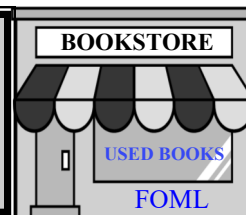




BOOKNOTES



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

..... Rita Nastri

I'm sure you have heard the expression, "Life is what happens when you are making other plans." I just re-read my message in last issue's Booknotes and realized again just how true that statement is. Here we are, as spring breaks, at home with our masks on instead of being out on I-15 looking at the beautiful poppies. My take on that is another expression, "God works in mysterious ways." Just think, as spring breaks, so do allergies. Now we can officially wear masks to keep the allergies down. Seriously, I do hope everyone is well and has enough toilet paper to get through this.

The Friends Board has worked very efficiently on line to make some major decisions. Of course, the re-scheduling of our speakers for our March, April and May meetings has been somewhat mandated because of the Library's closing and the uncertainty of the reopening date. We have also closed both bookstores for similar reasons. I have posted information on various sites about this and Dan, our eBlast expert, will advise you of the latest meeting updates and reopening dates for the bookstores. As you know, the Bookstores are our main source of fund-raising, so having them closed for any length of time provides for our own "uncertain times". Maggie and Laurie and Art have been working really hard at selling books on line, and Nancy has received a few monetary donations. The Board is excited about having a Grand Reopening once we are given the official okay that our small businesses can do just that. The safety of both the volunteer staff and our patrons is of the utmost importance when we do reopen.

I miss going into the Library on a regular basis and seeing all of our friendly staff. Never realized just how much I miss them. In the absence of the Bookstores and nothing against hard copy, I want you all to know that I have downloaded the LIBBY app on my cell phone and just love that I can listen to audiobooks FREE! I have my phone with me and playing all day. It is odd that I did this just a few short weeks before the Library's closing. Our techy Librarian, Katheryn, taught me how to download it. So if you have a library card, you can download books to read or listen to until we can pop in to borrow a real book. Thank you all Librarians who keep this system up and running. I'm sure you will join me in saying a big thank you prayer for those Frontline Healthcare Workers, First Responders and grocery store workers. They truly are the heroes during this pandemic.

The Board is grateful to have the continued support of our members who have called to inquire and to show their real concern. We truly appreciate your understanding and patience about the scheduled program changes. The Friends couldn't do it without you. Moments like these remind us of the power of unity.

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

Anticipated Future Programming: June is still in question, scheduled is **Michelle Deerwester-Dalrymple**, a local author—if Library is not reopened by the June meeting, she is re-scheduled for January 2021. July and August are dark for the Friends so no programs are planned for these months. September is DIANE KENNEDY, designer and owner of Finch Frolic Garden in Fallbrook, a permaculture based habitat—nature is the ultimate recycler. October—**Vincent Sweeney and the WWII POWs**. He has many interesting stories to relate. Then, a meeting that was scheduled for May celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote—**The Women Who Dared**—has been moved to be presented in November by our own **Karen Michaud**. We miss all our Friends and are so looking forward to meeting with you again **ASAP**.

Stay tuned!!



MEMBERSHIP.....

Dear Friends of the Murrieta Library Members:

Like you, I have missed our Friends of the Library, missed browsing or volunteering at the Bookstores, and missed attending our entertaining General Meetings. I know we are all praying for a better time when we can return to our Friends of the Murrieta Library events. Meanwhile, we can enjoy the Booknotes and plan ahead.

Membership renewal, for the past two years, has occurred in the month of June. The Membership Committee and the Board agree that membership renewal in 2020 should take place in the month of July in hopes of our members being able to get out and about more easily at that time.

Therefore, at the beginning of July 2020, we will send you an email reminder and a form to complete and return for your membership renewal. The cost will remain the same:

Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$20.00
Supporting	\$25.00
Patron	\$50.00
Business	\$100.00
Lifetime	\$250.00

Warmest Regards,
Karen Michaud, Membership Chair



BOOK REVIEW By Sharon Hunter

NIGHT ROAD By Kristin Hannah

If you are looking for a relaxing, pleasant read Kristin Hannah's novel NIGHT ROAD is a good choice. Miles and Jude are parents of twins, Zach and Mia who are very unlike. Zach is Mr. popularity in everything he does, and Mia is a shy, introspective girl. Enter a new girl Lexi who becomes best friends with Mia and is more or less taken in by the family. The threesome are close friends. Their inter-personal relationships are the focus of the story. Also, the mother Jude's parenting is an issue. The close family begins to unravel in the twins senior year of high school.

In all of Hannah's novels she focuses on women and their relationships. Without giving away the book, there is a dark problem that causes major changes in all the characters. Although the story is somewhat predictable, the changes in the characters make the novel an interesting read. Hannah also writes very descriptively which makes for pleasant reading.

Hannah has written over twelve books. I have read and enjoyed all of them.

Corona at the Corner

I have always thought of the Friends Corner Bookstore as being surrounded by a corona, a warm glow emanating from being surrounded by thousands of books, wonderful volunteers, and the smiles of happy customers. Then the virus struck: *abibliophobia* (the fear of running out of books to read). The day before we closed, the phone rang off the hook, with panicked customers asking "Are you open?" "Are you open?" "Are you open?" One of the customers said that her husband told her to "call your happy place." We ended up making \$516.00, a record day!

As a small bit of relief for the virus, I put several boxes of twenty-five and fifty-cent books, as well as a box of children's books, outside one of our doors, which has a mail slot built in. The sign says "Honor by the Book," and to put the money through the slot. Inside there's a plastic tub on the floor to catch the cash, and in the three weeks we've had it, we've made over thirty dollars, representing quite a few happy customers. The week before the holiday I added kids' Easter books. A customer posted on NEXTDOOR: "As I was walking my dog today ... I saw the most awesome sight. The Friends of the Library Store [sic] had children's Easter themed books for sale... It put a smile on my face. I hope someone with little ones would buy books for their Easter baskets." And they did! —One neighbor said she would check it out.

I have been glad to have a "home away from home" at the Bookstore, and have been using the quiet time to catch up on pricing. Cathy Cagle and Kelli-Ann Almeida have been taking books home to price. Mary Lou Rosczyk has been coming in to shelve the priced books. But the biggest shout-out goes to Greg Eberhardt and daughter Laurie who have taken home, cleaned and priced ALL of the non-fiction books (I have a picture of the empty shelves to prove it!), as well as DVD's CD's, Blue Dots, and other odds and ends. We are talking *hundreds* of books!

I never thought as the Friends Historian that I would be documenting the closure of the Library and both bookstores. Hopefully, that sad reality will soon become history.

Nancy Dixon

SHELTER-IN-PLACE



Dad working from home and helping with baby daughter.

Jigsaw Puzzles have become a favorite family past time



THE LATEST FASHION TREND



People everywhere have discovered ZOOM and are using it for family get togethers, church services, business discussions, and multi-conferencing. It works wonderfully well. So many are enjoying this method to keep in contact with the outside world and keep in touch with family members,

“You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.”
.....Maya Angelou

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.

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Dear Friends:

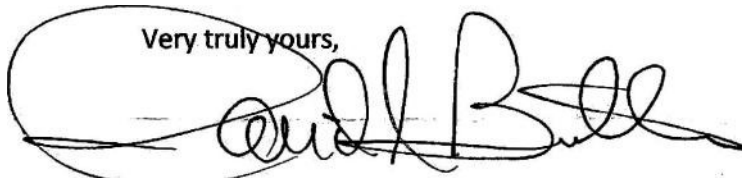
The book I just received from you: *The Persian Gamble* was advertised as Used—Like New. I had thought, sure, but they're just saying that.

Well, I received the book today and I was enormously delighted by the fact that the book is Used—Like New, with the emphasis on the Like New. It far exceeded my expectations.

I recently retired from working at Altadena Library District, and although I wasn't a "Friend," I was friends with the Friends, the ones who sorted the daily donated books. And I bought many books from them.

Your method of sorting, establishing value, packing, mailing, etc. undoubtedly takes a lot of time. And I just want to let you know that I am very happy with what you are doing. (Perhaps you don't often get positive feedback.)

Keep up the good work.

Very truly yours,

David A. Butler
Former Cataloguer

The Friends of the Murrieta Library received this letter directed to the Town Square Bookstore's Internet volunteers (who are also co-managers of the store) and wanted to share it with our members. Laurie and Art Razo and Maggie Pilotte have not let up for a minute. They are still working hard mostly at home describing, packaging, and mailing books to book lovers online. This is a task that requires as we have mentioned before a thorough knowledge of books, their value, the ability to accurately describe them and just a love of books and concern for people looking for and wanting to purchase books. Not to mention a dedication to the Library and the Friends

This letter is typical of what our Bookstore volunteers hear daily from our many satisfied customers. Volunteers and Bookstore managers are eager to get the all clear so we may reopen our stores and once again provide our own community and surrounding areas with their much desired reading materials.

"I wish it had not happened in my time," said Frodo. "So do I," said Gandolf
'and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide.
All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.'"

.....J.R.R. Tolkein

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

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

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and healthy. We have been closed since March 14 and the staff misses seeing and assisting all of the patrons in person. Staff is split into an A shift and B shift so we are not all in the Library working at the same time. We telecommute two days and are in the Library two days and telecommute on our Friday rotation. We have been very busy and I'd like to share some of the things we've been working on since the closure:

- Book drops remain open and we are checking in items after they have been quarantined for 72 hours. Since being closed, we've checked in 3,422 items.
- Allison is doing virtual Storytime via Facebook and getting over 250 views.
- We've added **Enki California Digital Library** to our web page. It's a collection of ebooks that are easy to download and you can read them on your computer, phone or tablet.
- Staff are utilizing the 3D printer machine that was purchased with a donation from Southern California Edison and making ear guards for face masks and face straps. We have made 40 so far and will be giving them to health care workers and seniors in healthcare facilities.
- We have registered 82 new patrons who can use their new library cards online. We have sent out 44 Zip Books and another 30 should be delivered soon.
- We've shifted the non-fiction books and made some other changes so things will look a little bit different on the Adult Reference side of the Library.
- We have a reopening committee and they are developing a plan for when the time comes that we can open to the public, although we know it will not be as it was right before we closed.

It's been amazing to see the shift in how staff work and the creativity that has come from this pandemic. Staff dug right in and I'm so proud of the way they have embraced delivering virtual services.

We hope to see you all soon!

Take care and stay well,
Elise Malkowski

(Editor's Note: The Library staff is working diligently to continue serving the community)

Murrieta
Sunrise
Friday
April 10,
2020



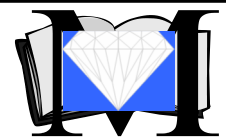
Out of 231 Safest Cities in California,
Murrieta was ranked number Fifteen.

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
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cultural and recreational needs of our
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