



# BOOKNOTES



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE..... Rita Nastri

Our *Booknotes* Editor asked me to address the Friends' Bookstores this month, and I was delighted to comply. You see, in my days as Publicity Director, I had already touted to the local newspapers the great little hidden secrets here in Murrieta. Not only do we have one, we have two. Not every Friends group can boast about that. Additionally, one of those is a five-star, Yelp rated bookstore (look it up). That's the Corner Bookstore, managed by Nancy Dixon and staffed by a team of volunteers. It occupies 3,100 square feet and is located in the Gateway Center, just east of the I-215 at the corner of Los Alamos Road and Whitewood Road.

And not to be overlooked is our Town Square Bookstore co-managed by Maggie Pilotte and Laurie Razo. Located next to the Library and a good deal smaller, it also packs a mighty punch and adds much to the Murrieta community. This store specializes in Internet sales which takes time and knowledge. Our Managers work long hours to keep their stores clean, well stocked and organized so customers can easily find what they want. And don't think you will be getting a dog-eared old book. Most books are gently used and most in like new condition.

Stop in to either store, browse and have a chat with the volunteers. And of course, be sure to look for one of our fantastic Overstock Sidewalk Sale So let's get the word out about our Bookstores so that it won't be the best kept secret in Murrieta.

Oh yes, one last thing. We are looking for a volunteer to learn and do Internet sales at the Corner Bookstore. This is a great opportunity to show off your computer skills, interact with other volunteers and make a difference. If you are interested or know of someone who would like to volunteer for this position, please contact me. We will provide the training.

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## PROGRAMS ..... Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call Co-Chair

ALL of the programs our program chairs schedule for us are interesting, informative and well thought out such as our **March 19th** author.....

### Jeff R. Spalsbury

He attended Ohio State University. San Jose State University and the University of Denver. He is an active member of the Western Writers of America. Before becoming a full-time novelist and short story writer, Jeff was a research librarian, director of a college library and a college professor. He currently lives in Murrieta.

We are looking forward to hearing from Jeff and about this interesting genre, especially since Murrieta has a history of being horse country.

## A PROGRAM YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS APRIL 16TH FOR SURE

THE FRIENDS OF THE MURRIETA LIBRARY  
PRESENT THE  
**Murrieta Public Library Staff**  
*A Day In The Life Of Planning Library Programs*

**When:** April 16, 2019 10 am  
**Where:** Murrieta Library Community Room  
8 Town Square (On Adams between Juniper & Kalmia)

## Sale-ing To New Heights

The Corner Store Sidewalk Sale on February 23<sup>rd</sup> was a record: \$1,507.75! Like one of Murrieta's mottos, "Where it all comes together," the elements – including the weather – combined perfectly. First was the number of customers, a real mob! Thanks to Webmaster Dan posting it on the Friends' new Facebook page and the Library sharing it on their Facebook page, the word spread. Then we were able to have nearly twice the number of books out on the sidewalk thanks to the generous loan of several new tables. The MVP's of the day were the Cagles: Kathy, Greg, and daughter Lauren, who were there early to coordinate the set-up, and stayed all day through the take-down. "Thank you" doesn't even begin to cover my gratitude! In the morning also to expedite the set-up were Tim DeChenne, Lois Mayhew, and our college volunteer Kevin Moore. Lela Llorens came faithfully with her free drinks and Membership display. Cathy Brice covered the outside sales in the morning, while Jessica Zelon and Drew Powell manned the inside. Laura Cannon took the outside afternoon shift, while Nitsa Oudijk was inside. Joining the close-up packing and putting-away crew, directed by the Cagles, were again Kevin and two LDS Missionaries. 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 new heights. Millions of heartfelt thanks to all!

Nancy Dixon

And of course, as usual, at the helm was Captain Nancy Dixon making sure it was all organized for another smooth sale-ing. These volunteers are the most faithful crew who truly enjoy being "on board" with Nancy.

The Editor

## Classified Ads...

### Internet Sales at the Corner Bookstore: Needed:

A person who love books, loves to do research on books, is computer literate and is wondering what they could do to fill their spare time—with, preferably, something useful. The Corner store needs someone to manage their on-line sales. There will be on-the-job training, pleasant working conditions and the satisfaction of helping support our Murrieta Public Library.

Publicity Chairman: This person shall be responsible for communicating all events, programs, fundraisers, etc to the community through news publications, magazines, through our website, etc. in order to increase attendance, participation, support and awareness. He/she should enjoy creative writing and be able to communicate via email to our local media monthly. It only involves a few hours per month.

Special Events Chairman: These are one-time events throughout the year and include the Friends participation in the Fire and Rescue BBQ in April, Field of Honor Flag sales in November, Friends of Libraries Week in October and The Christmas Tree in Town Square. There is a budget for these activities and the chair will be working with other Board members (Membership Chair and Bookstore Managers) to promote these events

Creative Person—to help with the decorations in the Corner Bookstore Children's Corner. All decorations supplied and they are changed monthly to fit the theme or holiday of the month.

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Be a significant part of this significant organization by volunteering. We hope to be flooded with calls for those of you seeking more information.



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Friday. ....10-8

**LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

The City of Murrieta’s **Library Advisory Commission** meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the Murrieta Public Library. Our own Linda Hicks is one of the commissioners. A new commissioner, Paul Parker has just joined the Friends as a new member. The duties of the commission are to review:

- Library Policies
- Legislative review
- Interface with Friends of the Library
- Review Grant Proposals

These meetings are open to the public and we urge members to attend and get a first hand look.

**A RECAP OF BOOKSTORE SALES FOR 2018**

Town Square Store	\$24,622.49	
Internet	<u>10,157.42</u>	
	\$34,779.91	
Corner Store	\$76,197.00	In-Store Gross
Internet	4,950.00	Net
Expenses	<u>60,771.00</u>	
	\$20,377.00	

The Corner store has more overhead, but the gross sales figure represents approximately 54,100 books that crossed their counter. It just keeps getting better. The February 23rd tri-annual Sidewalk sale alone brought in \$1,507.75.

**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, membership applications, Officers and Directors’ names, volunteer opportunities and other useful information. Use this link for direct access to our website.

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

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**SPECIAL MARCH DATES**

March 1st—Read Across America Day—This is observed on the school day closest to March 2nd, the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

March 10th—Daylight Savings Time begins

March 17th—St. Patrick’s Day

March 20th—First Day of Spring



**SPECIAL APRIL DATES**

April 1st—April Fool’s Day

April 21st—EASTER

April 22nd—Earth Day



**MEMBERSHIP.....Karen Michaud, Chair**

As we enter March, and once again celebrate Women’s History Month, we are reminded of how many wonderful women are part of the Friends of the Murrieta Library membership. These volunteers work tirelessly at the Corner and Town Square Bookstores, as well as providing hospitality and programs for the General Meetings, participate in the Christmas Tree project, attend the Firefighters BBQ, help with the Field of Honor Flag sales and in general support all our many Library programs.

If you know of another friend, male or female, who wants to provide help for our Library programs and other events, please have them fill out a Membership form, available in the Booknotes or at either the Corner or Town Square stores.

Join the likes of Alice Paul, Susan B. Anthony, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton and join thr Friends, volunteer and make a difference in our community.

Also, look for biographies of famous American women at our Corner and Town Square Bookstores and celebrate Women’s History Month!

**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,

We have some terrific programs planned for this spring. Thanks to the generous donation from the Friends of the Murrieta Library, there will be Rusty Blade: Pirate Adventure on Wednesday, March 27th at 4:00 p.m. This program is for families and will include pirate songs and high seas drama. On Tuesday, April 2nd at 10:00 a.m., there will be Annie Banannie: 3 Little Pigs. Using balloons, Annie Banannie weaves together an unforgettable and hilarious tale in her signature storyteller style. Teens have the Fantastic Beasts Escape Room to look forward to on April 3rd. Participants will solve puzzles to escape before time runs out. A program update for the adults - monthly Genealogy Consulting has been canceled until further notice.

The Library recently received a \$1,000 donation from the Temecula Valley Woman's Club. The donation will be used to help fund two of the Library's programs: \$500 towards the purchase of a banjo and a mandolin and \$500 for books for the staff Storytime collection.

The New York Times is now available online at the Murrieta Public Library! Access is made possible by the California State Library and will provide libraries with direct access to nytimes.com from 1851 to the present, including:



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Lastly, due to the Tour de Murrieta bike race event, the Library will be closed on Saturday, March 9. The book drops will be open, but traffic may make it difficult to access the book drops. Library users are reminded that while the Murrieta Library will be closed for the one day, books, DVDs, CDs and other materials can be renewed beforehand at the Library or via the Library's web page where library patrons can view their personal accounts and access a variety of free resources that are always available for research.

**HAPPY SPRING!!**



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

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Lifetime members receive an **engraved leaf** on the "GIVING TREE" in the Library.

## A DREAM FULFILLED

I had the great, good fortune to celebrate my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with four of the most important people in my life and to satisfy an item on my bucket list – the Panama Canal. Son, Dale, and daughter-in-law, Terri (who planned every minute detail so perfectly) and daughter, Dawn and son-in-law, Jim, treated me to an extraordinary, fairy-tale trip from beginning to end, full of fabulous sights.

We went to Grand Cayman Island first, a gorgeous, tropical Caribbean paradise, where, among other things, we experienced, after dark, bioluminescence in the water. There are only six places in the world where this takes place. Fascinating!! We swam the next day with sting rays – miniature manta-like rays – that came right up to us and just hung out. So fun!! The boat rides both times were so beautiful and so great!! After luxuriating in the ocean, soaking up the sun, we proceeded to the Dominican Republic, another gorgeous, tropical island where we were able to enjoy more sun, swimming and relaxation. Then on to Panama.

Our first encounter with the Panama Canal was riding alongside the canal on the Panama Canal Railway – built before the canal in 1855 – refurbished now, complete with outside viewing platforms. The train goes from Panama City to Colon. We disembarked in Colon and were driven to the Miraflores Visitor Center that housed a detailed museum and a bird’s eye view of the canal, giving you a wonderful overview of a gigantic container ship, followed by two small ferries, followed by a private yacht, followed by another behemoth container ship all going through the locks at that point. Amazingly Awesome!!!

The following day, we took a tourist boat through the locks – in and out – ourselves, about a six hour journey, experiencing the thrill of watching all the activity firsthand. This included the opening and closing of the gates controlling the water, the tugs guiding and the trains beside the ships, also guiding them. Watching the wall beside us get higher or smaller depending on whether we were going in our out of the locks. We could even reach out and touch the wall. This whole, complete coverage of the canal was not only a thrilling adventure, but an unequalled learning experience. A treasured memory!!

As if this were not enough, our fabulous Friends of the Murrieta Library board surprised me at our February general meeting with the most absolutely stunning Happy Birthday party spearheaded by Pat Farmer and Nancy Dixon; complete with a wall decorated with adjectives starting with the letter C describing the name Carol that Nancy painstakingly researched from “Roget’s Thesaurus”; the most delicious and beautifully decorated birthday cake; vases full of flowers—white carnations, lovely red roses—and, President, Rita Nastri, read Maggie Pilotte’s very touching tribute. When I first walked into the Community Room and saw the decorations on the wall, I thought it was just a welcome home celebration—not a full-fledged birthday fete. But what a happy, MUCH APPRECIATED surprise. Thank you all!!! What a pleasure it is to belong to such a great group, supporting—our Murrieta Public Library.

Carol Carson, Director/Treasurer, Founding Board Member, Lifetime Member,

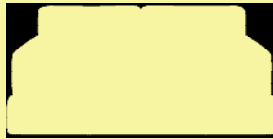
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