

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Rita Nastri

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. Congratulations to Nancy Eberhardt who was elected by acclamation in January to the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Murrieta Library. Also, I congratulate and thank the Board for electing the following officers for the new year:

Rita Nastri - President | Nancy Dixon - Vice President | Evelyn Dial - Secretary
 Dan Rexwinkel - Treasurer, and Directors: Karen Michaud - Membership
 Kiki Fritschi - Programs | Nancy Eberhardt -Parliamentarian.

An organization of this size requires many helping hands to continue. As I often mention, each board member has additional duties; therefore, we also have Members at Large who hold committee chair positions. Nancy Dixon is our Corner Store Manager, Karen Michaud also is our Volunteer Coordinator at the Town Square Store, Laurie Razo is our Co-Manager at Town Square and as mentioned above, Nancy Eberhardt is our Parliamentarian. Pat Farmer could most certainly use a helping

hand with our Special Events, and we are asking if anyone is interested in taking on our currently vacant Hospitality Chairmanship. The Board is thankful for these volunteers who continue to enjoy their volunteering for the Friends of the Murrieta Library.



Spring is almost here and with it comes the Murrieta Public Library's Third Annual 'Touch-A-Truck' (April 2), and the 77th Annual Murrieta Fire and Rescue BBQ (April 13). These two events just seem to bring out the public for a fun-filled time.

Nancy Dixon and her volunteers at the Corner Store had an outstanding Overstock Sale and she will give you that good information. Thank you to those who volunteered on February 17 at the Sale. She'll be doing another sale in June so please be sure to make your book donations to either store.

And, by the way, Nancy will be our speaker at the March Women in History Month program. We are looking forward to Nancy telling us what has kept her going over these past 22 years as Bookstore Chair. Kiki Fritschi will update you on the details of the event.

Karen Michaud had a very busy month in January with all of her new members and their orientation to the Town Square Book Store. Membership to the Friends is so enjoyable with all of the wonderful programs and services we provide. Why not join us this month to meet new FRIENDS and help us meet some of the needs of our own Murrieta Public Library.

2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

3/11 Board Meeting

3/19 General Meeting
 Women's History Month
 w/ Nancy Dixon

4/2 Touch-A-Truck

4/8 Board Meeting

4/13 Firefighter BBQ

Now Accepting Credit Cards, Apple Pay, and Google Pay at Both 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
 1:00 to 4:00 - Saturday

Murrieta Public Library Update

Dear Friends,

As we welcome the spring season, Library staff is gearing up for many wonderful programs for all ages. For children, there will be a STEM workshop, a Family Arcade program, LEGO Club, and Chess Club. Programs for teens include a 90's Blackout Paint party, a Career Track Info program with Murrieta Fire and Rescue, and two Cricut workshops. For adults, Navy Federal Credit Union will host two presentations – one on Budgeting and the other on Homebuying.

One of the highlights of the spring season is our Touch-A-Truck event, which will be held on Tuesday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Town Square. Exhibitors and food vendors are encouraged to fill out an application and join us at this very popular children's event.

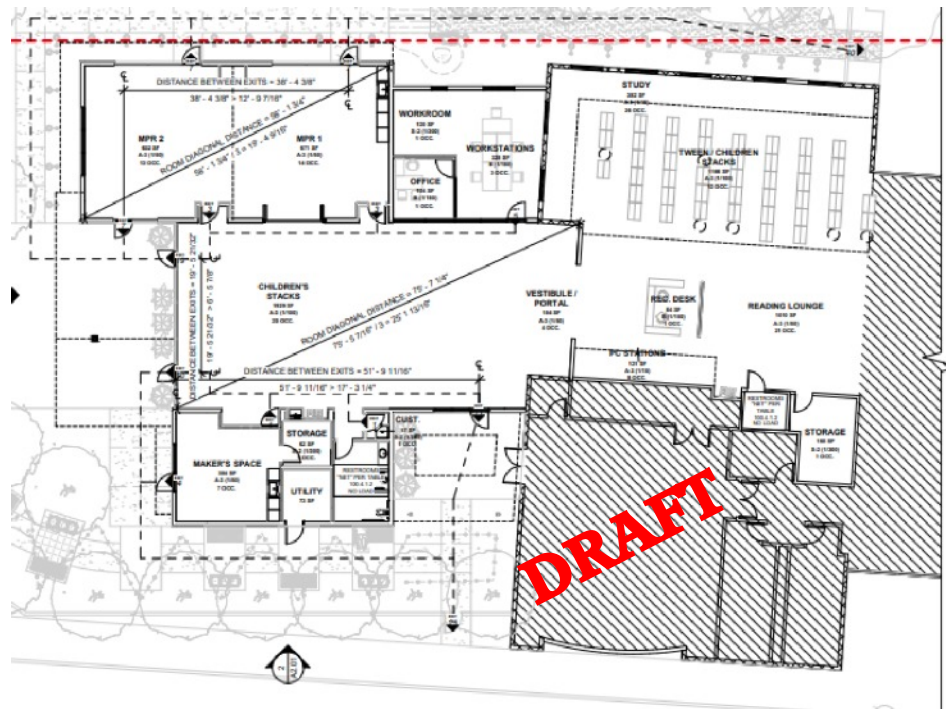
Plans for the expansion of the Children's Area are on schedule. The preliminary design was completed in November 2023, and the schematic design/cost estimate is anticipated to be completed in April 2024. Construction documents will likely be completed in October 2024, followed by bidding and a contract award sometime between November 2024 and February 2025. Construction could start as early as March 2025, ending in the winter of 2025/2026. More information can be found on the Library's web page at <https://www.murrietaca.gov/1350/Childrens-Library-Expansion-Project>.

The Library will be closed on Saturday, April 6, due to the Tour de Murrieta Bike Race.

As always, we would like to thank the Friends for their longstanding, continued support.

Warm regards,

Melvin Racelis, Library Manager



***NOTE**

These are Draft renderings. Architectural Design Set Draft images can be found at <https://www.murrietaca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11256/Murrieta-Public-Library-Expansion---Architectural-Design-Set-DRAFT>



March is National Women in History Month

We Invite you to join in our Celebration of Women's History Month. Did you know one of the most recognizable symbols of Women's History Month is the color purple? Purple represents the dignity and determination of women who fought for their rights throughout history. Purple is also a calming and soothing color which promotes harmony and balance.

We are honored to welcome *Guest Speaker, Nancy Dixon. Nancy comes from a long line of strong women dating back four generations who came to the United States from Panama and settled in San Francisco in 1850.* In honor of her heritage Nancy will share her history, a fun story of an adorable friendly “mouse in the house,” and read an excerpt from a book she is writing. Nancy joined the FOML in 1999, has volunteered since then, is Vice President of the FOML Board and has managed The Corner Bookstore for 22 years! One of her greatest joys as Manager is to serve our great community and embrace customers and volunteers as ‘her family.’



- General Meeting 3:30 p.m. (Break from about 3:50 to 4:00 p.m.)
- Program 4:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room, 8 Town Square
- Enjoy Food & Beverage-compliments of Starbucks and Women Business Owners and Managers.

Kiki Fritschi, Program Director

May Program

Mark your calendar for May 21st when we highlight “National Tourism Month.” Our Guest Speaker, **Ian Bernstein**, is the California State Parks K-12 Access and PORTS Program Coordinator for California State Parks Inland Empire District. Did you know Park Passes are available in our Library?

~Murrieta's Award-Winning Library offers many resources, including Passport services, a Seed Library, Musical Instruments, and so many unique amenities often with help from FOML Fundraising!

Kiki Fritschi, Program Director

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/

Town Square Bookstore Update

"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world." ~Malala Yousafzai

The Town Square Bookstore has had an exceedingly profitable January and February. Although only open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 10 AM to 4 PM and Saturdays from 1 to 4 PM we have managed to exceed sales from 2023 during the same months. We are fortunate that so many dedicated volunteers have joined us during the last six months! We have people available to help us serve all customers and accommodate their requests. In addition, we take in numerous donations every day. Our volunteers help sort, clean, price, shelve, and sell our books, DVDs, and CDs.



Always look for our "on-going" overstock sale carts, found outside the store on days without rain! All items are 50 cents.

Meanwhile, our Third Annual Overstock Sale will be held on Saturday, August 10 from 10 AM to 4 PM. We know our friends are looking forward to that!

In February we celebrated Presidents' Month as well as Valentine's day with books. In March we will highlight books on Women's History Month, Easter, and spring. In early April both Bookstores will join the Murrieta Public Library during their Touch-A-Truck day: Tuesday, April 2, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Fun for kids of ALL AGES. We will have books available for sale and there will be other vendors, food, crafts, activities, and exhibitors. Should be a fun day in the park!!!

Thank you for shopping at the Town Square Bookstore!

Happy Spring Reading from your Helpful Town Square Volunteers

Karen Michaud, Volunteer Coordinator

Gold Rush at the Corner!

Over the past twenty years the Corner Store has had many wonderful Overstock Sidewalk sales, but the recent one on February 17 was serendipitous, with sales totaling **\$2,443.50!** What was most amazing were the sales *inside* the store: **\$1,814** – a record. One of the main reasons for having the sales is to attract new customers. We had inside one after another, after another, exclaiming what a “wonder find,” and proving it by purchasing literally piles of books. They also repeatedly said “I’ll be back!”

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 and Nancy Eberhardt, and Bob Clare.

Everyone was an MVP on Saturday, but leading the pack were Kathy and Greg Cagle; Greg, Nancy, and Laurie Eberhardt; and Ann Hickey who were there early to coordinate the set-up. Three Boy Scouts also helped: Sebastian, Dillan, and Jackson. Cathy St. Martin also came early and then helped Ann Hickey with the outside sales, while Bob Granzow and Merle McDougall handled the inside sales in the morning. Avril Williams covered the inside for the afternoon, as did Nancy Eberhardt.

Of course, the closing jobs are as much hard work as the set-up, and staying for that were the Cagles, the Eberhardts, along with a returning Sebastian.

“Thank you” doesn’t even begin to cover my gratitude! A gold star goes to Ann Hickey who stayed *all day* to handle the outside sales! Also, many thanks for our significant publicity through our website and Facebook pages, as well as e-mails. Thanks also to Rita Nastri for publicity in our local newspapers.

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 turn the day into a “gold rush.”

~Nancy Dixon



Used Book Sale

Membership Update

"Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone." ~Gladys Bronwyn Stern

Therefore, I sincerely say, "Thank you to our newest members for joining the Friends of the Murrieta Library". Our FOML membership has benefited from the wonderful surge of new members in 2024! We welcome and thank all our new members. **Susan Davies, Ginny Ince, Corine Corona, Robert Bowes, Phyllis Tryon, Sheila Sears, Lila Behr, and Jenna Alame.**



Scan to Renew Membership

Should you know anyone who wishes to become a member they can go to our website or use the QR code provided here. We still do things the old way, as well, and new members can walk into either Bookstore and ask to join the FOML. There are forms available there.

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.....\$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.



Scan for Friends Website

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>

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"

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