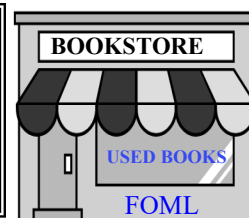




# BOOKNOTES



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

..... Rita Nastri

It's March and spring is almost here—certainly a time for renewal as well as time to “Spring Forward” with our clocks, a time to turn the fans to a counter clockwise position, a time to celebrate Religious Holidays and, of course, a time to attend Spring Training. I've just returned from Scottsdale where we enjoyed a few baseball games, with lots of fun and excitement there.

Of course, I think I missed the best attendance ever for any of our General Meetings. I hope you will all return this month for another great program. Thank you Maggie and Judy for providing such interesting speakers that appeal to so many.

Congratulations to the newly-elected Board of Directors for the upcoming year—Nancy Dixon, Carol Carson, Dan Rexwinkel, Pat Farmer, Evelyn Dial and Karen Michaud for your continued support of the Friends. I want to thank Pat Farmer, outgoing Secretary, for all those wonderful minutes she provided at both our Board meetings and our General meetings. Evelyn Dial will now be sitting at the front table, and I am pleased that she stepped up to take the position of Secretary.

Because this is a double issue, I would like to congratulate the staff of the Murrieta Public Library who will be celebrating their 21st anniversary on April 10th. The first Library began operation in 1999. It was in 2007 that the culmination of dreams and many efforts allowed this wonderful new building and outstanding programs to debut.

I am off again to East Coast Spring Training in Florida and will be missing our March meeting. A big thank you goes to our Vice President, Nancy Dixon, who will again be chairing this meeting. I'll be looking forward to the April meeting to hear all your wonderful stories of what I missed.

## Definition of “friends” from the Oxford American Dictionary.....

1. A person with whom one is on terms of mutual respect and affection.
2. a helpful thing or quality
3. a helper or sympathizer; friends of the library, people who regularly contribute money toward its upkeep.

## PROGRAMS

.....Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call Co-Chairs

**MARCH 17th**—Just in time for St. Patrick's Day—A special and unusual speaker.....

**DIANE KENNEDY**, Permaculturist, Freelance Writer, Naturalist and Vegetarian, and also the Designer and Owner of Finch Frolic Garden in Fallbrook.

Finch Frolic Garden is a 1.68 acre permaculture based habitat. On private tours she explains how to use simple and inexpensive methods to garden, harvest water, grow an abundance of food and ornamentals using materials you probably already have. Hopefully, she may share some of these ideas with us.

(Permaculture—a totally integrated design that's modeled on nature. Learn from nature. Nature is the ultimate recycler.)



**APRIL 21st—VINCENT SWEENEY—World War II Veteran and Prisoner of War**

We will have the privilege of hearing Vincent's story first hand of being a World War II veteran and being held as a Prisoner of War. There are not too many of these veterans left from World War II so we are looking forward to what Vincent has to tell us. For quite a few of us, this was our war, too.



Meetings start at 10:00 in the Community Room of the Library. There is a short business meeting first, then the program will start. This is a time to meet with other Friends, to learn about the Friends if you are not familiar with all the things they do to support the Library, and to be informed and entertained. Light refreshments are served.



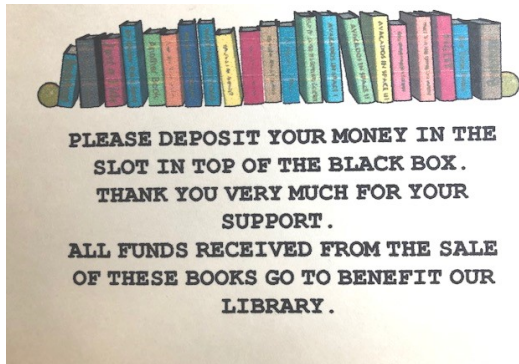
## BOOK REVIEW

.... By Sharon Hunter

### THE PERFECT WIFE

by JP Delaney

Do you remember the Stepford Wives? They were the perfect wives for men, expected to always obey, always be pleasant, without flaws? The Perfect Wife is a psychological thriller that takes this concept a giant step further. A very innovative Silicon Valley scientist has created a sentient robot (called a cobot) version of his wife Abbie who has disappeared. She is a miracle of science appearing exactly as Abbie. Slowly, the cobot develops memories of Abbie's past and begins questioning her husband Tim's motives for building her, his version of her disappearance and his treatment of their son. As the book jacket says, "Beware the man who calls you THE PERFECT WIFE."



The Friends of the Murrieta Library has come a long way since its inception. Our first attempt at selling used books was a shelf in the first Library. All purchases were on the honor system. Compare that beginning to our wonderful bookstores today.

## COME RAIN OR COME SHINE

For the first time in more than thirty Overstock Sales, it *did* rain, just as we had feared. Fortunately, we were prepared as Greg Cagle had sourced extra EZ-Ups, and Dan Rexwinkel had brought his.

The hard work of prep began Friday evening with Greg Cagle, Greg Eberhardt, Brian Youens, and Bob Granzow who brought their muscle power to take all the tables, signs, and over a hundred boxes of books up to the front of the store, where they, as well as Cathy and Lauren Cagle, joined in making the books ready for display to sell.

Saturday morning *in the rain* the Cagles, Cathy Brice, Hannah DeVicariis, and a few anonymous helpers set everything up, successfully keeping all the books dry. Dan joined the group at the end of the day to take everything back down.

So what about the day? Well, it also rained customers! Around three o'clock, the rain stopped and the sun came



out! Oh, but it started again about four, with the sun still shining, and it made a *double rainbow*! One of the customers remarked that the sale was the "pot of gold" at the end of the rainbow. That turned out to be true pretty much literally, as we made a total of .....**\$1,384.50!**

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard, including Jacqueline Reed and Stacey Ridgeway who covered the sales inside the store. I must give a special shout out, though, to the Cagles for all the work and for hauling extra tables and EZ-Ups both to and from the store. The extra tables make a significant difference in the number of books we are able to have outside. Thanks so much, too, to Dan for keeping up our Facebook page, including letting viewers know that we would have the sale "come rain or come shine!"

Sign up a friend—Print, cut off and mail form below— or drop off at the Library or either Bookstore.

### NEW MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM

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LIFETIME.....\$250.00

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

## Special days — March

2nd Dr. Seuss' birthday celebrated by  
Read Across America  
5th World Book Day  
7th/8th Tour de Murrieta Bicycle Race  
8th Daylight Savings Time Begins  
9th Read Aloud Day  
17th St. Patrick's Day  
20th First Day of Spring  
And, of course, for all you basketball fans,  
there is March Madness

SPRINGTIME is the land awakening! The  
March winds are the morning  
yawn.

## Special days — April

April 1st—April Fools Day

April 12th—Easter

April 19th—Murrieta

Firefighters & Rescue BBQ\*

April 22nd—Earth Day

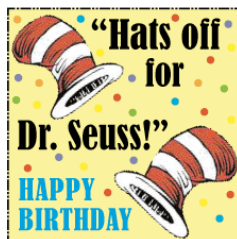
April is the month for celebrating

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

\* The Murrieta Museum will also be celebrating its one year anniversary. If you only visited the museum on opening day, you need to come back again. New exhibits have been added and new artifacts donated.

**PHILANTHROPY**—when one hears the word Philanthropy most people think it refers to the large amounts of money the wealthy donate to causes such as world hunger or organizations like museums or animal shelters, but Philanthropy also refers to the desire to help people, the actual deeds a person does to benefit mankind.

The Library is a prime example of an institution that benefits mankind. All our volunteers for the Library and for the Friends of the Library are **Philanthropists**, giving of their time. That is why we refer to our volunteers as GEMS and they truly are.



“In 2019, more Americans went to the library than to the movies. Yes, really.”

.....by Dan Sheehan—Literary Hub

The U.S. film industry may have generated revenues somewhere in the region of \$40 billion last year, but it seems Hollywood still has plenty of work to do if it wants to compete with the most **hallowed of American institutions: the public library.**

According to a recent Gallup Poll (the first survey since 2001), visiting the local library remains by far the most common cultural activity Americans engage in. Americans attend live music or theatrical events and visit national parks roughly four times a year on average and visit museums and gambling casinos 2.5 times annually. Trips to amusement or theme parks (1.6) and, zoos (.9), are the least common activities among this list.

**Congratulations to all you librarians out there; keep fighting the good fight**

**“Don’t just aspire to make a living.  
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.....Denzel Washington

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Wed & Sat.....10-6  
Friday. ....10-8**

## MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

...from Elise Malkowski, Deputy Director of Library Services

Dear Friends,

There is a lot to celebrate in the month of April and one of the biggest reasons is the Murrieta Public Library's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday! The Library opened its doors for the first time on April 10, 1999, in its prior location on Los Alamos Road, and has come a long way. We couldn't have done it without your help and dedication to making this a wonderful place for the community's informational, educational, recreational and cultural needs. Thank you for all you do!

April is also the month for celebrating National Library Week, which is April 19th through 25<sup>th</sup>. National Library Week is a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers. **Find Your Place at the Library** is the theme this year.

I'd like to highlight a couple of upcoming programs. For adults, there is **Water Color Painting** on Wednesday, March 11 at 2 p.m. On Wednesday, April 1, at 4:00 p.m. is **Financial Abuse: Scams and Prevention for Seniors**. Attendees will learn what financial scams are out there and how to avoid them. **CoderDojo** is a program for ages 7-17 who would like to learn and develop coding skills. The next **CoderDojo** is Wednesday, March 18 at 4:00 p.m. The teens will have an opportunity to attend a **Paint & Sip Tea Party** on Saturday, March 21 from 2-4 p.m. As usual, the very talented and creative staff has many programs planned for all ages throughout the year. For information on all upcoming Library programs, please visit our web page at [www.murrietalibrary.info](http://www.murrietalibrary.info) or stop by the Library and pick up a flyer.

Due to the Tour de Murrieta bike race event, the Library will be closed on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Although nothing will be due that day, the book drops will be open, but traffic may make it difficult to access the book drops. Renewable 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.

Happy spring!

Sincerely,  
Elise Malkowski, Deputy Director of Library Services



### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Tuesday....10 am—8 pm  
Wednesday & Thursday....10 am—6 pm  
Friday & Saturday....12 pm—5 pm  
Sundays & Holidays....Closed  
Phone: (304)-BOOK (2665)

**THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**, founded in 1800, is the largest library in the world, with more than 155 million items on 838 miles of bookshelves.

Americans-especially Millennium-say libraries can help them find reliable, trustworthy information.

Nearly 100 percent of public libraries in the U.S. provide Wi-Fi and have access to computers at no cost.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance.

In the Internet Age, National Library Week not only pays tribute to libraries as centers of learning, it also gives thanks to librarians for their knowledge and expertise.



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

Happy Spring to all our members. Our membership is increasing each month. January and February we welcomed new members:

**Lorna Johnson Stanley, Ericka Irish, Karin Gallina, Margaret Lou Slagle, and Margaret Walker.**

Thank you and welcome to these new members.

REMINDER: Our annual renewal for current members will begin in June 2020. More on that in May.

Have a wonderful Spring!

**PETE HAMIL**—An American journalist, novelist, essayist, editor and educator. Widely traveled and having written on a great range of topics, he is probably best known for his career as a journalist and editor for the New York Post and New York Daily

He was asked in an interview, “Did you grow up poor?” His response was, “Oh we grew up poor, but not impoverished,” “What’s the difference?” **“The library.”** Yes, the public library. He became a library regular before he could even read. If it weren’t for the library, where would Pete Hamil be today. “I wouldn’t be alive today if it wasn’t for the lessons I learned in this place. It gave me a sense that there was a world beyond the limits of where I lived in Brooklyn.”

**The Friends of the Murrieta Library’s website** is full of information about upcoming programs, current and past newsletters, **Booknotes**, location of our two remarkably organized and complete Bookstores, Officers’ and Directors’ names, volunteer opportunities, membership applications and other pertinent information about the **Friends**. Use this link for direct access to the website.

[murrietalibraryfriends.org](http://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.

## **Murrieta All Star Marching Band**

The band participated in the 2020 London New Year’s Day Parade, The band was comprised of students from all three high schools, and led by Murrieta Mesa High band director, Daniel Greenberg; and assisted by Murrieta Valley High band director Brad Pulverenti.

The students spent six days in London visiting the Tower of London, the National Observatory at Greenwich, Windsor Castle and Oxford. They also took a boat cruise on the river Thames and witnessed the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace.

On New Year’s Day the parade route consisted of traveling past Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, and the National Portrait Gallery. The route ended near the Westminster Bridge. The crowds cheered and the students were highly praised for their achievements.

This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for these Murrieta students. The memories created will be shared and treasured. Congratulations!!

Our high school students have been busy in other areas as well. Murrieta Valley High School students hand made over 47,300 cards for Valentine’s Day to send to our troops. They visited VA Loma Linda Healthcare and handed out some personally to veterans there. Wonderful!!

If any members have, or know of, a business that might be interested in running an ad for their workplace on our sponsor page, please let us know. It is \$10 an issue and the newsletter is bi-monthly so it would be \$60.00 for a year, This helps defray printing costs for the newsletter to those who do not have an email address. Call the Editor at — 951-677-7672.

### **OUR LOGO**

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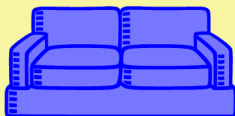
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