



# BOOKNOTES



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

### CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The Friends of the Murrieta Library have had some wonderful past presidents and Gary you take your place at the top of this list.

We had to do some heavy persuading to convince you to accept this position, but once you got in there and got your feet wet, you became our capable, personable, dedicated leader.

Your advice, direction, keeping track of finances and overseeing the various issues that arose from time to time, let the members know someone who cared and was so very competent was in charge.

We are grateful for the two terms you have served and are sorry to see you resign. You leave with our gratitude and most of all best wishes for all good things ahead.

Thanks so much, Gary!!!

This certificate was presented to Gary at the Friends' Christmas party on December 12th.

At the General Meeting on January 16th, Officers for the year 2018 and Directors for the next three years were voted in by acclamation. You will find a list of these on page 3. We wish the newly elected board all the best for the coming year and they would appreciate very much hearing from some members who are not already involved. There are many opportunities for volunteers, both in the Friends' organization and, also, in the Library. For more information on what is out there, contact our new president, Rita Nastro—951-698-8540 or via email [mastri@verizon.net](mailto:mastri@verizon.net).

“Let us be grateful for our gifts of plenty! The gifts of friends and food that we enjoy in abundance. Welcome to a New Year!!”

Your Hospitality Committee,  
Lela, Pat, Eleanor and Mila

## PROGRAMS

.....Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call-Co-Chair

**JANUARY 16, 2018—MEET THE FRIENDS**—A video review and continuation of the oral history of the

**Friends of the Murrieta Library** given by

Nancy Dixon, Historian

**February 20th—HINT:**

**Temecula Valley Historical Society's**

### NOTABLE WOMEN

Our meetings are held in the Library's Community Room the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. with a short business meeting, adjournment for a wonderful selection of refreshments and then the selected program.

We hope many of our members will attend these meetings, learn more about the Friends and the volunteer opportunities available and meet other Friends.

The most critical skill for success in school or in life is the ability to read well. Reading is the only way to build usable vocabulary because in books, words are written in context, with meaning and nuance. You need to build your vocabulary over time by reading. Once you have a strong, dynamic vocabulary you can translate your thoughts and ideas (and hopes and dreams), and communicate with others.

Judy Newman

The **Friends of the Murrieta Library's** website is full of information about upcoming programs, current and past *Booknotes*, location of bookstores, membership applications, Officers and Directors' names, and other useful information. Use this link for direct access to our website. [www.murrietalibraryfriends.org](http://www.murrietalibraryfriends.org)



**BOOK REVIEW**

**By Sharon Hunter**

**Orphan's Tale**

The Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff is a story of love and redemption, of heroism during Nazi Germany. Noa the central character is a sixteen year old girl who becomes pregnant by a Nazi soldier. She is cast out by her father, and her baby is taken away by the Nazis. She rescues a baby left to die by the Nazis and flees. As the story unfolds, she is taken in by a circus and must learn to be an aerialist so that she blends in with the circus for safety. Secrets, lies and treachery are revealed as she learns to be an aerialist. In fact, at one point Jenoff was going to title the book The Aerialist.

**DO IT NOW**

***"I expect to pass through this world but once—  
Any good thing, therefore that I can do or any  
kindness I can show—  
to any fellow human being let me do it now—  
Let me not defer nor neglect it—  
For I shall not pass this way again"***

***Stephen Grellet***

***"There is no better way to establish hope for the future than to enlighten young minds."***

.....Ronald Reagan

**Editor's note: And how better than by reading**

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Excerpts from, ***READ MY LIPS.....***

....by David McCullough.....Nothing ever invented can give you a bigger life than a book.

“Once upon a time in the dead of winter in the Dakota Territory, Theodore Roosevelt took off in a makeshift boat down the Little Missouri River in pursuit of thieves who had stolen his prized rowboat. After several days, he caught up and got the draw on them with his trusty Winchester, at which point they surrendered. Then Roosevelt set off to haul the thieves cross-country to justice. They headed across the snow-covered wastes of the Badlands to the jail at Dickinson, and Roosevelt walked the entire 40 miles or so—an astonishing feat. But what makes it especially memorable is that during that time he managed to read ***Anna Karenina***.

Read for life, all your life. Nothing ever invented provides such sustenance, such infinite reward for time spent, as a good book. Read to your heart's content. Let one book lead to another. They nearly always do. Take up a great author and read everything he or she has written. Read about places you've never been. Read books that changed history. And when you read a book you love—a book you feel has enlarged the experience of being alive, a book that 'lights the fire'—then spread the word.”

“The value of great fiction, we begin to suspect, is not that it entertains us or distracts us from our troubles, nor just that it broadens our knowledge of people and places, but also that it helps us to know what we believe, reinforces the qualities that are noblest in us, lead us to feel uneasy about our failures and limitations.”.....John Gardner

NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTORS, OFFICERS  
AND CHAIRPERSONS

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    Historian, Corner Bookstore Manager  
School Representative.....Allyson Quinlan  
Membership.....Karen Michaud  
Town Square Bookstore Co-Managers...Maggie  
    Pilotte/Laurie Razo  
Statisticians.....Judy Call/Gary Grim  
Library Director.....Elise Malkowski

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Neil Gaiman

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“Second hand books are wild books, homeless books; they have come together in vast flocks of variegated feather, and have a charm which the domesticated volumes of the Library lack.”

Virginia Woolf

**Let Your Fingers Do The Counting**

Experts in education and cognition now believe that using your fingers to do math is not only a perfectly good idea but may even help children become superior students.

It certainly makes sense. When children count on their fingers, they take an abstract concept———mathematics———and translate it into the most basic, tangible form. In fact, neurobiologists believe that the brain is hardwired to “see” a representation of our fingers even when we aren’t literally counting on them.

The connection between finger use and math ability has been demonstrated on old-fashioned math tests as well. With their eyes closed, first graders were asked to identify which of their fingers a researcher was touching, along with other finger-related exercises. A year later, the students who scored highest on the finger-ID questions consistently scored higher on a math test.

Researchers at Stanford also stress that some students simply learn better using visual tools rather than by memorizing the multiplication tables and reciting them as quickly as possible. “When I introduce math to my Stanford students, I say, ‘I don’t care about speed; in fact I am unimpressed by those who finish quickly.’” says Jo Boaler, PhD, a professor of math at Stanford.

Boaler believes that anyone—at any age——will improve math ability by improving basic finger dexterity.

Abridged from article in April 2017 Reader’s Digest

# MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

Dear Friends,

**Happy New Year!** Hope you enjoyed the holidays and are ready for 2018. The Library is looking forward to another successful year of providing programs and other services to the community. In the new year, the Library will continue to host ESL classes for adults. There is a beginner class and an advanced/intermediate class. On January 22, there will be a **Makerspace Day** where there will be hands-on, child-directed activities where kids can explore, create and tinker. There will be old printers, computers and other electronics for the kids to take apart and investigate how they work. As usual, we have many programs planned for all ages throughout the year. For information on all upcoming Library programs, please visit our web page at [www.murrietalibrary.info](http://www.murrietalibrary.info) or stop by the Library and pick up a flyer.

A unique circulating collection will make a debut in January. We have purchased 10 musical instruments that will be available for checkout. We will begin checking out to adults only and will review the policy and make changes if necessary. Instruments will be checked out for two weeks and no renewals or holds may be placed on the instruments. Instruments in the collection consist of a double row tambourine, Casio keyboard, bongo drum set, ukulele, acoustic guitar, vinyl record player, mini accordion, and xylophone, among others.

We recently received a generous donation of \$2,700 from the Temecula Valley Woman's Club. The money will be used to purchase a new Storytime rug, Launchpads and a poster printer. Launchpads are pre-loaded tablets, designed with a simple, easy-to-use interface and are very durable. Launchpads come pre-loaded with a variety of subjects and we will be purchasing STEM themed Launchpads. The poster printer will allow us to market and advertise our programs in a more professional manner. Currently, staff has to piece together several 8 ½ X 11 sheets of paper to create a large poster, that is then placed on an easel. We also received a \$1,500 donation from Southern Californian Edison. This donation will be used to buy additional Launchpads for children and audiobooks for adults.

Coming in February is the annual "**Love Your Library**" Food for Fines program. This month-long celebration of school, public, and private libraries of all types is a time for everyone, especially library support groups, to recognize the value of libraries and to work to assure that the Nation's libraries will continue to serve. In recognition of this celebration, the Murrieta Library will waive \$1.00 of fines for each non-perishable, nutritious pre-packaged food item brought to the Library's Circulation Desk. The maximum amount of fines waived is \$10.00. This is a great way to reduce or eliminate the fines from your library account and help those in the community who need assistance. The donations will be given to the Murrieta United Methodist Church. Library closures are: Mondays, January 15—Martin Luther King, Jr.; February 19—Presidents' Day.

Have a wonderful 2018! We look forward to seeing you throughout the year!

**Sign up a friend——Print, cut off and mail form below to P.O. Box 235, Murrieta 92564  
——or drop off at the Library or either Bookstore.**

## NEW MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM

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Specify any special interests, i.e., Board Member, Bookstore volunteer, Programs,

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Business.....\$100.00

LIFETIME.....\$250.00 Lifetime members

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**"GIVING TREE"** in the Library.

## MEMBERSHIP.....

Our Membership Chairman, Sandra Lucas, is stepping down from this job to take on more responsibility in other areas. Sandra has been a wonderful person in charge of this mighty time consuming and very important position. Thank you so much Sandra for the last 11 years keeping track of members and all that it entails. It is a big job.

Not only membership, but acting Ways and Means also, setting up restaurant dates with restaurants who give us money back for our coming on “Friends’ Night,” That has been an added plus. Lots more behind the scenes activity that no one realizes she is doing. We appreciate all you have done for the Friends, Sandra, and we know you will continue to be involved. We will look forward to seeing you at the general meetings.

Much good luck and best wishes in your new ventures. Sincerely, Your Friends

## TRIVIA.....

- ◆ It costs more than a penny to make a penny—about 1.7 cents per coin, says the U.S. Mint.
- ◆ Benjamin Franklin reportedly designed the first U.S. penny in 1787. Instead of “E Pluribus Unum,” it proudly stated, “Mind Your Own Business.”
- ◆ The U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing prints 32.2 million currency notes each day, with a face value of approximately \$907.8 million.
- ◆ Two dollar bills are seen as a rarity, but there are more than 1.1 billion of them in circulation.

### 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.

## OUR BOOKSTORES

As treasurer, I collect the receipts from our bookstores; mostly after they are closed. But occasionally I find it necessary to go when the stores are open and it is always such a delight to get to see and talk to and watch the volunteers in action. Especially, on Thursdays when I happen to go into the Corner store, I find them having such a good time and so busy with shelving, cleaning the books, pricing; besides just manning the counter. These ladies are so pleasant and so happy to be doing what they are doing—volunteering. It is really a fun place to be.

I am eternally grateful for ALL our volunteers in both of our bookstores and always so impressed with how faithful they are to “report for duty” on a regular basis and how much they seem to enjoy working in the stores. I know I sound like a broken record, but I don’t think we can ever give them too much credit.

And then there are the customers who come from our own community and all the surrounding communities who are so glad and happy that we are here. We have so many satisfied and delighted customers. We are not only supporting the Library but we are providing a service to all these communities.

Anyone who has time on their hands and wonders how to fill that time; be productive and useful and enjoy what you are doing in the process, besides helping support our Library, just contact Nancy at the Corner store—951-677-5350 or Maggie at the Town Square store—951-600-5724 and join in the fun. You will never know until you try it.

For those who missed Nancy Dixon’s **History of the Friends of the Murrieta Library** at the January General Meeting, missed an enlightening and interesting program. It will be presented again in the future after some re-editing. Watch for it!!

### OUR LOGO

REPRESENTS.....



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The Gem.....Murrieta is known as  
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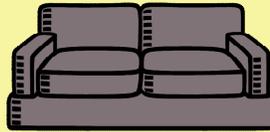
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