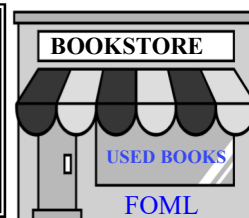




# BOOKNOTES



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

..... Rita Nastri

I am excited to report that I just got my second COVID Vaccine this week, and I encourage each of our members and their families to do the same when it's available to them. I did notice that people who were receiving their vaccine at the same time as I were so happy. One gentleman was actually in tears. I will continue to wear my mask for some time and certainly wash my hands often (I'm a nurse).

Once again, we thank those front line heroes (you know who they are) who have worked tirelessly to help us overcome these dangerous days. What a relief to finally seek some sense of normalcy after almost a full year of this global pandemic. Of course, many things have changed and in some cases, this might be for the best.

I believe that social distancing has brought us closer. In seeking others' company, I'm sure that our technical skills have improved amazingly. Never would have thought that zooming was something other than soaring through the air like Harry Potter. Actually, it is just that except on a grander, more organized scale with very little effort involved. Teleconferencing has guaranteed that we can continue being in touch with everything necessary almost as well as in person.

The Friends will continue the meetings on zoom until the Murrieta Library reopens, so please join us. It is so easy, just go to our webpage, [www.murrietalibraryfriends.org](http://www.murrietalibraryfriends.org) and follow the instructions at the top of the page in red. It works, trust me. I had to do that for our last meeting and it is terrific. Speaking of the Friends last meeting, we had a delightful morning of beautiful music provided by YiYi Ku and some of her students. Now there was a technical challenge, three artists in their own homes and at their own pianos performing for us. Thank you, Dan Rexwinkel, for being such a great technical advisor. And thank you Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call for enticing YiYi to a return performance.

March is Women's History Month. Congratulations to those progressive women who have brought us into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We have accomplished so much with so many opportunities to soar. I challenge the next generation to take us even further.

Lastly, we just can't wait to see you all in person and greet you on our return to open meetings. Until that time, stay safe and stay well. Spring arrives in March and the days will be longer for all of us to enjoy the great outdoors-hint, hint, the Murrieta Farmer's Market. See more about this on Pages 5 & 6.

## PROGRAMS

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

Your program chairs have been busy lining up speakers for our meetings—**currently on Zoom**—that will inform, delight and entertain you. All our meetings, due to COVID, are available on **Zoom** and can be viewed in the comfort of your own home by using the link listed here to get the password for the meeting:

<https://www.murrietalibraryfriends.org>

A short business meeting starts at 10:00 AM with a quick coffee break afterwards before settling in to listen to the program for the month listed below.

### MARCH 16.....KIM GERRISH,

Executive Director Michelle's Place  
Cancer Resource Center

After hearing the story of Michelle from Bill and Marilyn Watson, Michelle's parents, Kim knew it would be her life's mission to help those individuals fighting breast cancer.

Today Michelle's Place provides over 10,000 free services a year to individuals and families affected by all types of cancer.

Volunteers, mainly cancer survivors themselves, man the phones giving advice and encouragement to those in need.

### APRIL 20.....JERI WESTERSON

Author of Medieval Mysteries, Historicals and Paranormals.

The Friends have had the pleasure of hearing this author once before at our meetings and we are looking forward to hearing more about what her latest works are.

Her many awards include Editor's Choice by the Historical Novel Society Review for *Veil of Lies*; her *Shadow of the Alchemist* was named best of 2013 by Suspense Magazine and *Blood Lance* was named one of the Ten Hot Crime Novels. And the list goes on.



## BOOK REVIEW

.... By Sharon Hunter

The Law of Innocence

By Michael Connelly

I had never heard of this premise before. According to this law you may be found not guilty but if you do not find the guilty person, your name is not cleared. This is the dilemma in which the central character finds himself. He is arrested for murder when a cop pulls him over and discovers a body in the car trunk. Since he is a lawyer, he must clear his name and find the guilty person. The story focuses on him directing his team to help him do this while he spends time in jail.

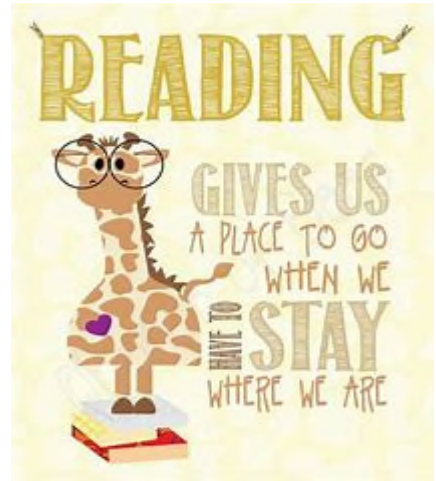
This is probably Connelly's best book in the Lincoln Lawyer series. The story is tightly paced, the plot moves forward, the characters are familiar. It is definitely a taut thriller! Everyone I have recommended the book to has really enjoyed it.

Thank you, Sharon, for sharing your love of reading with the Friends every month. We look forward to your well written reviews. The Editor

As we celebrate Women's History Month in March, remember the words of Maya Angelou:

*"When I look back, I am so impressed again with the life-giving power of literature. If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of myself in the world, I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young."*

Contributed by Karen Michaud, Director



March 2nd—Dr. Seuss' Birthday—National Read Across America Day

March 5th—World Book Day

March 14th—Daylight Savings Time Begins. Be sure and turn your clocks ahead one hour.

March 17th



April 4th



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### 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.**

**The Friends of the Murrieta Library's website is full of information about upcoming programs, location of our two remarkably organized and complete Bookstores, current and past copies of our newsletter, Booknotes, volunteer opportunities, membership forms, Officers and Directors names, and other pertinent information about the Friends. Use this link for direct access to the website. [murrietalibraryfriends.org](http://murrietalibraryfriends.org)**

## MEMBER NEWS.....

The following comment was posted on our Facebook page and we wanted to share it with our members. It is typical of the type of comments we hear daily from our happy and pleased customers at our bookstores. This one is concerning the Corner Bookstore.

“This bookstore has been nothing but kind and generous to me. During high school I needed volunteer hours, just happened to come across this store with my mom and 5 years later I was still volunteering. The people here are always willing to lend a helping hand, or recommend the best books—tell them your favorite author and they’ll keep their eyes open. I basically grew up in this bookstore; I will never find another one remotely similar to it. I have nothing but great memories and smiles when I think about them.”

If Nancy sees this—I hope you’re doing well Nini! Thank you for furthering my love of reading and writing; it greatly benefited me throughout college. Missing your store everyday!”

..... Emily Ferrell

Editor’s note: For those of you who may not know, Nancy is the manager of the Corner Bookstore. Nancy said after seeing Emily’s comment, “Emily volunteered nearly every week all through high school, and worked *every* Sidewalk Sale. Once she even delayed her trip to visit her Grandma so she could be at a sale. After graduation, she went to college in New York but made it to a couple more sales when she came back to visit family. Naturally, this means a lot to me.”

Nini is Nancy’s family name for her and because she and Emily had such a close relationship, Emily also used this name for Nancy.

The City is remembering those lost to Covid-19 by a virtual wreath laying March 2nd at 7:15 PM. This will stream live on the City’s Facebook Page. Everyone can participate by lighting a candle at home with the City during the live stream. Free candles are being distributed on Tuesday between 3:30 and 5:30 PM.



### AT TOWN SQUARE

**Eight Town Square at the  
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## SIDEWALK OVERSTOCK SALE



It is beginning to look like there may be light soon at the end of the tunnel regarding COVID-19 so the Corner Bookstore is contemplating the possibility of an overstock sale tentatively in late April.

Our customers look forward to these sales and the Corner store is eager to make it happen for them. As usual, hours would be,,,,,,,,, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and would consist of the usual hardbacks and paperbacks, mostly fiction books in **good to excellent condition**.

**Hardbacks—\$1.00 Paperbacks—25 cents**



Stay tuned by checking our website for a definite date for this event.

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

MEMBERSHIP....Karen Michaud, Chair

Wishing you all joy and happy reading during the spring filled months of March and April.

**Welcome to our newest members:**

**Susan Hall  
Laura Cannon  
Jackie Gersema  
Leslie LaManna  
Steven Waddell**

Thank you to our members for supporting the Murrieta Public Library and the quality reading programs for children teens and adults. Your membership and patronage of our two Bookstores contributes greatly to these programs.

**Please note that any new or renewing members from the months of January through June, 2021 will carry forward through the following June in 2022.**

### AT THE CORNER

**39445B Los Alamos Road  
Murrieta Gateway Center  
Phone: 677-5350  
Thursday.....10-4  
Wed, Fri, Sat.....10-6  
All Safety Precautions in place  
Masks required**

## MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

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

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and healthy. On March 14 it will be one year since we closed due to COVID-19. As I look back over the year, we've had a lot of schedule changes with staff working together, staff being split into two shifts, full telecommuting and back to being split into shifts. We've accomplished much in the past year including developing a curbside service so patrons could still have access to materials, Take Home Kits for all ages so our patrons still have an opportunity to do something fun at home, and we really increased our social media presence including adding virtual storytime. I'm proud of the staff for their patience, creativity and hard work during the closure. Below are some statistics from the past year:

- 58,066 items were checked out
- 4,860 items were purchased and added to the collection
- 877 new patrons were registered
- 7,000 curbside delivery appointments were made
- 1,600 Take Home Kits for all ages were created and handed out
- Freeding was added, a new e-book collection

I'm also happy to report that the Murrieta Public Library was awarded an \$8,000 Copy Cat grant to expand the Library's Take Home Kit program for all ages. We chose Contra Costa County Library's Creative Thursdays as an inspiration, but instead of doing live programming at our library, we will provide the materials for our community to create/make/experiment in the safety of their own home and we will be calling the program Murrieta Makes. We have committed to do at least 24 differently themed Take Home Kits that will be handed out each month from March to July.

We hope to see you all soon!  
Take care and stay well,

Elise Malkowski  
Deputy Director of Library Services

Once again, the Friends want to express their appreciation and gratitude for our wonderful Library Director and her amazing, multi-talented, enthusiastic, dedicated staff. We continue to be impressed by all they do; how they are on top of all the latest in technology; how they come up with their own ideas and materials to continue to provide interesting, educational and fun offerings for their patrons of all ages. And all this is free. We are indeed fortunate!! Many, many thanks to you all.

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

### NEW MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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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

Business..... \$100.00

LIFETIME.....\$250.00

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

## Things To Do and Places of Interest in HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MURRIETA

**First and Foremost** is the heart and soul of our town, our incredible **Murrieta Public Library** offering a never ending supply of materials, and programs designed to please and educate all ages; staffed with pleasant, knowledgeable, multi-talented, librarians. It will open again soon when allowed due to COVID.

**Bach Theater**...Unique style of small intimate live stage productions—their vision is to enrich, inspire, challenge and expand our world through the arts. Presently closed due to COVID but have a performance ready when they get permission to open again. Still offering Acting Workshops. Their number for information is (951) 696-7045.

**Murrieta Plaza**—Tucked away in this location are a variety of businesses and shops. **The Mill** with outdoor dining is a very popular restaurant; **Calhoun's Family Texas Barbecue**—mostly delicious take out and next door is the **Family Bakery**. You will find **Studio No. 3** a very delightful women's store and **Geronimo's** a most unusual men's store complete with barbershop. As well as **Honey, Stop the Car**—A place to find antiques plus, they do estate sales. It looks charming and the name alone makes you want to take a peek.

In the brick building adjacent to the Murrieta Plaza is **Anthony's Lounge & Ristorante** the oldest family owned restaurant in Murrieta with menus based on family recipes from Cambria, Italy. In the same building, a fairly new shop is the much frequented **The Crafted Scone** whose specialty is—what else—scones of all types.

Across from the Murrieta Plaza you will find **Wine Ranch Grill & Cellars** a full service restaurant and winery that offers wine tasting, American food and craft beer. A dog friendly patio!

Continuing down on Washington is the **Down Town Public House** offering an ever changing “farm to table” menu with ample outdoor seating. In the same complex as the PUB is **Gypsy Sunset** another lovely women's dress and accessory shop that carries specialty items not seen elsewhere; together with **The Press Espresso Coffee** offering in-house roasted beans and craft coffee and freshly baked pastries.

All this conveniently located and walking distance along a very pleasant tree-lined street. In discovering these shops and restaurants, you will find Murrieta has everything you need. Shop and dine locally and keep your tax dollars in Murrieta.

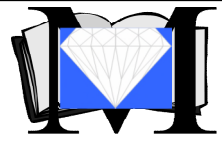
Starting at Ivy and Washington going east, next to the Murrieta Post office is one of Murrieta's “Gems,” **Mae's Market and Boutique**, offering among other things....Fresh produce, fresh flowers, local honey, eggs, milk, jams, home décor and gift items. They also have many talented local vendors in their outdoor open-air market that occurs every three months. This Gem is not to be missed.

Then there is **Reborn Treasures** well stocked with a marvelous variety of all kinds of treasures. Take a quick coffee and donut break at **Vista Donuts** at the corner of B St. Turn north on B St. to another shop—**Bailey's on B** filled with all those artifacts and discarded remnants from the past you have been searching for. The indoor and outdoor space is constantly in flux. This shop reflects 5 generations of Baileys who made the journey from Kentucky west in a covered wagon. In the **Donut Shop** building area is a beautifully furnished shop, **Jade**, with mostly kitchen-themed items, but also a great selection of other home décor choices, both new and secondhand. Be sure and visit their patio area, too, that has music, fresh succulent arrangements, and pop-up paint and flower classes. Next to **Jade** in one of Murrieta's historic homes is where another BBQ restaurant will be coming soon.

**Farmer's Market @ The Alleyway** — 1st and 3rd Thursdays 4 to 8 PM — Shop 50+ local artisan and handmade articles. Stroll Washington to visit a multitude of restaurants, food trucks, shops and vendors. Shop a variety of special local made products..... **@ The Alleyway**. Located on Juniper just off Washington and directly behind the Beauty Artisan Salon. Cannot say enough about this event that is getting more popular and more well attended each month. Pictures of the **Farmer's Market** on Page 6.

And last but certainly NOT least be sure and go to the **Friends of the Murrieta Library's** fabulous used Bookstores, which are also not to be missed.

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The Gem.....Murrieta is known as  
“The Gem of the Valley”  
It also stands for all our volunteer “Gems”



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## **Murrieta is your basecamp to a world of adventure**

Murrieta's rich history, easy going vibe, exciting outdoor activities, and balmy Southern California climate collide to provide visitors an experience like no other. From the luscious wineries of Varietal Valley to the adrenaline-pumping of lively Thrillville, whatever your tastes, there is something for everyone here.

Murrieta is an accessible, friendly and comfortable destination connecting you and your family to vibrant experiences that will last a lifetime.

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