



## **PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

.....Rita Nastri

As I write this in February, the March Winds are already upon us. It’s been a long winter filled with lots of wonderful rain but this hasn’t hampered the Volunteers who continue to staff both of the Friends’ Bookstores. A hearty congratulations to Corner Store Manager, Nancy Dixon and her Volunteers who have broken records in both January and February. Nancy will fill you in on her exciting news.



The resilient Volunteers of the Town Square Book Store are moving forward after the resignation of Manager Kurt Korneisel. Karen Michaud, our Membership Chair, has taken on the responsibility of scheduling and working with the Volunteer Staff and Co-Manager Laurie Razo continues to work wonders with the Internet sales. A big thank you goes to all of the Town Square Volunteers for stepping up and especially to these two ladies.

Thank you to those members who took the time to vote online for our Annual Election of Directors in January. We had an excellent response for the vote, and I am so pleased to welcome returning Directors, Evelyn Dial, Karen Michaud and Dan Rexwinkel and newly elected Director Karen Fritschi. Thank you for agreeing to another term on the Friends’ Board. Director Kurt Korneisel has been elected to the Library Foundation Board and now is its Treasurer. We wish him well with his new position. His resignation left a Director’s seat open again. The Board approved Nancy Eberhardt as a Director to fill the remaining portion of Kurt’s position as per a provision of our By-Laws. As a bonus, Nancy Eberhardt has Parliamentarian background and has been approved as our new Parliamentarian to replace Pat Farmer.

And to make this even more exciting and official, immediately after our January meeting, the elected Directors met to vote in the Officers of the Friends. The results are as follows: Nancy Dixon, Vice President; Evelyn Dial, Secretary; Dan Rexwinkel, Treasurer; and me again as your President. Thank you for your confidence in the Board as we continue into another successful year of providing resources and guidance aiding the Murrieta Library as it grows with the City of Murrieta.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our March meeting since Kiki Fritschi has put together another terrific program for Women’s History Month. Because our speakers are community leaders and are currently working, we have had to move the hour of the meeting to 2:00 pm. I hope this works for everyone and that you’ll be able to find the time to attend. We value your time and support.



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# Murrieta Public Library Updates

Dear Friends,

As we welcome the spring season, Library staff is reinvigorated and energized to work on our upcoming programs and projects that expand our services for the community. First, we would like to thank the Friends for providing us with additional funds for programming supplies due to rising costs. With the Friends' continued support, we can ensure our programs blossom in the coming spring and summer for all to enjoy. Here are some updates on current Library projects and services:

- **BUILDING FORWARD GRANT PROGRAM - BUILDING EXPANSION OF CHILDREN'S AREA AND NEW STORYTIME ROOM:** The City published the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a design firm on February 3, 2023, and it will close on March 13, 2023. The selected design firm will coordinate visioning workshops to solicit design input from critical stakeholders, including representation from the Library Advisory Commission, the Friends, the Murrieta Public Library Foundation, and City staff.
- **PARK PASS PROGRAM AND GRANT:** The Library has applied for the Park Pass Grant program for \$35,000 to fund outdoor learning stations. In addition, the Library has received eighteen (18) additional State park passes from the California State Library for checkout.
- **ZIP BOOKS PROGRAM:** The Library has received approximately \$21,000 in grant funding from the California State Library for this program, which will run until May 2023. Through this program, the Library will purchase books from Amazon that are requested by patrons but are not currently in the collection, have them sent directly to the patron, then add the item(s) to the collection after the item(s) are returned to the Library.
- **AUTOMATED BOOK BIN SORTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT:** The Library has moved forward with the Automated Book Bin Sorter Replacement project by selecting Lyngsoe Systems through the RFP process. Lyngsoe will replace the book sorter in late spring or early summer.
- **LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH IN FEBRUARY:** During the month of February, the Library conducted its annual Food for Fines program, where patrons can donate a non-perishable food item to waive \$1.50 of overdue fees. The food items will go to a local food pantry. In addition, the Library has permanently extended regular checkout periods to three (3) weeks on all items.

Lastly, I invite you to our Earth Day Celebration on April 22 from 9 am to 1 pm. Our staff has been working hard to put this event together and we would love to celebrate Earth Day with you all. I hope to see you all there!

Warm regards,

Melvin Racelis, Library Manager

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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.

## **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"

## Programs

### “National Women in History Month CELEBRATION”

We invite you to celebrate our special program and guest panel of Women Leaders and Influencers in Murrieta who stand on the shoulders of all the women before them. We celebrate and honor our women in history who never gave in and forged ahead. We have rights, freedom and laws to make it possible to choose and succeed.



#### Murrieta's Women Leaders Panel

- **Lisa DeForest**, City of Murrieta Mayor
- **Kim Summers**, Murrieta City Manager
- **Celeste Scallion**, Vista Murrieta High School Principal
- **Erica Jimenez**, Murrieta Police Department
- **Vivian Kim**, Envi-Lashes Business Owner
- **Jenny Pineda**, Starbucks Madison Avenue Manager

Enjoy a most informative and fun presentation as this panel of notable and exceptional women share their history, influence and visions for Murrieta!

We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please know the public and guests are welcome to attend. General Meeting starts at 2:00 p.m. with our program to begin about 2:30 p.m. in the Murrieta Library Community Room, 8 Town Square. Enjoy food & beverage - compliments of Starbucks and Friends of the Murrieta Library.



Visit the Library to check out a book written by or about Women in History.

More information on April's program and Earth Day to follow!

Kiki Fritschi, Program Director

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## Visit Our Two Stores

### Corner Store

39445 B 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

Town Square at the Library  
Across from Murrieta Elementary  
Phone: (951) 600-5724  
10:00 to 4:00 - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
10:00 to 3:00 - Saturday

## One for the Gipper

I'm not sure who he is, but he got a great one: the Corner Bookstore Overstock Sale on February 18<sup>th</sup> totaled a record \$2,256! Even the weather smiled on us!

It goes without saying (though of course I will) that none of this is ever possible without the amazing hard work of a wonderful team. First was the number of customers: thanks to Web and Social Media Master Dan Rexwinkel and Publicist Rita Nastri the word spread. Also, thanks to the generous loan of extra tables from the Library (picked up and returned by Greg Cagle!) we were able to have multitudes of books out for customers to “gobble” up.

The sale is a two-day process beginning Friday evening when the multitude of boxes of books, the tables, the pop-up, etc. are brought to the front of the store to be organized and ready for Saturday morning set-up. On board for the heavy lifting were Kathy and Greg Cagle, Ann Hickey, Greg Eberhardt, and Bob Clare.

Everyone was an MVP on Saturday, but leading the pack were Cagle Family (Kathy, Greg, Lauren, and Katelyn), Ann Hickey, and Greg Eberhardt, who were there early to coordinate the set-up. Cathy St. Martin also came early and

then manned the morning inside sales along with Bob Granzow. Ann Hickey manned the outside most of that day, along with Kathy Cagle and yours truly, while Kris Caughlin covered the inside for the afternoon.



Of course, the closing jobs are as much hard work as the set-up, and returning for that were Kathy and Greg Cagle, Greg Eberhardt, and Bob Clare. Joining in the effort was Emily Silverman and her mom Jenny (of Jenny's Sewing Studio on Ivy).

“Thank you” doesn't even begin to cover my gratitude! 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 win one for the “Gipper” – the Murrieta Public Library!

Nancy Dixon, Corner Store Manager

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## Membership Update

Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home."  
- Anna Quindie

Dear Friends of the Murrieta Library,

Our new year, 2023, has started out with several new members and volunteers for our two amazing bookstores. It brings joy to know that people want to volunteer and become valued members of our Library supporting group. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Welcome to our New 2023 Members:

Kristine Coughlin  
Annie Holub  
Jackie Copeland

Karen Michaud, Membership Chair



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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>

## Information about the Murrieta Public Library Foundation

Did you know? Murrieta has a Public Library Foundation (MPLF)! Their goal is to raise funds in support of expanding library services. They recently added new board members and are leading the effort to support the recently announced library expansion. The Foundation has been tasked with raising the additional funds needed to bring the space to life. Providing furniture, shelving, and digital experiences for this children's area will ensure that this new space will spark wonder and curiosity in children of all ages. Please help them get the word out to our community. As a first step, follow them on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) and let your network know about this once-in-a-generation library expansion. To learn more about them check out their website (<https://murrietalibraryfoundation.org/>) or reach out to them at [info@murrietalibraryfoundation.org](mailto:info@murrietalibraryfoundation.org).



Also, the MPLF is excited to announce the return of the Stay at Home & Read a Good Book Ball. Be on the lookout for more information on their upcoming fundraiser, starting April 3.

## Upcoming Community Events

For updated information about the Friends of the Murrieta Library, go to our website at:

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

Or you can visit our Facebook page at:

[facebook.com/MurrietaFOML/](https://facebook.com/MurrietaFOML/)

For updates on Murrieta Public Library events, go to:

[MurrietaCA.gov/library/](http://MurrietaCA.gov/library/)

Lastly, for information on City of Murrieta Events, go to:

[MurrietaCA.gov/](http://MurrietaCA.gov/)

**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.....	\$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.**

## Refreshment Table

Refreshments for our March 21 General Meeting and Program are being provided by Starbucks at 25175 Madison Avenue in Murrieta. We appreciate their generous donation and encourage you to visit their store if you are in the area.



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Murrieta, CA 92562  
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Murrieta, CA 92562  
(951) 698-4313



39413 Los Alamos Rd, Suite A  
Murrieta, CA 92563  
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