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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE Rita Nastri

Did you set your clock back this weekend? I always love that first day of Standard Time. The day just goes on and on and then all of a sudden it’s dark before you want it to be. But we are so lucky here in Murrieta. Those long nights don’t seem to last forever. The days will begin to lengthen in December. But before they do, I just want you to be sure you get to either of our wonderful Bookstores to pick up your winter reading. You may have missed their Overstock Sales, but just know there is an even larger variety of gently used books for you to peruse inside. Please continue to support both of our Bookstores since they generate the funds required for many of our Library programs. Karen Michaud and Evie Dial and their Town Square volunteers have had their last \$3/Bag of Books Sale for the year because of construction changes.

If you haven’t been to the Library lately, you are in for a big surprise. For lack of better words, there’s a big hole in the outside wall with lots of construction vehicles inside the former Carol Carson Garden of Verses. Construction is well underway, and we are promised an expanded Children’s Library sometime next fall. The Library remains open for your use but you might find a few things in different places. As always, our wonderful Library staff is there to help you find your way to your favorite author or explore new readings.

November is a month to honor our Veterans. Murrieta is blessed to have the Field of Honor sponsored by our local Rotary Club. The flags are on display November 8-15. Be sure to stop by the Field to reflect on the lives and battles of those Veterans being honored. And while you’re there, you might purchase a flag in memory of your own loved one. Rotary Club has been very generous to the Friends of the Library with an annual donation. You might also want to enjoy a few of the many programs held all week at the Field.



To round out our Veterans’ month, Kiki Fritschi has invited Rob Haskins to be our guest speaker. Rob has a long history with the Rotary Club, both as a former President and also co-chair of the Field of Honor. He will share the history of the Field of Honor, its inception and coordination. He brings video information as well as his own personal involvement in this beautiful tribute to our local Veterans. Be sure to come on November 18. This will be our last meeting for the year.

It’s hard to think about it, but January is just around the corner which means it’s time for elections for the Friends Board. Please think about joining the Board as a Member at Large. Give me a call or email me at the Friends email address. January is our annual meeting where we will again be honoring our volunteers as well as voting for the Board. Be sure to put the third Tuesday (always the third Tuesday) on your calendar to join us.

I ended my last Booknotes message to you on a sad note. And today, I have even more sad news. Art Razo, former President of the Friends and the husband of the late Laurie Razo, has recently died. Art and Laurie worked as a team, selecting, posting and shipping our Internet books. Together they spent many long hours on these online sales. Because of this, Art and Laurie have generated over \$100,000 to support our Library. It is with heartfelt gratitude that we thank Art for his dedication and devoted service to the Friends of the Murrieta Library. Our love and sympathies go to the Razo Family. Information about Art’s Celebration of Life will be posted when it becomes available. We will honor Laurie and Art Razo at our November meeting.

Murrieta Public Library Update

Dear Friends,

Exciting things are happening at the Murrieta Public Library! As part of our Children's Library Expansion Project, we'll be taking a short pause to prepare for construction. The Library will be closed from Monday, November 3 through Friday, November 7, reopening on Saturday, November 8 with a temporary layout that keeps your favorite services available while work begins in the Children's Area and continues outside the Library.

During the closure, curbside pickup for holds will be available Tuesday, November 4 through Friday, November 7, and the outdoor book return will remain open. Once we reopen, the Children's collection will move to the Teen Area, and Teen materials will share space with the Adult Area. Programs will continue in The Lab, and staff will be available to help families find what they need in our temporary setup.

Construction will continue through fall 2026, adding a beautiful new space for children and families—complete with a larger storytime room, more interactive learning areas, improved technology, and an expanded Carol Carson Garden of Verses. It's an exciting transformation, and we can't wait to share it with you!

A heartfelt thank-you to the Friends of the Murrieta Library for your generous and ongoing support. Your dedication helps make this project possible and ensures our community continues to thrive through literacy, learning, and connection.

In the meantime, we hope you'll join us for our fall and winter programs, including *Family Storytime*, *Maker Workshops*, *Dog Tales*, and *Family Movie Afternoons*. Visit murrietaca.gov/library for the latest schedules and updates.

Warm regards,

~Melvin Racelis, Library Manager

Corner Bookstore - Scouting for Books

We had yet another successful Corner Store Overstock sale on October 18. The sales are truly only a success because of all the generous volunteers. It is a three-step process: Friday evening, all the tables, boxes of sale books, pop-ups, and so forth are brought up from storage in the back to the front of the store; then Saturday morning, everything is set up out on the area in front of the store; and then Saturday evening, everything has to be packed up and brought back in and put away.

One of the main volunteer groups was Troop 318 of the Scouts of America, without whom we could never have accomplished the arduous tasks. My deepest gratitude to Dominic, Karina, Faith, Hector, Neema, Lucy, Vihaan, and Joshua. Also pitching in were four of our High School volunteers: Rosily, Everett, Isabel, and Jon, as well as one of our volunteers, Carrie, and her husband Phil.

Covering the inside sales on Saturday were Bob and Larry in the morning, and Jeanneth in the afternoon. Yours truly manned the outside sales all day, with – thanks! – Sandra and Julie coming to relieve me for lunch.

The sale is a win-win in that we are serving the community, providing an opportunity for young people to learn to serve, and at the same time raising money for the Library – this time \$1,058! And that's what it's all a-scout!

~Nancy Dixon, Corner Store Manager

The [Friends of the Murrieta Library's](https://murrietalibraryfriends.org) 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>

Town Square Bookstore Update

"You can start late, look different, be uncertain, and still succeed."--Misty Copeland (1982-present)

Dear Town Square Bookstore Friends and Volunteers:

The Friends of the Murrieta Library Town Square Bookstore wishes everyone a delightful holiday season with family and friends! Our volunteers will help you select books to help make the holidays more festive. Check out our November and December book collections which have been organized and displayed by our wonderful volunteers. At this time of year we reflect on how much joy our family and friends provide us and think a gift of a thoughtful book might be a lovely gesture.

We thank our hard-working volunteers for all they do throughout the year. In order to accommodate their needs, here is our holiday schedule:

Dates we will be closed in November:

- * Tuesday, November 11.
- * Wednesday through Saturday, November 26 through 29.

We will reopen on Tuesday December 2 at 10 AM.

Dates we will be closed in December and January:

- * Wednesday through Monday, December 24 through 29.

We will be open December 23 and 30.

- * Closed: December 31 through January 5.

We will reopen January 6 at 10 AM.

Thank you, Friends, for your support throughout the year.

Have a wonderful holiday season! Keep reading!!!

~Karen Michaud and Evie Dial

Co-Managers Town Square Bookstore



Scan for Friends Website



Scan to Renew Membership

2025-26 UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/10 Board Meeting
- 11/18 General Meeting
- 12/8 Board Meeting
- 1/12 Board Meeting
- 1/20 Annual Meeting

Support the Murrieta Public Library Children's Expansion Project

We are currently raising funds for the Library Expansion Project. Donations will go toward Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) to help furnish the new space once construction is complete. To contribute, please use the link below or scan the QR code to the right. Every donation makes a difference, and we deeply appreciate your support.

We are a tax-exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your donation may be tax-deductible—please consult your tax advisor for details.

https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign_id=6AW8H6T2JEUHG



[Murrieta Public Library Expansion Project](#)

Program - November 2025

Friends of the Murrieta Library Present
An event to honor "VETERANS DAY"

WHO: Rob Haskins will be our guest speaker. Rob has a long history with the Rotary Club, both as a former president and also co-chair of the Field of Honor.

WHAT: FOML General Meeting 1:00 p.m. followed by our program at 1:30 p.m. "Honor our Veterans and celebrate those who served."

Everyone is welcome! Invite family, friends and neighbors to join FOML members and our community!

- Enjoy food & beverage - compliments of FOML and Starbucks - 25040 Hancock Avenue in the Sierra Vista Plaza.
- FOML Member Ron Brown will sing "God Bless America" as we remember those who served for us to enjoy the FREEDOM of our democracy.
- We will pledge allegiance to our flag together.



WHEN: Tuesday, November 18, 2025

1:00 ~ General meeting

1:15 ~ Complimentary refreshments

1:30 ~ Program

WHERE: "Lab Room" of The Murrieta Public Library, 8 Town Square, Murrieta.

~Kiki Fritschi, Program Director

Now Accepting Credit Cards, Apple Pay, and Google Pay at Both Stores

Corner Store

39445 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

8 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

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"

Membership Update

"Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light." -- Helen Keller

Our friends are helping the FOML walk together in the light. During our annual Membership renewal drive we achieved 41 renewal friends. Our drive for new members has been incredibly successful, since January we have gotten 23 new members, many of whom have become volunteers in the Bookstores. These sponsors help us provide books, materials, and programs to the Murrieta Public Library and the community who uses the Library.

Thank you and welcome to our newest members: Taylor Ketelboeter and Maureen Manion.

Thank you to our latest renewals: Karen Tuma, Sheri Richter, Karen Fairfield, Lila Behr, Ethel and Bill Hurtt, Chris Armstrong, Marty Corn and family, Mitzi Neverman, Carol Suer, Patricia & Michelle Lusin, and Jan Emde.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!!

Sincerely,

~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.....	\$20.00
Family.....	\$25.00
Supporting.....	\$30.00
Patron.....	\$50.00
Business.....	\$100.00
LIFETIME.....	\$250.00

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

Murrieta Public Library Foundation

Fundraiser on November 19 at both Miguel's and at Chick-fil-A.

Flyers available at the Library, both Bookstores, and the Foundation website <https://murrietalibraryfoundation.org>.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT EVENT

HOSTED BY



The team at Miguel's Jr. is proud to host a Community Support Event to benefit

Murrieta Public Library Foundation

Wednesday November 19, 2025 from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Please join us during breakfast, lunch or dinner for legendary food, fun and fundraising
Miguel's Jr. will donate 20% of your pre-tax food and beverage purchase to benefit

Murrieta Public Library Foundation

Miguel's Jr Murrieta

39713 Avenida Acacias, Murrieta, CA 92563

Supporters must mention your organization when ordering to be counted for the event.

SPIRIT DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, ALL DAY

COME SUPPORT

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY FDN



Support them via
dine in, drive thru
mobile order

MOBILE ORDER CODE:
Library

Mention the fundraiser
BEFORE you pay
for the meal

A percentage of the sales will be donated to
Murrieta Public Library Foundation





We thank the following businesses for their support of the Friends of the Murrieta Library.



41520 Ivy Street
Murrieta, CA 92562
(951) 461-0411



24690 Washington Ave
Murrieta, CA 92562
(951) 677-0960



39413 Los Alamos Rd, Suite A
Murrieta, CA 92563
(951) 677-1700

Upcoming Community Events

For updated information about the Friends of the Murrieta Library,

go to our website at: murrietalibraryfriends.org/

Or you can visit our Facebook page at: facebook.com/MurrietaFOML/

For updates on Murrieta Public Library events, go to: MurrietaCA.gov/library/

Lastly, for information on City of Murrieta Events, go to: MurrietaCA.gov/

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