the funds for two more table sets for the Garden! Well, with two empty concrete pads toward the north-end of the Garden, the Friends voted at the April Board Meeting to purchase the final two table sets to complete the ambience! On your next visit to the Library, take a walk into the Garden. Bring a snack, a book or your iPad and enjoy the great Murrieta spring weather in a comfortable and peaceful Garden of Verses! THANK YOU FRIENDS and Cordelia Snow for making our Garden so beautiful!

With the summer months and the school season ending, comes the fun and varied Summer Reading Programs, which are for all ages, including adults (hint, hint!)! These programs are also sponsored by the Friends and provide a perfect opportunity for everyone to enjoy reading some great books as well as participating in a variety of educationally oriented programs. Be sure to visit the Library's web page at www.murrietalibrary.info for further information on what is being offered and when!

As I mentioned in the last BookNotes, Library staff will be undertaking a large project of switching the patron and catalog database this summer. We will experience a "down-time" of the database, which will result in not being able to check-in books and materials for about eight to 10 days. This will necessitate our having to close for two days in July to allow us to check-in the materials and shelve everything once the system comes back up. Details will be shared as soon as we have the exact dates. However, after all is done, you will experience a new, easier to use, and more accurate catalog! By the way, if you can help shelve books during this time, come on over; we can use the help! Enjoy your summer and thank you again for your efforts on behalf of the Library!



May 13th—Mother's Day

DAYS TO REMEMBER

May 20th—Armed Forces Day
May 30th—Memorial Day



June 14th—Flag Day

June 15th—Father's Day

May 15th—Friends Meeting.....

Author Ken Kuhlken will discuss his many mystery titles and non-fiction work.



GRADUATION DAYS

June 19th—Friends Meeting.....

Rosa P. Dungareaux, author of "Marisa" books. Interesting for children and adults.



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