

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

..... Rita Nastri

It's SPRING! And Spring brings renewal and new life. I know we are still coping with COVID-19, but things seem to be opening, and we can again begin to spread our wings a bit, still practicing COVID guidelines even after vaccination.

I want to again thank all of our members for their enthusiasm and support over the past months. It's been fun to see you "pop up" at our zoom meetings for some exciting and interesting programs. Although the Library is reopening on a very limited schedule, I don't see us returning to the Community Room any time soon. So we will continue to enjoy the Friends monthly meetings from the convenience of our own home for a while longer.

I mentioned renewal earlier. As I write, I'm thinking of our renewed commitment to the Friends of the Murrieta Library and in essence, the Murrieta Library. I will restate today, what I said in *Booknotes* two years ago, "Your membership in the Friends makes you part of something larger than as an individual. It is only as a group that we can continue to provide the support to our Library on such a grand scale." These words ring true no matter how often they are said.

So again, thank you to all of our Friends and volunteers. And let's not forget our super Front-line Heroes who have kept us safe over the past months.

REMINDER: Our programs due to COVID are still available comfortably right in your own home merely 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, followed by a quick coffee break, followed by the program. Please do join us.

We would also like to welcome back our fabulous Library staff now that the Library is open—see page 4 for more.

PROGRAMS

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

MAY 18th.....TONY CONRAD

We are pleased to introduce and to welcome our newly appointed Murrieta Chief of Police.



Chief Conrad will be the third internal promotion to Chief of Police and he comes ready to serve with 26 years of experience, starting with San Diego Police Department. Married and with a son in college, the Conrad family have been residents of the Murrieta/Temecula Valley for 26 years. We wish him well and feel fortunate to have another Chief of his quality at the head of our very fine Police Department.

JUNE 15th.....REBECCA K. O'CONNOR, Author, Artist, Falconer

Here, again, our Program Chairs have found for your pleasure this amazing and multi-talented speaker for our June program.



"In every aspect of my work, I will strive to help people understand their connection to the wilder world, its animals (including other people) and to celebrate it."

The Oscar award for the best documentary went to a film with this very same premise. *My Octopus Teacher*. It is on Netflix. Wonderful!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY



Teachers don't teach for the income. They teach for the outcome.

May 4th



Cinco de Mayo Fiesta — May 5th



Mother's Day—May 9th



LEST WE FORGET —May 31st

JUNE



June 12th—4th Annual Murrieta Police Department K9 Trials to be held at Murrieta Mesa High School. Gates open at 11:00; events start at 12:30. Watch some amazing police K9 teams show what they can do. A great family event.

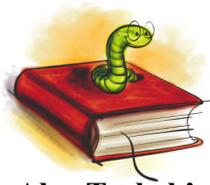


Flag Day—June 14th is a celebration commemorating the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777. A resolution that was passed by the Second Continental Congress.



June 20th

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BOOK REVIEW

Alex Trebek's.....The Answer Is.....
Reflections on My Life

Many times, he was approached by publishers and writers to do an autobiography or consent to an authorized biography but was never interested until he was diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer. This book is so down to earth and openly honest about a much beloved host of a much watched game show "*Jeopardy.*" You will so enjoy following his path as he tells it himself through the years, both professionally and personally.

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Nancy Dixon

COVID at the Corner Continued

As I have said, COVID at the Corner Bookstore means our Community Of Volunteers Is Dedicated. That has continued to be so true throughout these last eleven months. To me, and to our customers, they are heroes and are definitely essential workers. Because of their dedication and willingness to put themselves "on the line" if you will, we have been making more in the four days per week we are open than in the usual six days. In the Month of March, we averaged \$454 per day! The numbers bear witness to what a community service they are providing.

The following (in alphabetical order) are our Dedicated Volunteers who have been covering the shifts: Kelli-Ann Almeida, Kathy Cagle, Judith Ann Edwards, Karin Galina, Susan Hall, Sandra Havens, Ann Hickey, Lois Mayhew, Sheri Richter, Ann Rivera, Mary Lou Rosczyk, Esteban Sardinha, Mary Schiavi, JoAnn Snodgrass, and Jessica Zelon.

"Thanks" does not begin to cover our gratitude, but in our otherwise rich language, it's the one we have! So, from our heart, THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

Nancy Dixon

Volunteering.....

"The broadest and most meaningful definition of volunteering: Doing more than you have to because you want to, for a cause that is good."

What better cause than our very own Murrieta Public Library and it's amazingly efficient, professional, helpful staff. All for free.

[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, Officers and Directors . Use this link for more information:

AT TOWN SQUARE

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MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Friends,

Happy spring! The Murrieta Public Library reopened with modifications on April 12th. Temperature checks and masks are required and we ask that patrons limit their visits to one hour or less and seating is not yet available. It's been wonderful to see the patrons again and we look forward to expanding our hours and services in the near future. Currently we are open 10 AM to 6 PM Monday through Thursday and 12 to 5 PM Friday and Saturday.

We recently updated the self-checkout stations. The original self-checkouts are still available which brings the total to six and helps with social distancing while checking out materials. Be sure to give our new ones a try on your next visit.

The Summer Reading Challenge will be online again this year. We will host a Book Fair for those who complete the Challenge and they will be able to select a book for their prize.

We are in the process of recruiting a Supervising Librarian for the Youth Services department and we expect to have a new staff member on board by the end of May.

Hope to see you all soon!

Sincerely,
Elise Malkowski
Deputy Director of Library Services

MEMBER NEWS..... Karen Michaud, Chair

"Books and doors are the same thing. You open them, and you go through into another world."
.....Jeanette Winterson

Thank you to our new members:

Lifetime: Evelyn Dial Family: The Garcia Family
Tom and Linda Hicks Alma Sanchez

June is the FOML Renewal Month

In June we ask all of our members (except our Lifetime members) to renew their membership. Our dues are the same as previous years.

If you wish to become a Lifetime member the cost is \$250.00 and you don't have to renew again. Plus a golden leaf, in your name, will be added to the Giving Tree in the Murrieta Public Library

How to renew:

- You may renew online at the Friends of the Murrieta Library Website using PayPal.
-- You may use our Membership Form and return it by mail to:
Friends of the Murrieta Library, P.O. Box 235, Murrieta, CA 92564
--You may drop off your renewal at either the Corner or Town Square Bookstores during their open hours.

As always, thank you for your support of the FOML and our Murrieta Public Library. Your help is powerful and appreciated.

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 _____
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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

Table with 2 columns: Membership Type and Dues Amount. Rows include Individual (\$15.00), Family (\$20.00), Supporting (\$25.00), Patron (\$50.00), and Business (\$100.00).

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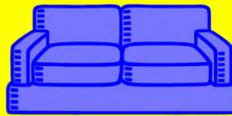
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