

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**    ..... Rita Nastri

I sometimes think I'm a little redundant since I'm often saying, "the Friends had a really exciting month." However this group of movers and shakers had lots of things going. We celebrated National Friends of Libraries Week from October 16 to 20 under the guidance of Karen Michaud, our Membership Chair. Many of your Board members greeted the public at the Library, introducing them to the Friends through our Brochure and Fact Board. The children were given pencils and wrist bands. As I sat at our Friends' table, I realized what a busy place our Library is. No one left without a bag full of books to borrow. The kids knew exactly how to check books back in as well as checking them out. And, this is what we are all about.

Friends of Libraries Week is not just about meeting and greeting the public, it is especially about thanking the Volunteers who spend so many hours each year working in the Murrieta Library or working in the Corner Bookstore or the Town Square Bookstore. Without their help, we could not have possibly made the money to donate to our Library. Since 2020, the Friends have donated over \$105,000.00 to the Murrieta Library to be used for their innovative programs. Again, a big **THANK YOU!**

Now, here's a prime example of what some of our volunteers do. The Corner Bookstore had an Overstock Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, October 21, always a day of sorting, lifting and

hauling. Their profit for the day was \$2,085.00 which goes directly to the Library for their programs. Nancy Dixon, Store Manager, who was recently injured and is recovering nicely, asked me to thank her dedicated volunteers, Ann Hickey, Kathy and Greg Cagle, Nancy and Greg Eberhardt, Dan Rexwinkel, Barbara Breen, Chris Armstrong, Vanessa Church, Bob Granzow and Merle McDougall who worked so hard that day. The Board thanks you as well.

By the Way, both Bookstores have been using our new credit card iPads. I'm told they have been well received by both volunteers and customers. What's this, the Friends are coming into the 21 Century!

Our table for Friends of Libraries Week was set up next to all of those beautifully painted chairs which were to be auctioned off at the end of the October. In September, we were so lucky to have three of the artists provide a delightful program on their chairs, what inspired them to paint and why they painted their particular chair. Thank you, Kiki Fritschi, Program Chair, for setting up this. She will tell you about her upcoming program in November. I'm looking forward to having a return of a local celebrity then. He's a terrific speaker and storyteller. Please note, we are having our meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 3:30 pm since Thanksgiving is the following week.

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**COMING EVENTS**

***11/14 - General Meeting with Rob Crisell***

***12/7 - Friends Holiday Gathering in the Library Community Room***

***1/16/24 - Friends Annual Meeting and Election***

***More Details Inside this edition!***



## Board of Directors Election

We have a unique election cycle this year. Due to the COVID emergency, Board positions were extended for one year in January of 2021. Therefore, Friends of the Murrieta Library does not have positions up for election at the January 2024 General Meeting. However, there does exist one appointed position with a term expiring in 2025. Article V, Section 5 regarding vacancies states, “a successor Director shall serve until the next election at which time the unexpired term shall be filled by the candidate having the most votes after the regularly elected positions have been filled”. Given this vacancy, we will hold an election for the one unexpired Director position at the January General Meeting.

- Individual Memberships of the Corporation shall have one vote.
- Family category shall have a maximum of two votes. Members must be 18 years of age to vote.
- All lifetime members, if a couple, also have two votes.
- The election to fill the one Director’s position will be held at the January 2024 General Meeting and voting will again be available by email prior to the meeting.
- Program Chairs and Board Officers will be elected by the 2024 Directors after the January 2024 General meeting.



Please contact Parliamentarian, Nancy Eberhardt at [Neberhardt66@gmail.com](mailto:Neberhardt66@gmail.com) no later than December 15, 2023 if you are interested in becoming part of the Board of Directors or a Chairperson of a committee or for more information on the duties of the Directors and Chairs. Membership in good standing is required to participate in this election or to run for a Director or Chair position.

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## Town Square Bookstore Update

*"Having too many books is not the problem. Not having enough shelving--THAT'S a problem"*

November brings us thanksgiving for all we have and for what we are most grateful. First and foremost, I thank and compliment our valuable, essential, and hardworking Bookstore volunteers. Most of our volunteers work multiple shifts each month, often subbing for volunteers who are out ill or on vacation. In addition they are friendly, helpful, and dedicated to the well-being of our Bookstore customers. They help people find just the right book(s). Our volunteers are multi-talented. They sort donated books into categories, they clean the books, they price the books, they shelve them in the correct area of the store. In addition, they must dust, vacuum, and sweep outside of the store to keep the store ship shape. Perhaps most importantly, they have become "techies" and have mastered our credit card device. Currently, our credit card earnings surpass our cash income on most days.

In the season of thanks and of giving, I give my deepest thanks to these wonderful volunteers who dedicate so much time to the Town Square Bookstore.

With gratitude, Karen Michaud

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## November General Meeting Changed to November 14

Normally, our General Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of odd numbered months. This year, however, the third Tuesday is two days before Thanksgiving Day. So we have decided to move the Program Day up to the second Tuesday, November 14.

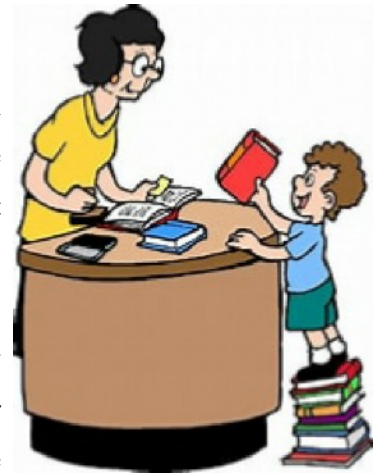
## Murrieta Public Library Updates

Dear Friends,

November is a time for giving thanks and I'd like to start by saying THANK YOU to the Friends for all you do to support the Murrieta Public Library. We couldn't do what we do without YOU!

The plans for the Children's Area expansion project are moving along. The design firm is preparing the schematic design and an in-depth cost analysis, and we anticipate their submittal in December. A presentation of the design and project budget will be given to City Council sometime in January. Designing and planning materials will be placed at City facilities advertising the project and inviting the community to follow the progress.

A wide variety of programs and events are coming up for all ages. For children, storytimes continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through November, and Dog Tales continues on Monday afternoons through December 11. There will also be two STEAM Studio workshops on November 9 and November 30 and a Game Night on December 1. Teens can look forward to another Arcade event on November 16, as well as two Cricut Maker workshops, one on November 20 and another on November 21. For adults, there will be a Beginning Pastels program on December 6. Staff is also planning and preparing creative take-home kits for all ages. Please visit the Library's web page at [www.murrietalibrary.info](http://www.murrietalibrary.info) for information and details on all upcoming events and kits.



The holiday season will soon be upon us! The upcoming Library closures are: Saturday, November 11, for Veterans Day; Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving; Monday, December 25 for Christmas; and Monday, January 1, for the New Year.

Warm regards, Melvin Racelis, Library Manager

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*(President's Message continued)*

And how could we miss saying Congratulations to Library Manager, Melvin Racelis, City of Murrieta Employee of the Month for September and Supervising Librarian, Agnes Rita, City of Murrieta Employee of the Month for October. A well deserved honor for both of these energetic Librarians.

Murrieta Rotary Club again honors its Veterans with the beautiful Field of Honor at Town Square during the week of November 5 to 12. A long-awaited tribute, this year the City of Murrieta will be dedicating the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial during the week's activities. Be sure to stop by the Field for a moment of reflection or to donate a flag in honor of a special veteran or friend.

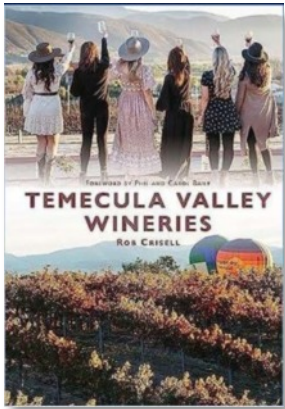


~~Remember, this is a November and December Booknotes so I must remind you to Save the Date for our Annual Holiday Party which will be held on THURSDAY, December 1. We recognize this is an odd day for the Friends to meet. However we gladly give up the day for programs for the kids on Tuesdays. Don't forget, this is what we are all about. More information will come to you about this fun event.~~

As I end this note, and the year, I am reminded the Holidays are a time to reflect on why we are here and also reflect on our blessings. I am blessed to have a wonderful Board with whom I work, a sensational Library Manager and his team of Librarians and, of course, an exceptional group of dedicated volunteers who make it all happen. Thank you, "ONE AND ALL!"

## Programs

For our last program of this year, we promise not to disappoint as we welcome local Author, Rob Crisell. This esteemed author is a resident of Temecula, California, and is not only a writer, but a teacher and actor and served as an editor at “Highlights for Children Magazine” in the 1990s. Since then, he has edited for several magazines and book publishing houses. For the past decade, Rob has taught poetry and Shakespeare in local school districts, primarily to fourth and fifth graders. His poetry has been featured in “The Lyric” magazine, the Society of Classical Poets, and others. He is a graduate of Yale University and George Mason School of Law.



Rob Crisell will introduce us to his latest book, **Temecula Valley Wineries**. Rob planted Syrah in his vineyard 10 years ago. The month of September is Temecula’s traditional grape harvest month. This past September was good to Rob as he sold two tons of Syrah from his vineyard, and had his new book coming out from Arcadia Publishing, a house that specializes in regional history books with plentiful photos. While Temecula’s grape growing history goes back 200 years, Crisell’s book focuses on the here and now. In a phone interview, he said Temecula is unique due to the large numbers of varieties grown there - roughly 40 - and the tourism experience it

provides. He will talk about his research, interviews with the winemakers and owners of Temecula vineyards, and his own winemaking experiences.

Rob promises to entertain our children too with his other book, **The Fantastic Fables of Aesop**. This book can be found in our Murrieta Children’s Library. It is a story about Aesop, a legendary Greek storyteller. Aesop entertained and enlightened millions of people around the world with his delightful fables about lazy grasshoppers, arrogant rabbits, magical geese, dishonest shepherd boys, and other characters. Some call him the wisest person who ever lived. His stories and morals delight even as they educate and enlighten. Rob Crisell has transformed these well-known tales into hilarious poems, bringing them to life for young and old alike. Along with Jamie Nicole Jones’ gorgeous illustrations, **The Fantastic Fables of Aesop** will make readers smile even as it makes them think.

Everybody is welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you, Tuesday, November 14, 2023. Arrive early to experience all the Murrieta Library offers, then join us at 3:30 p.m. in The Murrieta Library Community Room for the program and refreshments provided by FOML. The Murrieta Library is located at 8 Town Square, on Adams between Juniper and Kalmia. For more information, please visit our website at: [www.murrietalibraryfriends.org](http://www.murrietalibraryfriends.org)

~Kiki Fritschi, Program Chair

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## Now Accepting Credit Cards, Apple Pay, and Google Pay at **Both 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  
1:00 to 4:00 - Saturday



# Membership Update

"The great thing about new friends is that they bring new energy to your soul." *by Shanna Rodriguez*

Dear Friends of the Murrieta Library,

Great news on the Membership Drive! Several renewing members have returned and we have three members who became Lifetime Members! Returning members are Robert Clare, Kathy Cole, Lynn Marie Hornecker, Vanessa Church, Carol Lindskog, Anna McMahon, Denis L. O'Connor, and Charlene L. Adams.

**Thank you to our new Lifetime members: Juanita Blankenship, Tony and Vivian Greco, and Anita Milner.**



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In addition, we have received these new members: Jill Earle, Kristin Weigle Roberts, Karen Tuma, and Odessa Cleveland.

We welcome them to the FOML.

~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
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LIFETIME.....\$250.00	

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



Scan for Friends Website

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>

### 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"

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