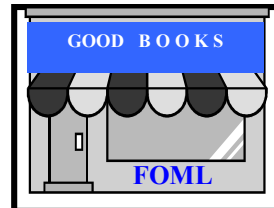


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....by Luanne Ferrer

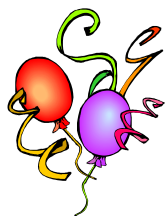


See you in September! We are dark in July and August
(both Board and General meetings).
So - we wish you a lovely summer.

And while you are looking at your calendar, be sure to note that our annual Holiday party is Tuesday December 10th at Carol Carson's lovely home. More information is forthcoming. Traditionally, we all bring food, so Lela and Coletha will have a sign-up sheet available in September.

The school year at HeadStart preschool will be completed in June, and we may need more readers for the 2013-14 school year. The requirements are simple:

1. read once a month on Wednesdays - we have both morning and afternoon.
 2. we have the books and usually hand them out to the readers early in September
 3. you are paired with another reader, so personal conflicts can be resolved, plus we have back-up readers.
 4. it is so rewarding to read to the sixteen members of your classroom. You stay with them all school year, so you get to know them. Plus we have nametags for all the students, so you don't have to remember their names.
- If you have an interest in reading next school year, please call me at 951-698-1035 or email me: luanneferrer@verizon.net.



A ROUSING THANK YOU.....to our President, Luanne Ferrer for the fundraising cruise she initiated that was very successful. There were twenty sea-faring souls who enjoyed a lovely seven-night cruise with stops in San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Catalina, San Diego and Ensenada. We understand the weather was perfect and a great time was had by all. Lela Llorens was unable to go on the cruise, but she made a donation of \$52.43 anyway. So we added \$1,101.03 to our bank account for the Library's use at some future date due to Luanne's efforts. Thank you so much!!! Luanne is hoping that if such an occasion arises again for a fundraiser of this type more Friends will participate. Let Luanne know if you might be interested in another cruise date.



Have a safe and sane
4th of July

"the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there."



In celebrating the 4th of July take time to once again remember those who have given their lives for our freedom and those who are still actively engaged in the never ending process of keeping this country free. And, what it took to establish this United States of America we call home. Visit the memorials in our own Murrieta Town Square – an outstanding tribute to all those heroes.

"Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists."

.....Franklin D. Roosevelt



****LIBRARY DONATIONS:** In the continuing goal of supporting our Murrieta Public Library, we wrote seven checks in June for summer programs totaling \$1,825.00. In July we will present the Library with four more checks totaling \$1,100.00 for additional performers for more of their summer programs. Plus, giving the Library a check for \$7,300.00 to purchase supplies for all these various programs.

The Friends will also give the Library \$50,000.00 from our Collection Development Fund to purchase books and other materials for their collection. This is an annual donation that we have done over the years, supplementing the \$100,000.00 we gave them initially for the new Library that opened in March of 2007. This enabled them to purchase their complete reference collection.

Much of this money came from style shows we have done in the past; silent auctions and other fundraisers. Now we depend mostly on our bookstores to generate funds for donations to the Library. Your membership dues are a big help, too. We hope you realize how important the Friends organization is to our Library and will continue to urge new members to join and spread the word about our fabulous bookstores. We have a legacy to be proud of so others can't blame us for little. We are a part of the city of Murrieta. We hope you realize how important the Friends organization is to our Library and will continue to urge new members to join and spread the word about our fabulous bookstores. We have a legacy to be proud of so others can't blame us for little. We are a part of the city of Murrieta.



The Editor

Message from the Hospitality (Refreshment) Committee

Our thanks to all of the members who shared their bounty with us this last year. We invite you to sign up early for next year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We couldn't do it without you.



Coletha Hutchison, Lela Llorens, and Pat Santo

Corner Store Sidewalk Sale— Saturday, June 22nd



It may not take a village, but it certainly takes a great team to enable us to bring in \$850 in eight hours! Kudos and thanks to: Bea Schugg, Ann Hickey, Carol Fuller, Nitsa Oudijk, Mike Filamor, Bob Granshow, and last but not least, Emily Ferrell. Emily is one of our favorite and long-time teen volunteers; she had her mother postpone her trip to Arkansas so that she could work at the sale (her fifth one). Generous Lela Llorens had her traditional table set up to provide info regarding the Friends, and to serve lemonade. Lela also helped cover the cash table so the outside volunteer could take a break. She further brightened the place not only with her smile, but with flag streamers around the area.

We had sixteen items for the opportunity drawing and the stars of the show were the beautiful jewelry pieces made by Nitsa. The idea for the drawing was originally Nitsa's and it has added a new festive dimension to the sale. It motivates customers to buy more to qualify for more tickets, and brings people back to the next sale. Another perk is the winners have to come back to the store to pick up their prize.

The night before, Brian Youens came over to bring everything out of the store room to be ready for set-up the next morning. Thanks to Lois Wurtz's arrangements, two Elders and an LDS family came bright and early Saturday morning to set up, and then returned at six in the afternoon to repack the books and bring everything back inside. Brian came back to reorganize Sunday and put the tables, crates, etc. back in the storeroom. Lois also arranged for Desseret Industries to pick up the boxes of books not sold.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**As the Friends of the Murrieta Library,
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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.**

“To e or not to e”

Nancy Dixon

Naturally, a frequent topic of conversation at the Corner store is whether e-books will totally supplant “real” books. The vast majority, including yours truly, think that there is room for both. E-books are convenient, especially when travelling, but to book lovers, there’s nothing like holding a book while reading. To a person, when expressing that opinion, people will hold out their hands like an open book. There is a tangible and emotional connection that goes beyond the actual words written in the pages.

One might think that once children have grown up with the computer, and in particular with e-books, they will think that “real” books are just something from the olden days. I think that what will keep them in touch with paper books are the warm memories of mother and grandmother holding them on their lap or reading to them in bed from a lovely picture book. Even if they spend most of their reading time electronically, that physical experience of holding a real book will literally evoke the experience that went beyond the actual story. They will then want to pass that wonderful experience on to their children, and so forth down the generations. My favorite childhood story was *The Wind in the Willows*, and I can still picture Mr. Toad racing along in his motor-car. I have given that book to many little ones over the years so their parents can pass on the wonderful experience.

Just like hearing a song will rerun a video in your head and evoke the emotions connected to some past moment in time, so too can holding a book. Ray Bradbury said that when holding a book, “you are holding the sands of Egypt.” There is a human continuum in the word printed on paper—or papyrus, as the case may be. We all have special books that bring back wonderful memories of worlds and times beyond our actual experience. Added to that can often be what I call “flyleaf stories.” My favorite personal flyleaf story is in my mother’s copy of *Gone With the Wind* (unfortunately, not an early enough printing to be valuable monetarily). She lent it to all the ladies in the neighborhood, and each signed her name as she read it. We had a great neighborhood (in Hawthorne, CA), and these women were all like aunts to me. So just going down the list of signatures brings back a flood of memories and warm feelings.

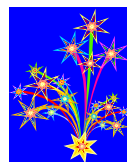
Then I have a book given to my great uncle Willie “as a souvenir of First Communion” from “Father Power, Holy Cross Church [San Francisco], July 2, 1893.” I never knew my uncle Willie, but from the stories I’ve heard, I’m sure he would *not* have been able to read Father’s gift of *The Poetical Works of Thomas Moore* at the age of seven – or probably at any age! So reading that always makes me laugh and remember the many stories of Uncle Willie’s adventures.

Also, holding a book that old in your hands evokes a sense of wonder that you can touch something held not only by Uncle Willie, but also by all the other family members through the generations who have treasured it and passed it on to the next. They may be physically gone, but I am connected to them with this book. I’m thinking that an e-book could never have the life of a paper and ink book.

I’m sure many of you have book memories and flyleaf stories of your own, and I was thinking that you might like to share them. If you e-mail me at nancyd111@verizon.net, I can do a follow-up piece for *Booknotes*.

P.S. I already had mentally written this piece in my mind (as I am wont to do) when I read a piece in the paper: according to a Pew Research survey, 81% of consumers say that a printed book is better for reading to a child than an e-book. See, I told ya so!

WHY WE CELEBRATE WITH SPARKLERS



“Because John Adams wanted us to.”

Adams insisted that fireworks be part of America’s independence celebration before the Declaration was signed. He wrote to his wife on July 3, 1776, “It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade...and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more.” And the rest is history.

HELP WANTED: Someone with a flair (or not) for decorating to help adorn our wonderful Cheyenne's Children's Corner at the Corner bookstore with a new theme each month. Decorations for every month and every holiday are already on hand. If you want to add to or change something, funds will be made available to purchase new supplies. Please call Carol Carson at 951-677-7672 for more information. It is a fun once-a-month opportunity to volunteer.



April Showers Bring May Flowers



January calls for Snowmen

Just a few samples of the various decorations used for Cheyenne's Corner. We have decorations for every month and the holiday or event that falls in that month. More available on request.



St. Patrick's Day and Cheyenne for whom the corner is named.

PROGRAMS

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

FOML Fall Meetings Feature Local Authors

September 17, 2013

Award-winning Riverside poet, novelist, essayist and activist Gayle Brandeis has been writing poems and short stories since she was four years old. She is the current Inlandia Literary Laureate and believes everyone has a story to tell. She encourages writers to remember where they came from, but also to branch out and try new things.

October 15, 2013

Cahuilla/Cupeño Indian Gordon Johnson lives on the Pala Reservation, and has been a feature writer and columnist for the *The Press-Enterprise*. He has published two books, and numerous articles and short stories. He is inspired by beauty, saying "Beauty is the clothesline I hang my days and nights on."

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MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

Dear Friends,

Summer Reading is once again a huge hit with the children, teens and adults of our community! The Magic of Titou was a very popular program as was Pudding Paint and Sushilicious. There is more fun to be had so check out our web page at www.murrietalibrary.info for program information. We can't THANK YOU enough for your continued support and generous donations that allow us to provide the wonderful programs and prizes that make Summer Reading such a great success. A special THANK YOU to Carol Carson for the donation for the Teen program - **Read for a Reason...Read for the Homeless Animals of the Valleys**. It is certainly motivating a lot of teens to read this summer!

On June 18, 2013, the Murrieta City Council approved the Library's Operating Budget for fiscal years 2013/2014 and 2014/2015. The Library budget for fiscal year 2013/14 totals \$1,957,015 and 2014/15 totals \$2,033,541. The budget remains status quo with the exception of an additional \$20,000 for collection development in the second fiscal year. The Library funding is almost entirely dependent on property tax which comprises ninety percent of the revenue received. The Library Fund receives about one and one half cents of every dollar paid in ad valorem property tax. This equates to about \$37 per year for a home valued at \$250,000. To balance the new budgets, the Library will use \$255,679 of the Library's economic contingency funds in 2013/14 and \$303,955 in 2014/15.

We recently received one-time Library Services and Technology Act funding in the amount of \$10,000 to purchase new print materials in six collection areas. The name of the program is Books4U and the six collection areas to purchase in are as follows:

- Early Literacy/Parenting
- Workforce Development
- Non-English Language/ESL
- Reference - CORE~ Legal~ Ready
- Children's/Teen
- Popular Fiction

This additional money will allow the Library to have multiple copies of bestsellers and enhance the collection in several areas.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At both **Bookstores** and at the **Library**. Call Bookstores for more information

The phone number for the Library is 951-461-6132

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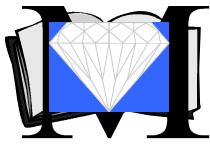
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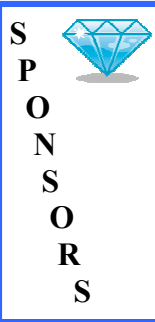
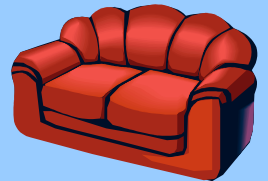
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