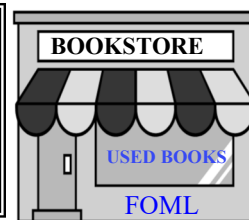




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

..... Rita Nastri

Hear, Hear! It's a whole New Year. And everyone says, Thank God!

As we put 2020 behind us and review this crazy year, I look at the resiliency of the Friends. The challenges have surely tested us, and I believe we are stronger than ever. We have learned to adapt using our combined skills to overcome some of the obstacles set forth by COVID-19, and I am so proud to be a member of this wonderful organization.

Many of us may have friends or family members who have been ill with this virus, some having died, and I am truly sorry for this. Who knows why or how some are effected and others not. Other organizations have had to cancel various events and gatherings, but with Dan Rexwinkel's expertise, we have managed to provide meetings and our monthly speaker's programs to the membership through Zoom. With Nancy Dixon, Maggie Pilotte and Laurie Razo managing the opening and closing and re-opening of our bookstores and internet sales, we have managed to stay afloat in our fundraising. And, of course, with our volunteers so willing to work in the bookstores, we remain "Open For Business." Thank you!

For some unknown reason, I feel healthier mentally coming out of this year. I personally have slowed my outside activities, but have managed to take on home renewal projects, one after the other. As I cross off my to-do list, I look proudly around and feel that this year wasn't a complete write-off. And, I'm sure many of you have that same feeling. As we SLOWLY evolve into our new life of more freedom, may we recall 2020 with a smile and say, Thank God.

Stay well and stay safe. Happy New Year! **2021**

PROGRAMS

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

January 19th....We will welcome our first speaker of the new year.....

MICHELLE DEERWESTER DALRYMPLE

She is an author, specializing on Mysteries and also Romance literature.

February 16th.....We are happy to again have a wonderful musical program with pianist **YIYI KU** who has visited us in the past. She has her own piano studio and she will be bringing some of her students to join her in the program.

March 16th.....KIM GERRISH, Executive Director of Michelle's Place, now expanded and situated in Temecula. Even during COVID they are providing much needed services to those dealing with various forms of cancer in their new facility.

Meeting 10:00 AM....Program 10:45 AM. It will be available via Zoom

We hope you will plan on joining us for these most interesting programs.

Link for January Meeting.....

<https://murrietalibraryfriends.org/zoom.html>

The Friends of the Murrieta Library's website is full of information about upcoming programs, location of our two remarkably organized and complete Bookstores, current and past copies of our newsletter, Booknotes, volunteer opportunities, membership forms, Officers and Directors names, and other pertinent information about the Friends. Use this link for direct access to the website.

murrietalibraryfriends.org



This wonderfully delightful area in the Friend's Corner Bookstore came about through the generous donation of Charter/Lifetime Member, Joann Callahan in memory of and as a tribute to her beloved grandniece, Cheyenne, who died at the tender age of five.

Joanne purchased all the shelving, the carpet, the mini tables and chairs and the decorations that are changed every month. She moved from Murrieta back to her home town, Las Vegas, but continued to come each month to help put up the new decorations. She also always brought some new items to display. It was a Labor of Love for Joann.

Joann helped the Friends, too, by giving money to buy the Required Reading List books for the high school students that the Corner store carries just for them.

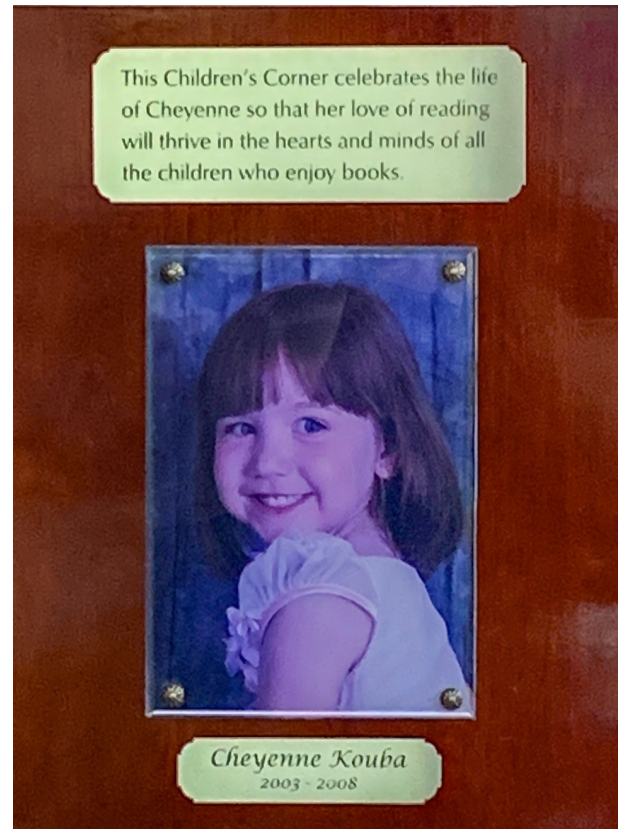
Joann was respected in the horse racing industry, that was quite extensive in Murrieta at one time, as the owner of Pegasus Ranch and was active as a board member of the Murrieta Cityhood, helping make that happen. Joann herself passed away two years ago.

There is no doubt that Joann and Cheyenne are now happily reunited.



Snow and Snowmen—January

Christmas



Thanksgiving



April Showers Bring May Flowers

When the Corner Bookstore expanded into its extra space, it allowed room for this special spot, just one of the many pluses expanding the Corner store made possible, allowing for more variety and greater selection.

Many thanks to Lifetime Members Maria Herrera and Kurt Korneisel for the hours they spend each month doing decoration changes to brighten up Cheyenne's Corner.

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Library Manager

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! As we welcome 2021, I reflect on what a year 2020 was. Although it was unlike any year we've had before, I am proud of the work Library staff did to keep the Library resources available to our community. Curbside Delivery was a success, the creative To Go Craft Kits the staff put together were very much appreciated by those who received them, and our online Storytime and social media postings were outstanding.

We also completed some projects we just never had time to do and learned some new skills too. I don't know what 2021 will bring; however, I do know Murrieta Public Library staff will continue to bring excellent services and strive to make the lives of our patrons a little better by creating and delivering those services.

The Library will be closed on Monday, January 18, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Monday, February 15, for Presidents Day.

Have a wonderful 2021! We look forward to serving you throughout the year!

Sincerely,
Elise Malkowski
Deputy Director of Library Services



Friends Book Discussion Group have these books selected for the upcoming months:

January:	The Island of Sea Woman.... by Lisa See
February:	Magic Lessons.... by Alice Hoffman
March:	The Girl With The Louding Voice.... by Abi Dare
April:	Anxious People.... by Fredrik Bachman
May:	The Love Story of Missy Carmichael....by Beth Morrey
June:	The Searcher....by Tan French
July:	The Girl Who Wrote in Silk....by Kelli Estes
August:	All Creatures Great and Small....by James Herriot
September:	The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue....by V.E. Schwab

Third Wednesday of each month——1:00 PM. Currently available via Zoom. It is not necessary to be a member of the Friends. For additional information call Maggie Pilotte at 600-1875.

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AT THE CORNER

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Wed, Fri, Sat.....10-6
All Safety Precautions in place**

We Remember, We Celebrate

We have recently lost three of our cherished Friends.

Lois Wurtz was one of our early members and long-time bookstore volunteer. She was Maggie Pilotte's Assistant Manager when they opened the FOML Bookstore back in 1999, and continued volunteering as it became the Corner Bookstore, until 2017 when she moved to Utah to be near her daughters. Not only was Lois faithful week, after week, after week, but she also coordinated the LDS Missionaries to help with our tri-annual Sidewalk Sales. Lois was part of the very fabric of the Corner Store and we know she is now smiling down and supporting us.

Bea Schugg was an energetic and faithful volunteer at the Corner Store for many years. She too moved to be with her family in Minnesota about ten years ago. Distance did not stop her though from continuing to volunteer: she came out several times specifically to help with our Sidewalk Sales, staying several days to help us catch up on pricing and other various duties. We treasure her often, especially when we see her initials in a re-donated book which she had priced.

Sandra Lucas was a Lifetime member of the Friends of the Murrieta Library. She volunteered at the Corner Store and the Town Square Store. As our Membership Chair Sandra was innovative in acquiring new members. Sandra was also a good fundraiser. Over the years she came up with many ideas including partnerships with local restaurants and creating a Historical Murrieta calendar. Sandra was always encouraging us to try new ideas, participate in all Murrieta's activities and constantly promote our great library.

On November 15, 2011, Sandra received a personal Proclamation from the City of Murrieta citing her many involvements in many organizations but especially activities pertaining to the Friends of the Murrieta Library. Her tremendous efforts in heading up the volunteers for the Library were much appreciated by the then Library Director, Loretta McKinney. In her letter to Sandra she stated "We value your service and the personal time you give to the community by helping us at the Library. All the Library staff believe that we absolutely could not achieve providing the high quality services, programs and collections found at the Murrieta Library without YOU! Each and every individual volunteer makes a difference and we thank you with all our hearts!"

The Friends of the Murrieta Library is stronger and more productive due to volunteers like these three. And we continue to have a volunteer crew unparalleled in their dedication and devotion to the Friends and the Library..

Sign up a friend—Print, cut off and mail form below—  — or drop off at the Library or either Bookstore.

NEW MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM

NAME _____

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PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

Specify any special interests, i.e., Board Member, Bookstore volunteer, Programs, Membership, Hospitality, Ways & Means, Special Events, etc.

Date: _____

Friends of the Murrieta Library, P.O. Box 235, Murrieta 92564

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual.....\$15.00

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Supporting.....\$25.00

Patron.....\$50.00

Business..... \$100.00

LIFETIME.....\$250.00

Lifetime members are honored with an engraved leaf on the "GIVING TREE" in the Library.

BREAKING NEWS.....

Our Murrieta Police Chief, Chief Hadden, is retiring. Chief Hadden began his career in law enforcement at the age of 19, graduating from the Police Academy on his 20th birthday. In 1992 he came to Murrieta, helping launch the newly formed Murrieta Police Department. He became one of the first 25 original sworn police officers.

Today, the department employs 101 sworn officers, 55 professional staff members and over 40 volunteers, both men and women. He was promoted through the ranks until reaching Police Chief in 2013. Chief Hadden has received many awards, including a Chief's Citation in 1998 and the department's Distinguished Service Award in 1999.

He and his family are longtime residents of Murrieta and he has been a big part of setting the tone for the successful and respected department we have today. We, as a community are sad to see him leave, and thank him for his many years of service and helping to build the best Police Department possible.

Editors note: I attended the Murrieta Citizen's Police Academy and it was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. You learn about each department – and there are many – and how enthusiastic the officers are about their jobs. I was asked at the graduation what impressed me the most and after some reflection, because they were all impressive, decided it was their involvement with children of all ages in our schools. Every citizen should take this class. It is well worth your time.

“Good people sleep peacefully in their beds at night only because there are men who stand ready on their behalf.”
.....George Orwell

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.

MEMBERSHIP.....by Karen Michaud, Chair

Happiest of New Years to all our members! I want to **thank you all again for your support and renewals** during the 2020 membership drive.

As we support the various reading programs for our community **Murrieta Public Library** patrons, we know that our membership fees go to a wonderful cause.

We will not start our **2021 drive until June, 2021**, however, if you have a friend, relative, or neighbor who would like to join the Friends of the Murrieta Library please encourage them to go to our **FOML website** and join at any time. We welcome new members!

As the season of goodwill and giving leaves us with a glow of gifting and kindness, I remind you that with the Bookstores on limited hours, our income has been a bit curtailed. Therefore, if anyone would like to donate to FOML, again please go to our website for any donation amount you wish to give, This reminds me of my **FAVORITE Christmas children's book:**

Auntie Claus by Elise Primavera, **The first and final rule: “It is far better to give than to receive.”**

On Being A Good Friend

“We're at our best when we support each other. Not when we cancel each other out for our past mistakes, but when we help each other to grow.”

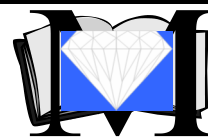
.....Joaquin Phoenix, Actor

“Friends should be like books: few, but
hand-selected.”

.....C.J. Langenhoven

OUR LOGO

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