

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.....Rita Nastri

Happy New Year Everyone! Over the past year and with an extended term due to COVID, I am pleased to return this year with most of the same Board members. We have worked well as your team of Directors and Committee Chairs. However, as you know, our beloved Treasurer, Carol Carson, died late last year. Of course, Carol's shoes will be hard to fill but Dan Rexwinkel will continue to provide his financial expertise as Treasurer and has also consented to be our Booknotes Editor/Publisher. This loss left a Director position open for our upcoming election. I am so pleased that a very qualified Friend, Kurt Korneisel, volunteered to run for the Director position in our upcoming elections.



This seems to be a year of change for other outstanding volunteers as well. I cannot let this opportunity pass without saying a huge "thank you and wish you both well" to Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call who resigned as your Program Chairpersons. Maggie has juggled both this position and that of Town Square Book Store Manager for many years. Judy joined her after her term of office as President ended in 2011. Innovative and resourceful, these two ladies have provided us many hours of entertainment after our general meetings through local authors, artists and musicians. They, like other volunteers, have shown their dedication to the Friends taking on multiple tasks.

I am pleased to introduce you to Karen "Kiki" Fritschi, our newly appointed Program Chair person. She comes to the Friends (a quiet member for a few years) ready to step into Maggie and Judy's shoes with the same enthusiasm and creativity that is needed for the position.


Open or close. Those were the two most overused words this year. But despite all of the uncertainty that 2021 has brought us, I must thank all of you for another very successful year. The volunteers in both books stores worked tirelessly to maintain strict COVID guidelines even after the world re-opened. Virginia Woolf once said, "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," and I couldn't agree more. I think that is what makes them so appealing to our customers. So continue to buy locally at our own Friends' Bookstores and tell all of your friends about the quality of these two stores and the products that they provide.

2022 looks promising so far. People are vaccinated and overcoming the most recent variant with fewer problems. The mountains are covered in snow improving the drought conditions already. I'm looking to a great future for Murrieta and the Friends in particular.

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 LOGO
Represents.....



Libraries and Book Lovers.....The Open Book
The City of Murrieta.....The Letter M
The Gem.....Murrieta is known as
"The Gem of the Valley"
It also stands for all our volunteer "Gems"

Program Co-Chairs Retire

Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call announced that effective December '21 they would both retire as co-chairs of our General Meeting Programs.

After our Library opened, the Friends decided that inviting some relevant and significant guests after the meetings would make them more appealing to our audiences. So Maggie, along with Judy Bain and her husband scheduled the first meeting in February '08. Because of illness, the Bains left after about 2 years. Fortunately, Judy Call joined Maggie in 2012. In total, these two wonderful ladies have been researching and providing Programs for over 13 years, bringing us over 100 entertaining presentations!

While Maggie and Judy step down, we are fortunate that Lifetime Member Karen 'Kiki' Fritschi has agreed to step up and take over as Program Chair. Kiki has been brainstorming some fascinating ideas to reach an even larger portion of our community and to bring our population even more awareness of our beautiful Library.



A Christmas 'Carol'

For many Decembers, Carol Carson would host the Friends Christmas Party at her 6-C's Ranch. It was always a special time for Friends to reacquaint and share the Holiday Spirit. With Carol's passing last September, the Friends thought it only appropriate to honor her life of giving by having our own Christmas Party - we called it a Christmas 'Carol'. On December 14, we gathered in the Library Community Room to renew old friendships distanced by the COVID pandemic and to remember and honor Carol Carson and all she did for the Friends, the Library, and the Community. There were of course some tears, some laughter, and the abundance of fellowship and all that attended seemed to have a pleasant time.



Festival of Trees

The Friends of the Murrieta Library along with the several members of the Temecula Valley Woman's Club teamed up with the Oak Grove Center to participate in the City's Festival of Trees this past December. This years theme was "I'll be Gnome for Christmas". Kits were made up in advance so the students at Oak Grove could assemble the ornaments. On December 4, several members along with a few students gathered at the Town Square Park Amphitheater to decorate the tree that had been provided. The students did a great job making the ornaments and decorating the tree. All of the decorated trees were later donated to local families in need. Here are a few pictures from the event.



Membership Update

Happy New Year and Happy Reading to our cherished Friends of the Murrieta Library members!

During the fall of 2021 we were fortunate to gain several new members. We welcome the following new Friends:

Dorothy Gallagher | Katelin Meekis | Peter Chen | Mary Ellen Glantz | Catherine St. Martin | Laurie Nielsen
Gail Caldwell | Christian and Heather Wolird.

Also, we have a new Lifetime Membership: Karen O'Neill

We welcome new members and volunteers throughout the year. Once again we will have our annual membership renewal in June 2022.

Thank you,

Karen Michaud, Membership

Good books, like good friends, are few and chosen; the more select, the more enjoyable.--Louisa May Alcott

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 _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ZIP CODE _____

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

Family.....\$20.00

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.

Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Sale

Yes, it is time again for one of the Corner Bookstore’s tri-annual, much looked forward to, Sidewalk Sales. Come early and tell your friends, too. Lines begin to form as soon as the sale opens at 10:00 a.m. on February 19th.

Sale consists of the usual specially selected hardbacks and paperbacks, mostly fiction books in **good to excellent condition.**

Hardbacks—\$1.00 Paperbacks—25 cents

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The Friends of the Murrieta Library’s website is full of information regarding 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. Use this link for more information:

www.murrietalibraryfriends.org

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful time celebrating the holidays with friends and family. The past year has been challenging for everyone but we pulled through and we are looking forward to a new year full of possibilities! As always, we are grateful for your generosity and continued support of our Library and our endeavors to provide quality Library programming to our community.

The Murrieta Public Library is excited to announce the following programs and databases we will be launching in 2022. The California State Library recently opened several grant opportunities that the Library has successfully applied last quarter:

- CAreer Pathways Initiative - Free workforce/learning databases from the California State Library
<https://library.ca.gov/services/to-public/career-pathways>
- Coursera - Coursera partners with more than 200 leading universities and companies to bring flexible, affordable, job-relevant online learning to individuals and organizations worldwide. They offer a range of learning opportunities—from hands-on projects and courses to job-ready certificates and degree programs.
<https://www.coursera.org/programs/murrieta-public-library-skhgy>
- GetSetUp - GetSetUp is an online community for older adults who want to learn new skills, connect with others and unlock new life experiences. <https://www.getsetup.io/partner/cslmurrieta>
- Learning Express - The LearningExpress suite of highly-acclaimed eLearning solutions provides interactive tutorials, practice tests, e-books, flashcards and articles for academic skill-building, standardized test preparation, career development and more. These award-winning learning tools are available through multiple online platforms designed to help students and professionals achieve their educational and career goals.
<https://bit.ly/mplllearningexpress>
- LinkedIn Learning - LinkedIn Learning is an American massive open online course provider. It provides video courses taught by industry experts in software, creative, and business skills. It is a subsidiary of LinkedIn. All the courses on LinkedIn fall into 3 categories: Business, Creative, and Technology
<https://www.linkedin.com/learning-login/go/murrietalibrary>
- Northstar - Northstar helps test your computer skills. You can build skills in key areas, and demonstrate your knowledge by earning certificates and badges. <https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/launch-from/12742-E3KA-murrieta-public-library>
- Skillshare - Skillshare is a learning community for creators. Anyone can take an online class, watch video lessons, create projects, and even teach a class themselves.
<https://www.skillshare.com/membership/checkout?coupon=cRKYu5>
- Home Connectivity Kits - The Library will be given 10 Home Connectivity Kits (worth a total of \$10,290) for Library patrons to checkout. Each kit contains: Chromebook, WiFi Hotspot (which includes data plan), and accessories.
- Zip Books Grant - The Library was recently awarded \$15,000 for the fiscal year 2021-22 to continue its Zip Books program. This is the Library's third time in receiving the grant. The purpose of the Zip Books program is to provide patrons with speedy access to materials they might not otherwise be able to get through the library,
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without the long wait times often associated with ILL requests. It also adds a patron-driven collection development approach to a library's usual process, resulting in a collection more closely matched to the needs of the local community.

The first Library program of the year is Love on a Leash, which will resume on January 3 at 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Library for All, a program for adults with disabilities will be resuming their monthly meeting on January 10 at 11:30 a.m. and they will create a Mod Podge magazine art on canvas. Starting January 10, patrons ages 18 and up will have an opportunity to take home a Winter Family Movie Night Kit which will be available at the Adult Reference Desk. Ms. Kathryn and Mr. Ryan will also start their 3D Create and Print program for all ages on January 11 at 4:30 p.m. in the Computer Lab. Lastly, Family and Preschool Storytimes will resume on January 24.

Also, we recently hired a new Page, Aleina Salinas, a high school student from Chaparral High School. Katie Calametti our Library Assistant II for the Adult Reference Department, was temporarily assigned to be our Interim Office Assistant II to fill in for the open position. Human Resources and City Administration recently conducted the interviews for the Library Manager position and has selected a candidate. More details to follow as soon as we have more information.

The Library will be closed on Monday, January 17 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day and February 21 for Presidents Day.

Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you throughout the year!

Sincerely,
Agnes Rita, Interim Library Manager

Reminders:

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The Friends of the Murrieta Library's website is full of information regarding 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. Use this link for more information:

<https://murrietalibraryfriends.org>

It is surprising how many people do not know about our wonderful Bookstores. When someone new is told about them and given one of our Bookmarks, they are usually so pleased to find out Murrieta has these two fabulous stores. So it is simple enough to carry a few Bookmarks with you at all times and spread the good word. When it is someone who is aware already of our Bookstores, they have nothing but good things to say and frequent them often.

Also, for those of you who order from Amazon, if you request Amazon Smile and designate the Friends of the Murrieta Library as your charity, the Friends get a percentage of your purchase at no cost to you and it is an easy, painless way to donate to the Friends.

So keep these ideas in mind and be Ambassadors for this great group whose only mission is to support our amazing Murrieta Public Library. Thank you!!

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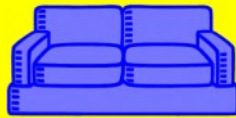
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Editor, W. Dan Rexwinkel

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