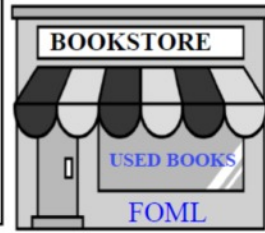




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.....Rita Nastri

Since our last Booknotes in March, we have enjoyed two very successful and interesting programs set up by our Program Chair Kiki Fritschi. We've had an excellent turnout for each of these events. Mayor Lisa DeForest, City Manager Kim Summers, Vista Murrieta High School Principal Celeste Scallion, and three other local successful women provided a panel discussion during National Women in History Month. And because Earth Day was not an opportunity to be missed, the Friends hosted Library Specialist Kathryn Miller who unveiled her upcoming garden project and seed library. Eleanor Newhard always provides the best refreshments as does Jenny Pineda of Starbucks with their coffee and pastry. Yumm and thank you both.



The Friends have been busy outside of the Library this month. We shared a booth with the Library staff and the Library Foundation group at the Fire and Rescue BBQ as well as our own booth at the Earth Day celebration. Both were very successful events. A big thank you goes to the Farmers - Pat (for getting us involved) and Lin (for all the heavy lifting, etc), Karen Michaud, and the Eberhardt family for spending the time in the booth meeting and greeting people.

Both bookstores are open and doing well. Thank you to the volunteers as they clean, price and shelve the books to keep the stores stocked to meet the needs of their patrons. We accept PayPal and Venmo now so we are right into the 21st Century. Nancy Dixon is as busy as ever and Karen Michaud, the Interim Volunteer Scheduler for Town Square, has stepped right up to keep things going. Is there anything more than Thank You that can be said!

June begins our annual renewal for our members. It sounds so nice to say that. I remember when we were trying to keep tabs of renewals on a monthly basis. A big thank you again goes to Karen Michaud who has done a remarkable job of tracking our members in her newly created system. Don't forget to renew right after you finish reading Booknotes!

Just today (April 25) we celebrated the official dedication of the Carol Carson Garden of Verses. Melvin Racelis and his staff had a beautiful afternoon for us as we reminisced about our dear FRIEND, Carol Carson. I was honored to welcome the City Council members (we have such a nice relationship with them) and our City Manager as well as Carol's daughter Dawn and many members of the Carson family to this special occasion. Years ago, my daughter sent me a thank you card that she bought at Trader Joe's which had a quote from Cicero. It was the most appropriate way to end my greeting as well as end my notes this month.

"If you have a Garden and a Library, you have everything you need."



Refreshment Table

Refreshments for our May 16 General Meeting and Program are being provided by Starbucks at 25175 Madison Avenue in Murrieta.

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Murrieta Public Library Updates

Dear Friends,

We are beginning our strategic planning process and we would like your input! We currently have an online survey on our web page at (<https://www.murrietaca.gov/1315/Murrieta-Public-Library-Community-Survey>). Each member of the community we serve is important and has a unique perspective that could help us continue to meet the evolving needs of our community. We would love to hear from you about what we are doing well and where we can improve. By completing the survey, you can enter to win a prize!

April was a very busy month for the Library, packed with exceptional programs and events. Two of our most significant events throughout the year happened in April; our second Touch-a-Truck and third Earth Day Celebration were well-attended, with over 3,000 in attendance for each event. At our Earth Day Celebration, we also had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for our new and improved Seed Library, thanks to a grant from the California State Library, so check out some seeds and begin planting!

The Library was also honored to host the official renaming ceremony of the Garden of Verses, now known as the Carol Carson Garden of Verses. The entire City Council, the City Manager and other members of the City's Executive Team, Friends board members, Foundation board members, and Carol's family attended the ceremony and it was a very special tribute to Carol Carson. I never had the opportunity to work with Carol, but her actions throughout the years and her dedication to the Library was exemplary, and I hope we continue to honor her memory by taking our Library to the next level as we continue to improve and adapt to meet our growing community's needs.



Now as the weather warms, we look forward to summer and our annual Summer Reading Challenge taking place from June 5 to July 29 for all ages. This year's theme is "Find your Voice!" Sign up and pledge to read books over the summer and pick your "passport to read" at the Library starting on June 5. We are also very excited to be hosting our larger summer events on Friday evenings in Town Square Park. A full listing will be posted on the Library's web page (www.murrietaca.gov/library). Here are a few of the family programs happening in the Town Square Park Amphitheater:

- Kids Imagine Nation (A Musical Dance Party) – Friday, June 9 @ 7 pm
- The Magic of Justin Rivera – Friday, June 30 @ 7 pm
- Line Dancing at the Park – Friday, July 14 @ 7 pm
- Hula Hooping – Friday, July 28 @ 7 pm

I hope to see you all at the Library enjoying our new and improved Seed Library, attending some of the fantastic summer programs we have lined up, or just relaxing in the Library cooling off with a good book.

Warm regards,

Melvin Racelis, Library Manager

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>

Programs

“Music is the universal language of mankind.” – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

We mentioned some months back to look for future programs to include performers, music and dance. The time has arrived and we invite you to celebrate the many music holidays of May.

After our General Meeting on Tuesday May 16th, you will be entertained and delighted by music students from Mt. San Jacinto College. These students study with the very talented Professor Eric Rea. Some of them will play our Library’s exquisite grand piano, some will play jazz guitar and others will sing. They are all well-grounded students, talented performers and can interact with audiences of all age groups. We are looking forward to this joyful time and hope you bring a friend to enjoy this special performance!



Remember, the public and guests are all invited to attend. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 16th in the Murrieta Library Community Room located at 8 Town Square, on Adams between Juniper and Kalmia. Immediately following the program, coffee and refreshments will be served. For more information, please visit our website at: www.murrietalibraryfriends.org.

We look forward to future programs every other month. Mark July 18th as we honor “World Listening Day” to appreciate the beauty of nature, your community, and the people around you! We will learn mindfulness from an expert and learn to take more moments of silence to improve our health and well being. Shhh...we’re in the Library.

Note: You can check out not only books on music and dance, but also some musical instruments in our Library.

Kiki Fritschi, Program Director

Town Square Bookstore Update

March and April have been an exciting and interesting time at the Town Square Bookstore. The flood on March 14, 2023 closed the store until the issues were resolved and we REOPENED on April 11, 2023. We are grateful to the Murrieta Public Library staff and the Murrieta Public Works Department for the quick response, repair, and restoration of the store. We are better than ever!

The volunteers have all eagerly returned and we are busy accepting donations, pricing, and selling books. So, please stop by and browse around, bring in your donations, and

hopefully buy a book as well. Our friendly volunteers will help you find what you need.

If YOU would like to volunteer, please stop by the store and leave a note that you want to volunteer at the Town Square Bookstore. Remember, all our proceeds go to the Library and their programs for children, teens, young adults, and adults.

Thank you for your support!

Karen Michaud

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

12:00 to 3:00 - Saturday

Membership Update

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.”
- Albert Einstein

Dear Friends of the Murrieta Library,

Please join me in welcoming our newest 2023 members:

- The Rogers Family
- Angela Goodhope
- Ciara Martinez
- Avril Williams
- Robert Pasek



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New Members Are Joining

A reminder - Renewal season is upon us! MAY - JUNE - JULY. Each year our annual members must renew. We appreciate your support. Our membership dues help support the various programs at the Murrieta Library for children of all ages, for teen programs, and for adult programs, as well. Our fees are still unchanged:

Individual is \$15 Family is \$20 Support is \$25 Patron is \$50 Business is \$100

If you wish to become a Lifetime Member, and not renew each year, the cost is \$250 and you receive an engraved leaf on the Giving Tree in the Library. There is a form attached below, or you may go online and renew your membership there, or stop in at either the Corner Bookstore or the Town Square Bookstore to renew your membership.

We appreciate all of your support.

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.

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”

Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock Sale

WHEN: Saturday, June 17, 2023
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

WHERE: Friends Corner Bookstore
Los Alamos & Whitewood, east of I-215
(951) 677-5350

WHAT: Overstock Fiction and Nonfiction

HOW MUCH: \$1.00 - Hardbacks
50¢ - Trade Paperbacks
25¢ - Regular Paperbacks

All proceeds benefit the Murrieta Public Library

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Sidewalk Overstock Sale

It's that time of the year again for the Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock Sale. There are always some great deals on good condition used books. Be sure to come early and remember to bring a friend!



Celebrating Carol Carson In Her Garden

When we think of Carol Carson, our immediate reaction is something like a big hug. She was so much the heart of the Friends. But we also remember the many, many contributions she made.

First of all, we literally wouldn't be standing here if it weren't for her, as she paid for the hardscape here in the Garden. Then there's the fact that there wouldn't be a City of Murrieta without the joint effort she and her husband Dave dedicated to the Cityhood committee, which accomplished its goal of the City of Murrieta in 1991. She continued her involvement with the city as a faithful attendee and participant at City Council meetings. As Kim Summers, our wonderful City manager said: "Carol was such a wonderful and generous person who kept me on my toes but always with the City and its Library's best interest in her heart."

Carol joined the work of Dottie Renon and Carol Kravagna to get a library for Murrieta by the founding of the Friends of the Murrieta Library in 1996. She created our logo by combining the Murrieta City "Gem of the Valley" with a backing of an open book. Carol was on the Board since its founding and was the Treasurer for more than twenty years. The first library became a reality in 1999, and the first bookstore was opened later that year.

Carol has always been a major supporter and cheerleader of the bookstores, as well as of all the Friends' fundraising activities. One of her *many* behind-the-scenes generosity was the donation of the book bags which we give away at the Corner Bookstore.

Oh, but there's more! Carol was the passionate creator, publisher, editor, contributor – the very heart of the Booknotes. She created it in 1997, and her last issue was her 143rd!

Loretta McKinney summed Carol up beautifully when she wrote: "She was Murrieta's Grand Dame: With a twinkle in her eye and endless energy to do the best for Murrieta, there was never a goal too big or a task too small for Carol. Her intelligence, compassion, and sincere love shined on all of us; Carol was the epitome 'Gem of the Valley'. We feel her loss individually, and will always feel her legacy in the Library and in the City as a whole."

On the plaque on the fireplace here in the garden is a quote by Winston Churchill which Carol loved: "*We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.*" That was Carol. She was our official Angel and Mother Hen! She was not just our Treasurer, she was our *treasure!*

Nancy Dixon - April 25, 2023

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Murrieta, CA 92563
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