



# BOOKNOTES



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

Rita Nastri, President



Oh my goodness, its November already, and this is the time of thanksgiving. Not just the turkey kind of Thanksgiving, but sincere thanks to those who have been so good to us all year.

October historically is a really busy month for the Friends, what with our Friends of Libraries Week (thank you Karen Michaud, Membership Chair, and her team who volunteered to meet and greet Library patrons 10/21-10/26), our Fundraiser at The Mill Restaurant (thank you owners, Adam Bouvet and Linda Westfall who kindly opened their restaurant to the Friends on the 22<sup>nd</sup>); and The Corner Bookstore Overstock Sale on 10/26 (thank you Nancy Dixon and her volunteer staff who made over \$1200 in book sales in one day). Whew, that is amazing!

And how could I not say a big thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who quietly work day after day, many of them for years, because they believe in the importance of libraries, and the Murrieta Public Library in particular.

I would like also to take this time to personally thank your current Friends Board and Committee Chairs who work month after month to plan and implement the many fundraising and program activities. They may be in the background or in front of you on meeting days, but they work very hard behind the scenes keeping the Friends an ongoing program. Each wears two or three hats as a Director or Committee Chair: Nancy Dixon, Vice President, Corner Store Manager, Historian, Parliamentarian; Pat Farmer, Secretary, Gmail Coordinator; Carol Carson, Treasurer, Booknotes Editor; Dan Rexwinkel, Co-Treasurer, Webmaster; Karen Michaud, Membership Chair; Orelia Moore, Director; Maggie Pilotte, Town Square Store Manager, Program Chair; Judy Call, Program Co-Chair; Laurie Razo, Town Square Co-Manager, Internet Sales; Polly Filanc, Hospitality Chair; Carol Suer, Sunshine Chair.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving and all the fun of the upcoming Holiday Season.



## PROGRAMS .....

Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call Co-Chair

THE FRIENDS OF THE MURRIETA LIBRARY  
Present



*Cati Porter*  
Inlandia Institute



**When: Tuesday, November 19, 2019**  
**Meeting: 10 AM – Speaker: 10:45 AM**  
**Where: Murrieta Library Community Room**  
**8 Town Square (On Adams between Juniper & Kalmia)**

A poet, editor, essayist, arts administrator, wife, mother, daughter, friend. She is the author of 18 books and chapbooks, most recently *My Skies of Small Horses and the Body*. She directs the Inlandia Institute, a literary nonprofit



**DECEMBER 10th** is the Friends annual **Christmas Party** which we hope as many members will attend as possible. This is an opportunity to meet other Friends, just visit and start the **Holiday Season**. It is at 11:00 at Carsons 6C's Ranch, 25471 Hayes Avenue. Take Ivy to Hayes--left on Hayes to Brown--right on Brown--right into 1st driveway. This year, the Friends are providing the food instead of having the members each bring something. So come, relax and enjoy the camaraderie.



FRIENDS OF THE MURRIETA LIBRARY BOOKSTORES

We need to recognize and acknowledge our Bookstore managers. Our Bookstores are the life blood of our organization. They are why we are able to give \$50,000.00 a year to the Library for the performers and supplies for the majority of their wonderful programs and add to the Library’s diverse collection. Nancy and Maggie -- these ladies run our Bookstores like well-oiled machines, so competently, so completely organized. They are running a small business as CEO’s. Our Bookstores are like used Barnes and Nobles. We get repeat customers and new customers all the time because they know they can almost always find what they are looking for due to the stores being so beautifully set up and our volunteers so friendly, knowledgeable and helpful. The managers make up the monthly schedule of volunteers and not only do they have their own shifts but in the event a volunteer is not able to or simply does not show up – which is rare with our dependable volunteers – they fill in themselves if unable to get a substitute. They also take books home to research, price and sort.


No one realizes what it takes to get these boxes and boxes and bags and bags of donated books from their containers and onto the shelves. They are all cleaned, trained pricers price each book, they are then sorted by category—and at times this takes an Einstein as categories overlap and it could fit in more than one category—then they all need to be shelved alphabetically – most generally by author. Occasionally the shelves have to be “culled” (books a year old are removed) and “snaked” to make room for more books.

Nancy spends many after hours at the Corner store trying to keep ahead of the flow of donations and making decisions on books left for her to make the final resolution. She also has Sunday “pricing parties” in the store from time to time to try to keep up with this constant influx of donations. In addition, Laurie and Art Razo sell our books through Amazon on the Internet; which is another time consuming volunteer job that not only entails so much of their time, it requires a vast knowledge of books. These Internet sales add considerably to our bottom line. Maggie also devotes many hours toward helping with these Internet sales in her “spare” time.

I, personally, am so proud of our bookstores and I carry our bookmarks, giving the hours they are open, with me to give out wherever possible. So I think we should give them all --- managers and volunteers --- a big THANK YOU!!!. The Editor

BY THE WAY, October 26th was another successful Sidewalk Sale at the Corner Store. With the help of ALL the store’s wonderful volunteers, but especially the Cagles, Greg and Kathy, and Greg Eberhardt the store made \$1,281.50. These folks are the stores’ “angel workers” and their dedication and efficiency goes above and beyond. So a very special THANK YOU to the Cagles and Greg E. :



*I HAVE A “MAGIC”  AND IT OPENS THE DOORS TO A WONDERLAND OF BOOKS*

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 Friday. ....10-8



This is Murrieta's 17th Annual Veterans Day Parade in Historic Downtown Murrieta/Town Square Park. Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. on Washington Avenue and Ivy with a flyover and the National Anthem. It will end at the Park where 2,019 American flags will be billowing in the breeze. If you have not seen this it is a thrilling sight to see and a wonderful way to end the festivities.



**FESTIVAL OF TREES — Saturday, Dec. 7th, 5-7 p.m. at Town Square Park**

We invite the Friends to come and check out our tree. Our theme for this year is **"Gingerbread."** With the help of Oak Grove Center and the Temecula Valley Women's Club Murrieta Library Committee we are creating various Gingerbread ornaments. If you would like to help decorate the Friends' tree around 10 a.m. Saturday, December 7th, please contact Pat Farmer at 951-440-8334 or [patfarmer@verizon.net](mailto:patfarmer@verizon.net) All helping hands will be welcomed.



**Contact 304-Park(7275)** for other city Christmas events: Home Decorating Contest; Food & Toy Drive; Santa Stops and Donuts with Santa

**From the City Manager....**

"On the afternoon of September 4, I looked out my window at City Hall to see a plume of smoke rising from the hills to our west. Just a few hours later, we had opened the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for what had become the Tenaja Fire. I want to share a glimpse of what happens behind the scenes when the City moves into emergency operations.

Every employee of the City takes an oath of office and becomes a disaster services worker in case of emergency. So when the EOC was activated, dozens of staff moved seamlessly into pre-defined roles. Working through the night, they gathered around laptops and whiteboards to manage logistics related to public safety, resident communications and City operations. They worked hand-in-hand with dozens of partner agencies, like CalFire, the Murrieta Valley School District, Animal Services, and Red Cross. Others kept services running at City Hall.

Across town at Los Alamos Sports Park, Murrieta Fire and Rescue and CalFire led the Incident Command Center. There they coordinated the work of more than 800 firefighters and a dozen public safety partners from cities across the state and kept the Tenaja fire from burning hundreds of homes in its potential path.

I am beyond grateful for our dedicated Fire and Police teams who put their lives on the line to protect our community. And I also recognize those behind the scenes: residents who evacuated efficiently, the businesses and neighbors that provided food and water for fighters and police, staff who stepped out of their regular roles, and so many more. I am proud to be a part of this connected community."

Kim Summers, City Manager

**Our heartfelt thanks, too, to all the first responders and the city staff for keeping our City safe.....at all times.....not just in emergency situations!!**

**GROUNDBREAKING** for new TOWN SQUARE PARK—November 6—9:30 a.m.

Please join us in this long awaited event. There will be refreshments and speakers.

**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"

**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.



# MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Elise Malkowski, Library Manager



Dear Friends,

November is a time of giving thanks and I'd like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU, Friends, for all you do to support the Library: the many hours volunteering in the bookstores, fundraising, or just touting the Library to every new person you meet. We couldn't do what we do without YOU!

Did you know you can Book a Librarian? The Book a Librarian program allows you to reserve a half-hour session with a Reference Librarian. If you have an in-depth question or need one-on-one personal reference assistance, this is for you! The Library also offers Heritage Room tours. Book a tour to see the room, browse through photographs and collections or ask general questions about Murrieta history. For a weekday appointment for either service, contact Laura Davis at 951-461-6138.

The holiday season will soon be upon us! The upcoming library closures are: Monday November 11th for Veterans Day; Thursday and Friday: November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving, Tuesday and Wednesday: December 24th and 25th for Christmas and Tuesday; December 31st and Wednesday January 1st for the New Year.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Elise Malkowski  
Library Manager



## LIBRARIES MATTER

“I think the public library system is one of the most amazing American institutions. Free for everybody. If you ever get the blues about the status of American culture there are still more public libraries than there are McDonald's. During the worst depression, not one public library closed their doors.”

.....David McCullough



**BOOK REVIEW**  
by Sharon Hunter

### LIFE AND OTHER INCONSISTENCIES.....

.....By Kristan Higgins



Four generations of women and their dynamics are the focus of this novel. Genevieve London is an extremely wealthy woman who experiences life's cruelest blows. Her granddaughter, Emma, has been kicked out by Genevieve when she becomes pregnant in her Senior year. Emma goes to live with her paternal grandfather. After seventeen years of no contact between them, Genevieve calls Emma to ask her to return to take care of her. She is dying of cancer. The choices the different characters make affect not only their own lives but others as well. There is humor as well as grief as the story unfolds. Lastly, there is the mystery of what happened to Emma's son, Riley.

This is the first time I have read a book written by Higgins, but she has written at least twenty others. I will try to read more of her novels; however, you know the saying — “So many books, so little time.”

## MEMBERSHIP

At this reflective time of year, I want to thank the Membership for your support throughout the year with your membership, your attendance at our monthly programs and your visits to our two amazing Bookstores.

We are thankful that our FOML membership has continued to increase throughout the autumn months. We welcome our most recent new members: Esteban Sardinha, Susan Firlik, Mary Pat Gates, Paulette Elrod, Antoinette Rivera.

We also have two new Lifetime members: Dorothy Harder and Maria Herrera.

When thinking of Holiday gifts, please consider the gift of membership to the FOML. An individual membership is only \$15.00 a year and a family membership is just \$20.00 per year.

With gratitude,

*Karen Michaud, Membership Chair*



**REMINDER:** DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ends Sunday, November 3rd


## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Speaking of Membership, a special thank you to our Assistant Chairman, Bernadette Kaufman, who has been such a big help in keeping our membership list current. This is a big job and Karen has appreciated her aid in doing this. Bernadette also wears another hat, as so many volunteers do, assisting faithfully with Hospitality. So thank you, Bernadette. We can always use more volunteers like you.

We would like to welcome back into the fold, our dear Friend, Pat Santo, who has been out of commission due to knee surgery. Her first time back, she pitched right into help with Hospitality like she had never been away. We can always use more volunteers like you, too, Pat. So glad to see your smiling face again. And thanks for knowing what needed to be done and doing it.

And a big Thank You to Carol Suer, our Friendship Chair who sends all those lovely, meaningful cards to express our sympathy for loss of a loved one; or encourage someone who isn't well or recently has undergone surgery or maybe just a reminder that we are thinking of them. These cards are much appreciated and you are much appreciated, Carol.

**NOTICE: LIONS GIFT OF SIGHT—Free Vision Screening; Free Consultation; Free Refurbished Glasses All ages are welcome—First come, First Served Come Early No guarantee all will be able to be served 1636 E. Mission Road, Fallbrook. Free transportation pickup at Fallbrook Library every 30 minutes from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Look for white Senior Care van. Event proudly hosted by San Diego Co. Lions Club For additional information call 760-405-7388 or contact: lionarminda@yahoo.com**

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual.....\$15.00

Family.....\$20.00

Supporting..... \$25.00

Patron.....\$50.00

Business..... \$100.00

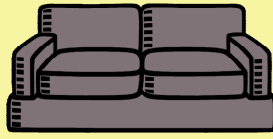
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### CLASSIFIED ADS....STILL NEED:

**Publicity Chairman**— Responsible for communicating all Friends' events to the community through local news publications.

**SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIRMAN**—One-time events throughout the year that do not require a lot of time.

**CREATIVE PERSON**—--Help each month with decorations in the Corner Bookstore's Children's Corner. All decorations supplied.

For information on any of these volunteer positions, contact Rita Nastro - 951-698-8640 or via email: [rnastr@verizon.net](mailto:rnastr@verizon.net)

Be a significant part of this significant group by volunteering. We hope to be flooded with calls for those of you looking for something significant with which to fill your time.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ADS  
CALL Carol Carson @ 951-677-7672

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

[murrietalibraryfriends.org](http://murrietalibraryfriends.org)

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