

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.....Rita Nastri

October 16-21 was National Friends of Libraries Week; and this year we, the Friends of the Murrieta Library, celebrated in grand style. Initiated by Melvin Racelis, Manager of the Murrieta Public Library, the City of Murrieta and its Council Members provided the Friends with a Proclamation honoring our members for their volunteer involvement on October 18 at the Council meeting. How proud I was to accept this beautiful statement on your behalf. The Proclamation will be framed and on display in the Community Room of the Library. It will also be available for viewing at the November meeting. A special thank you to members, Evelyn Dial, Karen Michaud, Kiki Fritschi, Polly Filanc, and Library Manager Melvin Racelis for representing the Friends.

October and November are always busy months for the Friends. Karen Michaud, our Membership Chair, dedicated her entire week to Friends of Libraries Week to be at the Library with her membership information. She greeted library patrons and interacted with parents at a few events spreading the good word about the Friends. You can always be assured that Karen will show up with a great gag costume and this engages children and parents alike. Our books show a few new members signed up during the week's activities.

The Corner Bookstore had another very successful Overstock Book Sale. Nancy Dixon, Store Manager, will review the fun and excitement of the Sale Day. Our new "Pop-up" tent for shade, complete with FOML name, made its debut at the Sale.

Be sure to order your American Flag to fly at the Rotary Club's Field of Honor during Veterans Week. The Rotary Club has kindly offered a \$10 donation to the Friends for each flag which we sell or designate at the time of purchase. The Field of Honor is always a beautiful sight and we thank the Rotary Club for their generosity. More information and instructions to sign up can be found on our website at <https://murrietalibraryfriends.org/events.html>.

Because the Temecula Valley Woman's Club generously provides funds annually to the Friends, we promote their December 3-4 Fabulous House Tour. This is their major fundraiser which takes endless hours to produce. Please support them as we wish them a successful weekend.



Look inside for information about our fundraiser at The Mill Restaurant on November 15. We provide you with a coupon which you and your friends bring to the restaurant and they donate 20% of your bill to the Friends. Don't forget to get your own friends together for a fun event and always good food. More information on page 4.

I thank Pat Farmer who has been busy setting up these events. Because she is working with Temecula Valley Woman's Club on the same day, Evelyn Dial and I will be working with the Christmas tree event at Murrieta Town Square on December 3. We provide decorations for the students from Oak Grove Center to make for the tree and they set it up the day of the event.

Again, I would like to thank Melvin for setting up the Proclamation recognizing you, the dedicated volunteers of the Friends of the Murrieta Library. I add my thanks to all of you who work so hard in the Bookstores and the Library.

"Librarians have always been among the most thoughtful and helpful people. They are teachers without a classroom."
– Willard Scott



Programs

The Friends of the Murrieta Library invite you to celebrate “National Recycle Day” with special guests from Waste Management at our November 15 Meeting and Program.



Our guests, Art Marquez and Andrea Morrison of Waste Management Residential Recycle, will enlighten us to advances and changes to The City of Murrieta’s Recycling. And they will provide time for us to ask questions and have those questions and concerns answered.

Immediately following the program, the Starbucks store on Madison Avenue in Murrieta will provide coffee and refreshments. They will also bring small cups of coffee grounds for each of us to take home for our organic gardens. Thank you Starbucks on Madison Avenue.

We look forward to future Programs in January and March 2023 honoring Benjamin Franklin, 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 course. We hope to celebrate these two on ‘National Benjamin Franklin Day’ in January. And in March, we look forward to a Music and Dance Program performance by a group of special students. We will have more information and an update at our November 15 Meeting. See you there!

The public and guests are all invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, November 15 at 10:00 a.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

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.

Another One for the Books

The sidewalk in front of the Corner store once again was bustling with customers and LOTS of books for the October 22 Overstock Sale which added \$1,594.75 to our coffers! Like Murrieta’s original motto “Where it all comes together,” the elements including the weather – combined perfectly. First was the number of customers: thanks to Web and Social Media Director Dan Rexwinkel and Publicist Rita Nastri the word spread. Also, thanks to the generous loan of extra tables from the Library (picked up and returned by Greg Cagle!) we were able to have multitudes of books out for customers to “gobble” up.

None of this is ever possible without the amazing hard work of a wonderful team. The sale is a two-day process beginning Friday evening when the multitude of boxes of books, the tables, the pop-up, etc. are brought to the front of the store to be organized and ready for Saturday morning set-up. On board for the heavy lifting were Kathy and Greg Cagle, Ann Hickey, Greg Eberhardt, Bob Clare, and Dan Rexwinkel.

Everyone’s an MVP on Saturday, but leading the pack were the Cagle Family (Kathy, Greg, Lauren, Katelyn, and Bryce), Ann Hickey, Greg Eberhardt, Bob Clare, Dan Rexwinkel, and Sandra Havens, who were there early to coordinate the set-up. They were joined by an amazing group of 16 (yes, *sixteen!*) teen members of the Division 37 North Key Club, thanks to the coordination of their Lieutenant Governor, Cindy Ngo. Stephanie Hubbard also came early and then manned the morning inside sales along with Bob Granzow. Sandra Havens stayed all day with the outside sales, along with Ann Hickey in the morning and Cathy Wilson in the afternoon. Judith Ann Edwards covered the inside for the afternoon.

Of course, the closing jobs are as much hard work as the set-up, and returning for that were Kathy and Greg Cagle, Greg Eberhardt, Bob Clare, and Dan Rexwinkel. One of the Key Club members also returned, and he was joined by three Boy Scouts from the Murrieta 318 Troop, thanks to Leader Shelly Koch,

“Thank you” doesn’t even begin to cover my gratitude! When I think “Murrieta” I think “Community,” and this was a stellar example from the volunteers to the customers, and all the thousands of donated books in between that gave us the wherewithal to *SALE* to the heights. Millions of heartfelt thanks to all!

Nancy Dixon, Corner Store Manager

Murrieta Public Library Updates

Dear Friends,

National Friends of the Library Week was celebrated during the week of October 16-22, 2022. In honor of all your contributions and support of the Library, the Murrieta City Council issued a proclamation on October 18, 2022, to honor the Friends of the Murrieta Library. It was my honor and privilege to introduce the proclamation at the City Council meeting, and I genuinely consider it a highlight of my career. Since I started as the current Library Manager in January 2022, I have been thoroughly impressed with the dedication and passion displayed by Friends members, volunteers, and board members, including all the hard work that goes into operating two bookstores and the sidewalk sales. I want to extend my appreciation to each of you for what you do to support our Library.

I am also thrilled to announce that the Library has recently been notified that we have been awarded four significant grants bringing us much cheer for this holiday season.

First, we have been selected to receive the California State Library's Building Forward Infrastructure Grant. The Library has been awarded approximately \$1,500,000 with a 50% reduction for the required match amount to fund an expansion of the Children's area and an addition of a storytime room into the Carol Carson Garden of Verses, which will fulfill the original intent to expand the Library in the future.

The Building Forward Infrastructure Grant alone is exciting news, but the Library also received award notifications for three other grants from the California State Library:

- Seed Library Grant: \$18,050
 - Funding for improving and enhancing the seed library with furniture, new display units, additional seeds, and a sign-up kiosk.
- Sustainable California Libraries Grant: \$30,000
 - Funding for a pollinator/native garden outside the Library, sustainability workshops, the Library's annual Earth Day Celebration, and humane bee traps and removal.
- Zip Books Grant: \$21,128
 - Funding for the Zip Books program, where Library users can request books not found in the Library's collection, and the Library will order them on Amazon and have them shipped to the user's home. Then the book will be added to the Library's collection after it is returned.

In total, the Library has secured \$1,574,803 in funding for the projects noted above, which I believe will take our Library to the next level. While these grants provide additional funding to complete significant projects like the building expansion, we will need the continued support of the Friends for additional programs and enhancing our collection as we grow and expand. The Library would not be where it is today without the support of the Friends, and we are excited to have your continued support as we go into the next chapter of our Library together.

Warm regards and Happy Holidays,
Melvin Racelis, Library Manager

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

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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"

Membership Update

"You can't buy happiness, but you can buy books. And that's kind of the same thing."
- John Kremer

Dear Friends of the Murrieta Library,

Our 2022 membership drive has been very busy and productive throughout the year. Our theme of gratitude and thanksgiving goes out to our new members, as well as our ongoing Annual and Lifetime membership. With your support, we are able to provide funding to our amazing Murrieta Public Library for programs for children, teens, and adults. Thank you all!!!

Welcome to our latest members:

Family:
The Knapp Family, The Inclan Family

Individual:
Jessica Brown, Arlene Wilt, Diana Bucur

Karen Michaud, Membership Chair



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

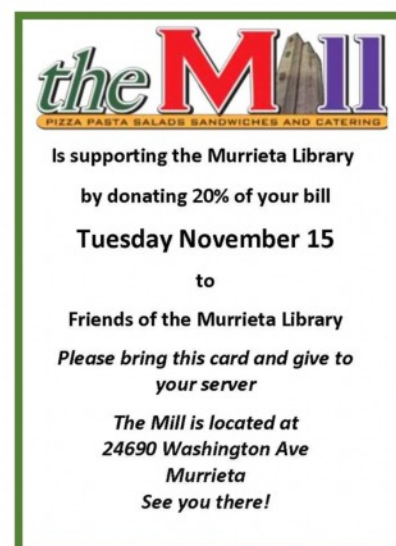
MEMBERSHIP DUES

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 November 15, 2022

The Mill Restaurant is helping us celebrate NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES WEEK which was in October by raising dollars for the Murrieta Library. On November 15, The Mill will donate 20% of your bill to Friends of the Murrieta Library **YOU MUST PRINT OR CUT OUT THE FLYER TO THE RIGHT AND PRESENT IT TO YOUR SERVER IN ORDER FOR US TO RECEIVE THE DONATION.** The flyer is also available on our website and in the Bookstores.



Upcoming Events

- Nov. 10 - **3D Printing Class** 4:30 p.m. @ Library Community Room
- Nov. 11 - **Veterans Day Parade** 10:00 a.m. @ Historic Downtown Murrieta
- Nov. 15 - **Friends General Meeting and Program** 10:00 a.m. @ Library Community Room
- Nov. 15 - **Fundraiser at The Mill Restaurant** - 20% of your bill goes to the Friends
- Nov. 15 - **General Health with Dr. Rios** 4:00 p.m. @ Library Community Room
- Nov. 21 - **Mini Succulent Take-Home Kit** 5:30 p.m. @ Adult Reference Desk
- Dec. 5 - **Holiday Family Take-Home Kit** 5:30 p.m. @ Adult Reference Desk
- Dec. 8 - **Teen Game On!** 4:00 p.m. @ Library Community Room
- Dec. 14 - **Wrap it up! Holiday Gift Wrapping** 3:00 p.m. @ Library Community Room
- Mondays until Dec. 12 - **Love on a Leash: Dog Tales.** 4:30 p.m. @ Library Community Room
- Tuesdays until Nov. 15 - **Toddler Tuesdays.** 10:00 a.m. @ Carol Carson Garden of Verses
- Wednesdays until Nov. 16 - **Preschool Storytime.** 10:00 a.m. @ Library Community Rooms

Election of Directors

We have four Director positions that are up for renewal at our Annual Meeting on January 17, 2023. Three of the positions are for 3 years each and one position is for 2 years to fill a vacancy. More information will be 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.

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



Refreshment Table

Refreshments for our November 15 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 **Booknotz**, volunteer opportunities, membership forms, and Officers and Directors. Use this link for more information:

<https://murrietalibraryfriends.org>

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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