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## JAZZ AT THE GARDEN II

2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Fundraiser to Benefit Murrieta Public Library

On Sunday, September 30, 2012, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., the Friends of the Murrieta Library and the Murrieta Public Library Foundation will present their second annual fundraiser, Jazz at the Garden II, to benefit the Library's programs and collections. Last year's event raised over \$10,000 to support the Library's services to our community!

The fundraising concert, featuring jazz quartet Hart and Soul with Friends, will be held in the Library's garden, followed by a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception and opportunity drawing. Tickets, at \$50 for cabaret table seating and \$30 for concert seating, will go on sale in late August on the Friends' and Foundation's websites, at the Friends' bookstores, and at the Friends' September 18, 2012 General Membership meeting. Sponsorship donations are also being sought from local businesses, organizations and individuals.

Please save the date and join us for a fun evening to support the Murrieta Public Library!



Dear Library Friends ~

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

.....from Loretta McKinney, Director of Library Services

**On** behalf of the Library staff, I would like to thank you for your membership and volunteer efforts in the Bookstores, on the Board and in the Library! Your efforts and donations have resulted in a fabulous Summer Reading Program (SRP) for all ages in the Murrieta community! There was truly something for everyone as the children were enter-

tained by the best performers in the region, the teens had an awesome time in the Garden of Verses while enjoying local live musicians perform and the adults were able to participate in programs where their social graces and culinary talents were enhanced! This is just a sampling of the variety of programs that were held. The Library staff had fun creating theme-based activities for the SRP participants from cloud decorating to dream-catcher making and water color painting. The local businesses were also involved through their generous donations of coupons and gift certificates. Yes, there was a ton of reading accomplished, too! The phrase, "Love makes the world go around" certainly holds true for Murrieta! It is your love and commitment that makes the Library world evolve in a very special way for you and Murrieta citizens of all ages!

**The** migration over to the new patron and catalog database is complete as well! Thank you to the volunteers who came in to help clear up the backlog of books to be checked-in. The timing of the migration was not the best, but for a project of this magnitude, it is never a good time. The best news is that you now have a user-friendly catalog that better represents the collection holdings for all Riverside and San Bernardino Libraries, including Murrieta! (Continued on Page 3)

#### PROGRAMS

Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call, Co-Chairs

## LOOKING AHEAD .....

.....to our **September 18th** meeting, we have a special treat for everyone. SUSAN STRAIGHT will be our guest author and speaker. You may be familiar with her well known books *"Highwire Moon," "Blacker Than a Thousand Midnights,"* and her most recent *"Take One Candle, Light a Room."* Susan is also a staunch library supporter.

You won't want to miss one of our best attractions of the year. Please bring friends, possibly a prospective member, so they have an opportunity to meet others and see how nicely our meetings are run and get a sample of our interesting programs and tasty refreshments. Let's make this a standing room only meeting. Time: 10:00 a.m. Library Community Room. See you there!

#### REFRESHMENTS

Lela Llorens and Coletha Hutchison, Co-Chairs

Our **HEARTFELT** thanks to all of the Friends for their continued for the for generous contributions of refreshments for our meetings this past year. Along with the wonderful array of speakers, the refreshments help make our meetings even more inviting.

We would like to encourage any members who have not done so to consider participating in the coming year. There is always a sign-up sheet at the meetings, or just give one of us a call.

#### **MEMBER**

#### NEWS

Meet our new Sunshine Chairman, Carol Suer. Carol is replacing Our faithful, long time Sunshine Person—Bernice Evendorff. If you know of anyone who is under the weather, has had an operation or a loss in their family or just needs to be remembered in some way, please contact Carol. We want our members to know they are being thought of and the only way we can do that is by your letting Carol know. You may contact her either by phone—677-8675 or by email: carolmshome@aol.com.

Thank you so much, Bernice, for being our Sunshine Chairman in the past. You have brightened many a member's day by your thoughtfulness and dedication to your "duties." We all wish you the very best.

Love, Your Many Friends

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.



**FUNDRAISERS:** In our continuing effort to bring in money to support our Library, we have two fundraisers coming up:

- July 10th—at Sebastians Grill—39621 Los Alamos, Suite B. This is the same center where the Corner Bookstore is located. Lunch or dinner—20% of your bill goes to the Friends if you pay cash and 15% if you pay your bill with a credit card. Flyers available at the Bookstores or online. You will need a flyer to take with you.
- 2) August 25th—"Shop For a Cause" Macy's pass. Purchase a \$5 pass that entitles you to a 25% discount at any Macy's store on regular, sale and clearance items, including home, but 10% on electrics/ electronics, watches, furniture, mattresses and rug/ floor coverings. The \$5 goes directly to the Friends and the passes may be purchased at either of our Bookstores.

Here are two fun and painless ways to raise money. The wonderful programs the Library puts on for its patrons of all ages is just one of the things the money the Friends earns goes to pay for. This is your chance to help us help the Library.

## **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.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



.....Luanne Ferrer



## REMINDER

Just a reminder that our membership goal in 2012 is to reach 300 members. We currently have 232. Please recruit your family, friends and neighbors to join. I sent a letter to friends and neighbors, as well as placing an article in The Colony News, (thanks Carol Swanke for permission) and to date we have **ten** new members. A recent article in a Library Newsletter listed the TOP EIGHT REASONS to become a FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY.

- 8. **You** are invited to attend the annual Friends Holiday Party—always a memorable affair!
- 7. You help children learn to read by supporting summer reading and other literacy programs.
- 6. You assist the advancement of new technology initiatives for the Library and our community.
- 5. You meet and mix with other Friends.
- 4. You provide tax-deductible contributions.
- 3. You serve as an ambassador for the Library.
- 2. You help to build a literate, informed and fulfilled community.
- 1. You LOVE our Library.

Hope each of you find these reasons compelling enough to recruit at least **THREE** new members. Remember, in these troubled financial times. The Friends contribute much needed **\$\$\$** to our Library. Thank you for your efforts.

# MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS ......Continued

**The** Library's fiscal year 2012/2013 budget of \$1,893,784 was approved by the City Council in June. This budget is two percent less than the last fiscal year budget, which has been steadily decreasing for the last several years. Thankfully, the Library is able to draw from its Reserve account and is only using enough to see us through the next eight to ten years while still leaving enough for a "real" emergency. I do wish to thank the City Council for their ongoing support of the Library.

**In** addition I want to thank the Library staff who keep

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## **Rewarding Opportunity**

.....Nancy Dixon

Thanks to very generous designated donations, the Corner Store has been able to purchase the Murrieta High School Reading List books and pass the discount Barnes & Noble gives us on to the students. The availability of these books has been a wonderful service both to the students and to their families. Because the teachers require that the books must be annotated and turned in for review (a practice this former English teacher lauds!), the Library cannot provide this service.

Since these donations have been given as part of Cheyenne's Corner, the Town Square store has not been able to participate. Though generous, the amount of these donations cannot keep up with the demand – especially as word spreads quickly each semester. Therefore, we are offering you a chance to participate in this rewarding community service by donating to it yourself. Just send your donation, indicating "Reading List" to our PO Box, or hand it in at either bookstore. The books will be purchased at Barnes & Noble utilizing the donations, and then will now be split between the two stores. Just seeing the excitement of the students (*and parents*) as they realize their assigned book is available makes it all worth while!



working very hard to make the cuts appear seamless to the community; that is true commitment on their part! Of course, we are most thankful for you our Friends, who provide the monetary support needed to purchase books and other materials as well as to purchase craft supplies and program entertainers. You work hard in the two Book stores, with other fundraising events and with writing letters to local legislators about library funding. I hope you know how much your efforts are needed, appreciated and applauded! Sincerely, Loretta McKinney



at the Library Adams and B Street Phone: 600-5724 Mon, thru Sat.....10 to 4

## ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Tuesday 12-8 Wednesday-Thursday 10-6 Friday-Saturday 10-5 **Closed Sunday** Loretta McKinney, Director of Library Services Phone: 304-Book www.murrietalibrary.info

## **RENEWAL REMINDER**

Watch for your <u>Expiration Date</u> to be highlighted on your newsletter. This lets you know your Membership dues are due! Also, please advise of <u>any change</u> in address, phone or email. This will help us keep our mailing list current. Thanks!!

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We hope you all enjoyed a happy 4th of July and that you participated in the wonderful 21st birthday celebration for Murrieta at the Cal Oaks Sports Park. Yes, Murrieta is "of age" and we have come a long way over these years. One of our biggest accomplishments is our wonderful Murrieta Public Library which the Friends had a huge part in making a reality. Thanks to our amazing bookstores and other fundraising events we continue to support our Library by volunteering, membership dues and attending our fundraisers. We hope to see more of you at our meetings that will be resuming in the fall.

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