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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ..... Rita Nastri

The Friends celebrated Friends of Libraries Month (October 18 -24) at our General Meeting a few weeks ago. We had a sellout audience for Rebecca Farnbach's presentation. Many local families who were part of our Murrieta and Temecula history added their stories to Rebecca's. It really was a delightful afternoon and a great way to celebrate our special week.

And, of course, we are so thankful to our Friends' Volunteers who give their time and talent to help support Murrieta's beautiful library. As we see the nearing conclusion of the Children's Library Expansion Project, we just know we are doing a great job and our hard work is paying off. Don't forget, we just gave a check to the Library for $120,000 toward the furniture, fixtures and equipment as well as $70,000 for their programs and collections. How can you not know our Volunteers are doing what we do best? Congratulations again, Volunteers! But as members, it is important to tell our own friends and families to support both the bookstores.

2026/27 UPCOMING EVENTS

11/9	Board Meeting
11/17	General Meeting
	Stephanie Shaffer
12/14	Board Meeting
	No General Meeting
1/11	Board Meeting
1/19	Annual Meeting &
	Volunteer Appreciation

November is not only a month of thanksgiving for friends and family, but we also give thanks to our Veterans who gave so much that we could live safely. As the expression goes, "The land of the free because of the brave." The Rotary Club's Field of Honor will again be honoring our local heroes. Be sure to have them "plant" a flag for you. It is always a beautiful sight to see. And you can see it right behind the Library.

As I wrote this, I realized that November is a month of "Vs". Volunteers and Veterans are two very important "V" words. But the most important "V" word is Vote. Did you? I'm always proud to say, "I voted". I know we are inundated with excessive TV ads and postal advertising, but once you get past that, it is always important to realize how lucky we are to have the privilege of making decisions and voting.

November's General Meeting on the 17th will be the last for the year. Kiki Fritschi will tell you all about our guest speaker further down in the Booknotes. By the way, I'd like to extend a big thank you Dan Rexwinkel who edits and publishes the Booknotes. He does a fantastic job of this as well as all the e-blasts and flyers. Of course, his real director's title is Treasurer - as if that isn't enough to do.

I wish you all a wonderful end of the year with all of its celebrations and festivities. Bless all of you and your families for your support and FRIENDship over the years. Be healthy and the rest is easy. May I take this time to thank all of the Membership, Volunteers, and especially the Board, for their support over this past year. You are all so accommodating and easy to work with. I hope you will take some time to appreciate your Families and Friends, say thank you to them and to celebrate in whatever way you do.

Happy Thanksgiving as well as a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Murrieta Public Library Update

Dear Friends,

As always, the staff and I are grateful for your willingness to share your time and energy in support of the Murrieta Public Library. We sincerely thank each of you for your continued enthusiasm, dedication, and passion. Your commitment helps us remain devoted to our mission and focused on our efforts to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the members of our community.

We're thrilled to welcome everyone to a new season filled with winter programs, events, and activities for all ages. From storytimes and family activities to educational programs, craft sessions, and special events, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Please visit the Library's web page at www.murrietalibrary.info for information and details on all upcoming events.

The Children's Library Expansion project is nearing the home stretch with painting, lighting, countertops and fire alarm work recently being done. In addition, the entire exterior of the Library was painted and looks fantastic! Weekly construction meetings are being held to ensure that everything is going smoothly, and fundraising efforts continue as well.



Photo Credit, David Kudell – 10/27/26

The holiday season will soon be upon us! The upcoming Library closures are: Wednesday, November 11, for Veterans Day; Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, for Thanksgiving; Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25, for Christmas; and Thursday and Friday, December 31 and January 1, for the New Year.

Best,

~Agnes Rita, Interim Library Manager

Support the Murrieta Public Library Children's Area 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.

Murrieta Public Library Expansion Project

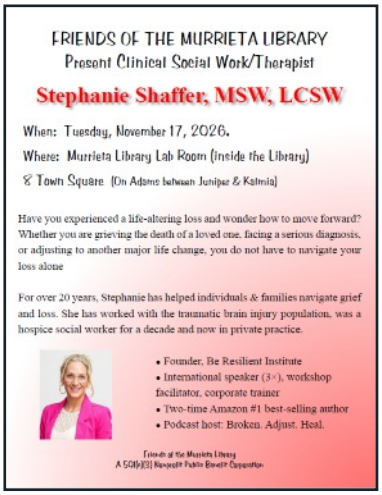
We are a tax-exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your donation may be tax-deductible—please consult your tax advisor for details. https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign_id=6AW8H6T2JEUHG

November Program

The F.O.M.L. Board looks forward to seeing YOU at our Tuesday, November 17th Meeting! We will join together in a salute to our flag and words to honor our BRAVE VETERANS! Many of us and family and friends have or are currently experiencing loss of a loved one who served or miss someone who is currently serving in our military. Therefore, FOML is honored to welcome our guest speaker, Stephanie Shaffer, who will guide us through our grief.

Stephanie Shaffer, MSW, LCSW

Stephanie is a TEDx Speaker, Grief and Resilience Specialist, International Speaker, a three-time Best Selling Author, and Founder of Be Resilient Institute. With over two decades of clinical experience, she helps individuals navigate grief, loss, and life's most difficult transitions. Stephanie recently delivered her TEDx talk, "What If Acceptance Isn't the Goal of Grief?", challenging the traditional belief of accepting our losses is necessary in order to heal. She is also the creator of The A.D.J.U.S.T. Method ™ and host of the podcast "Broken, Adjust, Heal." Through her professional expertise and lived experience. Stephanie is passionate about helping people find peace, build resilience and learn to adjust to life's inevitable losses, one moment at a time.



~Kiki Fritschi, FOML Program Director

Town Square Bookstore Update

Thanks to our valued store volunteers, the Town Square Bookstore has bounced back from our July closure with many donated books and book sales! With our overstock books and dedicated volunteers, we were able to deliver close to a ton of books to Savers on Friday Oct. 9, earning over to $247 for the FOML. As we don't pay our volunteers, nor do we have building costs, we are able to donate our earnings to the Murrieta Public Library to fund numerous programs for children, teens, senior citizens, and the general public.

In September, the store netted $2,102. October's net was $2,295!!! Thanks to all the people who donate and/or buy books at the Town Square Store!! Thanks again to our volunteers who work in the store and to the folks who work on our Internet sales!! And, a HUGE thank you to our volunteer help, and their truck, to take our overstock books to Savers!!! Our volunteer community is awesome!!!

Keep buying books!

~Karen and Evie, Town Square Bookstore ~ Keep Reading - The Town Square Bookstore Team

Saluting Our Sale

The Corner Bookstore had another successful Overstock Sidewalk Sale on October 17th, with a wonderful total of $1,167! This, of course, would not be possible without the literal village of volunteers who are the workforce on Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Saturday evening, including:

- Our faithful store volunteers: Joanie Hollingsworth, Carrie DeMaria, Leigh Jack, Bob Granzow, Larry Lee, and Kris Coughlin.
- The Scouts of Troop 318: Jacobo and his dad, and Ishika Janapati. Thanks, also, to Shelly Koch for coordinating the Scouts.
- The biggest "troop," though was the active-duty Marines (who are encouraged to participate in local community service activities!). A weekly volunteer is Captain Trevor Ahrens who recruited three of his office mates from Camp Pendleton to help: Lance Corporal Eileen Avila, Lance Corporal Jacob Cox-Scott, and Lance Corporal Antonio Walters. They were there all day from set-up to take-down – and we definitely could not have done it without them!
- Yours truly was there (in addition to wrangling the Friday evening crew) from 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM, and I'm so grateful to all for wrangling me through it!

Our next Sale is scheduled for February 20, 2027 – hope to see you all there!

~Nancy Dixon, Corner Bookstore

Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock Sale

WHEN: Saturday, **February 20, 2027**
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

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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

Membership Update

Dear members,

I am happy to report that our renewal memberships increased during September and October. Thank you to Karie Clingo, Corina Corona, Karen Fairfield, Chris Armstrong, Mitzi and Dale Neverman, Susan Olson, Kathy Cole, and Barbara Breen for their renewals. We also welcome four new members: Lamonica Harrison, Dani Pegnato, Terri Neumann, and Keith Stephan.

Due to the on-going Library construction, to be completed in 2027, our Donor Giving Tree has been temporarily removed from the Library, but will return when the construction is done. Our generous donors who purchased Leaves and Acorns will be acknowledged again for their thoughtful generosity.

~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.

Scan to Renew Membership



Scan for Friends Website

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"

Thank You for your Support

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

First Citizens Bank

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

EL GORDITO
EST. 1989
Authentic Mexican Food

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

the Mill
PIZZA PASTA SALADS SANDWICHES AND CATERING

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

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/

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

For comments or suggestions on this newsletter, or information about placing an ad, contact W. Dan Rexwinkel at info@murrietalibraryfriends.org