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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

.....Rita Nastri

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone is healthy as we greet 2023. The Holidays rolled by too quickly and now it’s back to business as usual. If you weren’t able to get to our Holiday Party in December, you missed a lovely time. Thank you to Eleanor Newhard, Nancy Dixon and Kiki Fritschi, and Dan Rexwinkel, our fabulous coffee maker, and all those who pitched in to decorate, etc. for putting it together. And how could I forget Ron Brown for singing a few Christmas Carols to get us in the party mode.

Before I go any further, I have to say a fond farewell to Maggie Pilotte who retired from the Town Square Bookstore at the end of November. Maggie has been the Town Square Bookstore Manager and Co-Chair of the Internet Sales at the store since 2007. In her spare time she helped start our Book discussion Group, was our Vice President for one term and our Program Co-Chair for many years. She has also participated in our Christmas Book Drive Head Start Program. Maggie put her signature on a library wall board during its construction...and now she has an Acorn on the Friends’ Library Tree in appreciation of over 22 years of sharing her time and many talents with Friends of the Murrieta Library. Good luck and thank you, Maggie.

Please join me in officially welcoming Kurt Korneisel who has taken over the position of Town Square Bookstore Manager. Maggie is a tough act to follow, but with the help of Art and Laurie Razo, he will do well. He already has!

We have four Director’s positions that are up for renewal at our Annual Meeting on January 17, 2023, and I would like to invite you to think about joining the Friends at the Director’s level. Three of the positions are for 3 years each, and one position is for 2 years to fill a vacancy. More information was discussed at our General Meeting on November 15 and also will be sent out to eligible voting members at a later date. You MUST be a current member in good standing to be eligible to vote. Any questions can be directed to our email address at info@murrietalibraryfriends.org.

Don’t let me scare you off when I say the Board works hard. They do, but it is a great way to get to know Murrieta, the community and certainly the Library. I thank them for always being there to provide the support needed. And if you don’t want to take a Director’s position, may I invite you to participate as a Chair person. We are a fun and welcoming group. Give us a try!

I would like to thank Pat Farmer who is not returning to the Board when her term ends in January. She has been an energetic volunteer and a wealth of knowledge about the history of the Friends. She has filled so many positions as have most of the Board. I will miss her but know she will remain as a member at large.

As the New Year begins, we have another exciting program to look forward to. Don’t forget, our meetings are held on the third Tuesday, every other month (the “odd” months) in the afternoon. Look for your eBlast to confirm the time.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy year ahead. 2023 gives us so much to look forward to with new and fresh ideas. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

“Cutting libraries during a recession is like cutting hospitals during a plague”
– Eleanor Crumblehulme



Murrieta Public Library Updates

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! As 2023 begins, I want to thank our Friends of the Library board members, general members, and volunteers. 2022 was my first year here at the Murrieta Public Library, and I have been thoroughly impressed with the hard work, dedication, and passion our Friends group has for our Library and the unending support you all provide. The hard work done at Corner Bookstore and the Town Square Bookstore to raise funds for our Library has been a source of inspiration. This generous financial support enables our Library to continue and expand our robust programming lineup. In addition, the encouragement and support from so many Friends members for our staff inspire and motivate our team to provide the best possible library services for our community.

With this motivation in mind, we have a lot of exciting projects and programs in store for 2023 at the Library! To name a few, this includes design work for the upcoming building expansion of the children's area, design and installation of a pollinator demonstration garden, upgrades to our seed library, the return of the Zip Books program, refresh of the Library's website, exploring options for a potential mural on the Library, and development of a strategic plan for the Library. In addition, we will have an array of entertaining and educational programming at the Library throughout the year thanks to the support we received from our Friends of the Library. Please check our program schedule at the Library and our website at www.murrietaca.gov/library for more information on our current and upcoming programs.

May 2023 be a happy and prosperous year for you, your family, the Friends of the Murrieta Library, and the Murrieta Public Library!

Best wishes,

Melvin Racelis, Library Manager

Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock Sale

WHEN: Saturday, February 18, 2023
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

WHERE: Friends Corner Bookstore
Los Alamos & Whitewood, east of I-215
(951) 677-5350

WHAT: Overstock Fiction and Nonfiction

HOW MUCH: \$1.00 - Hardbacks
50¢ - Trade Paperbacks
25¢ - Regular Paperbacks

All proceeds benefit the Murrieta Public Library

Friends of the Murrieta Library

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Sidewalk Overstock Sale

It's that time of the year again for the Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock Sale. There are always some great deals on nearly new used books. Be sure to come early and tell and bring a friend!



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"

Programs

We look back and reflect on 2022 with our first in-person general meeting and program in March with guest speaker and local author, Mary Lou Reid. She recognized National Nutrition Month and enlightened us with her 7 simple habits to lose 50 pounds and keep it off from her book *Always Eat Dessert*. In May we celebrated National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. We had so much fun learning how to be active and fit from PGA Pro Golf Instructor, Tony Greco and Certified Fitness Instructor and owner of Dynamic Fitness of Murrieta, Kevin Duenas. In July we were delighted to a children's book *Baby Teeth* written by local author Stephanie Shaffer, LSW. September was a special time to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and honor motherhood with CJ Charles, local Murrieta Mesa High School Spanish teacher and author of *My Mama Is a Super Hero*. Our last program of 2022, we "talked trash" as we celebrated National Recycle Day with guest speakers from Waste Management of Riverside County.

Our programs following our FOML General Meetings not only enlighten, educate and entertain, but we are also treated to refreshments and beverages by Starbucks Store on Madison Avenue, Murrieta and Manager Jenny Pineda and her team!

The Friends look forward to our January General Meeting opening 2023 and a unique program to follow. On January 17, The Friends of the Murrieta Library invite you to

celebrate Benjamin Franklin Day, the man who founded the first subscription library and his contributions to the field of electricity and the terms 'battery,' charge,' and 'conductor.' These terms are of interest to the students enrolled at Murrieta Valley High School's Fire Science and Technology I course. This course is open to all high school students and taught by Dru Snider. Mr. Snider and some of his students who engage in hands-on active learning and academics of fire science will provide our audience an exciting and excellent take away. Please join us in the Community Room at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday January 17. Our guests, will enlighten us about fire behavior, fire suppression and firefighting techniques. They will provide time for us to ask questions and have any questions or concerns answered.

We look forward to future Programs in March 2023 in honor of World Poetry and National Puppetry with Local Poets and Performers to include Music and Dance!

Everyone is invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, January 17 at 3:30 p.m. in the Murrieta Library Community Room located at 8 Town Square, on Adams between Juniper and Kalmia. For more information, please visit our website at: www.murrietalibraryfriends.org

Kiki Fritschi, Program Chair

Financial Update for the Friends of the Murrieta Library

Happy New Year everyone! We are happy to report that our annual income is nearly back to levels that existed before the COVID issues of the past few years. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, the Friends of the Murrieta Library was able to raise a total of \$121,797 in 2022. Of that amount, 89% was raised from book sales from both of our amazing bookstores. We had other various sources of income, such as \$9,024 in donations, \$2,395 in membership dues, etc.

Our major expense of the year is the rent and cleaning fees for the Corner Store, and utilities for the two stores combined for a total of \$67,095. Other expenses included our 3 insurance policies (\$1,686), business fees, event expenses, printing and supplies, and post office fees.

We were able to donate a total of \$23,040 to our Murrieta Library. Of that, \$5,000 went to library collections, \$8,040 went to library programs that we sponsored, and \$10,000 went to library supplies.

With the downturn in the market that almost all of us have felt, our net worth dropped only 2.71% from our balance at the end of 2021.

Thank you again to all of our volunteers that have contributed to another successful year.

W. Dan Rexwinkel, Treasurer

Membership Update

"The whole world opened to me when I learned to read"
- Mary McLeod Bethune

Dear Friends of the Murrieta Library,

Welcome to 2023 and may you have health, happiness, and the pleasure of good books in the year ahead. Our membership list grew significantly in 2022 and we hope to welcome new members and volunteers in 2023.

Welcome to our latest members:

Andrea Avila
Marianne Coonradt
The Kovacs Family
Merle McDougal
Anne McMahan
Marva Murray



Karen Michaud, Membership Chair

FOML Bylaws Review

The time has come to review our bylaws in order to coordinate the document with operational realities. Please contact Parliamentarian, Pat Farmer, at patfarmer92562@gmail.com or call (951) 440-8334 to volunteer as a member of the Friends of the Murrieta Library to help with the review.

Thank you.



Sign up a friend - Print, detach, 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.

Fundraiser at The Mill Update

The Mill Restaurant helped us celebrate NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES WEEK this past November by raising dollars for the Murrieta Library. They donated 20% of your bill to Friends of the Murrieta Library. Because you took the time to have lunch or dinner at The Mill, they were able to send us a **check for \$200.00!** Thank you Adam and Tracey Bouvet and the entire staff at The Mill Restaurant in Old Town Murrieta.



Upcoming Events

For updated information about the Friends of the Murrieta Library, go to our website at:

www.murrietalibraryfriends.org

Or you can visit our Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/MurrietaFOML

For updates on Murrieta Public Library events, go to:

www.murrietaca.gov/library

Lastly, for information on City of Murrieta Events, go to:

www.MurrietaCA.gov

Election of Directors

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Refreshment Table

Refreshments for our January 17 General Meeting and Program are being provided by Starbucks at 25175 Madison Avenue in Murrieta. We appreciate their generous donation and encourage you to visit their store if you are in the area.



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, and Officers and Directors. Use this link for more information:

<https://murrietalibraryfriends.org>

**A BOOK IS A FRIEND
FROM BEGINNING TO END**



Visit Our Two Stores

Corner Store

39445 B Los Alamos Road
Murrieta Gateway Center
Phone: (951) 677-5350
10:00 to 4:00 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
10:00 to 6:00 - Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

Buy A Good Book



Support A Good Cause

Town Square Store

Town Square at the Library
Across from Murrieta Elementary
Phone: (951) 600-5724
10:00 to 4:00 - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 to 3:00 - Saturday

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El Gordito Mexican Food

39413 Los Alamos Rd. Suite A
Murrieta, CA 92563

Phone: (951) 677-1700



25175 Madison Ave
Murrieta, CA 92562

Phone: (951) 698-4313

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