



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**      ..... Rita Nastri

April was National Volunteer Month, a time to recognize those around us who dedicate their time to helping others. As President of the Friends, I would like to again thank our own dedicated Volunteers for the many hours of service they provide to not only the bookstores, but also to the Murrieta Public Library. If you tallied the Volunteer hours (which the over 100 Friends who volunteer in some way as mentioned above), and utilized the minimum wage currently in effect; well, you can figure it out easily. This number does not even account for wages of any leadership positions. It is mind boggling to even try to calculate what a Volunteer is able to provide to not only the Friends of the Murrieta Library but to every other philanthropic fundraising organization. So I say, **“CONGRATULATIONS and a very large THANK YOU to not only us but EVERY VOLUNTEER!”**

2024 UPCOMING EVENTS	
5/13	Board Meeting
5/21	General Meeting 'California State Parks'
6/10	Board Meeting
6/15	Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock Sale

Maggie Pilotte, former Manager of the Town Square Bookstore for forever, retired again. Last year she retired as manager, but this year, she retired again, this time as a bookstore volunteer having served well over 20 years overall. We will miss Maggie, but I'm sure she will be stopping by to say hi occasionally and hopefully, she'll continue to attend our meetings.

I would like to thank the Friends Board who worked with the Bookstore Managers to host a lovely Volunteer Recognition luncheon on April 30 for our Bookstore Volunteers. Just in case you were not able to be there, please be sure to collect your Certificate of Thanks at your bookstore.

We are well into spring even if the weather doesn't seem to be cooperating. But May reminds us the children are winding their way down with school and looking forward to summer reading and the fun programs the Library has to offer. I am delighted, as are the Board members, to let you know the Friends will be supplying books for the Lunch at the Library program in conjunction with the Library grant funds. Coupons are to be given out at the school to the adults with the children to turn in for a free book at their convenience since the bookstore will be closed on the days the Library is participating. More information will be available on this program.

Kiki Fritschi has another interesting and timely program lined up for May 21, so be sure to read about it in her article. And June is coming quickly so look for more information on renewing your Friends membership with Karen Michaud, our Membership Chairperson. Don't forget, Lifetime Memberships are available for your convenience. It helps you to remember you NEVER have to renew again. One and Done, as they say!

I look forward to seeing you at our May meeting.



**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,

April was a very busy month for the Library, packed with exceptional events and programs. One of our most significant events each year is our annual Touch-a-Truck event, and we'd like to thank the Friends for their support in helping to pay for supplies and for manning a booth at the event. This year, Touch-a-Truck attracted over 2,000 attendees and included many food vendors and a very popular trackless train.

On May 4, watercolor paint-by-numbers kits will be available for adults starting at 12 p.m., and on May 6, there will be an acrylic painting class for our Library for All participants starting at 10 a.m. Chase Bank will be rounding out a series of adult programs by hosting a program called The Power of Capital on May 14 at 4 p.m.

Plans for the expansion of the Children's Area continue with the schematic design/cost estimate anticipated to be completed in May 2024. Construction documents will likely be completed in October 2024, followed by bidding and a contract award sometime between November 2024 and February 2025. More information and draft designs can be found on the Library's web page at <https://www.murrietaca.gov/1350/Childrens-Library-Expansion-Project>.

As the weather warms, we look forward to summer and our annual Summer Reading Challenge taking place from June 1 to July 27 for all ages. This year's theme is "Read, Renew, Repeat." Sign up and pledge to read books over the summer and pick up your "passport to read" at the Library starting on June 1. There will be special prizes, events, mobile museum visits, and take-home kits available throughout the summer. As always, a big THANK-YOU to the Friends for their generous and continued support of the Summer Reading Challenge!

I hope to see you all at the Library, attending some of the fantastic programs we have lined up, picking up kits or just relaxing with a good book.

Warm regards,

Melvin Racelis, Library Manager



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"

## May is National Tourism Month

May is National Tourism Month so it's an ideal time to highlight our California State Parks!

I am fortunate to have traveled much of the world and all 50 states. I was privileged to live on Long Island, NY, a suburb of Pittsburgh, PA and a suburb of Dallas, TX where their Libraries were excellent and offered current reading materials and a quiet sensory space when needed.

However, I am back home in Murrieta where I find Murrieta's Library to be exceptional. Our Public Library offers so many amenities including the California State Park passes, passport services, and more fun areas like a seed library, and space for the youngest children as well as youth and adults of all ages.

The Friends of the Murrieta Library hold special programs every other month to highlight National holidays, as well as activities and programs in our schools and community. Please join us in May for an exciting program presented by Ian Bernstein, K-12 Access & PORTS Program Coordinator from the California State Park Inland Empire District in Perris, CA. We look forward to this informative and exciting program.

**What:** A special look into the unique ecological diversity; the exquisite sandy shores and Pacific Islands of California, the beauty of our scorching deserts, and iconic glacier-cut valleys and mountain ranges.

**When:** Tuesday, May 21 at the 3:30 pm General Meeting, a 10-minute break and 4:00 pm program.

**Where:** The Community Room of the Murrieta Public Library.

\*\* Enjoy some snacks and beverages at the break and after this beautiful and informative presentation. \*\*

I look forward to seeing you. Please feel comfortable to bring family, friends and neighbors.

Your FOML Program Director, *Karen 'Kiki' Fritschi*



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## Ten Benefits of Being a Friends of the Murrieta Library Volunteer

1. Banish boredom - a great way to be active and involved.
2. Meet people with similar interests.
3. Network. Interact with many people.
4. Stay "In the Know" on current literature.
5. Share your knowledge with others.
6. Learn about authors, publishing, pricing and more.
7. Recognize the value of books.
8. Stay in the know with technology.
9. Be engaged in your own community.
10. Be part of a group whose hard work makes a valuable contribution to the Murrieta Public Library.



**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.**

# Town Square Bookstore Update

*"The little store attached to the Murrieta Public Library"*

The Town Square Bookstore has had a wonderful March and April period. We get new volunteers every month and welcome more! We welcome these energetic volunteers: Bill Hurtt, Bonnie Derleth, Stephi Villanueva.

Volunteers are very busy people. We take in hundreds of books each week. As volunteers, we sort them, clean them, price them, and then our volunteers shelve them in various categories from fiction to nonfiction, and paperback to hardcover. We have adult books of all varieties and numerous children's books, also fiction and nonfiction. Remember, we have an Internet sales program as well.

Our range of prices vary from new books (\$7.50) to slightly used, to more used and our prices reflect those differences. We also have an "Ongoing Overstock Sale" on the carts outside of the store for 50¢ each. Our Third Annual Overstock Sale will be on Saturday, August 10, 2024, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Mark your calendar for that exciting event.



Someone recently asked, do you make any money? We do! All our workers are volunteers. As the little store attached to the Murrieta Public Library, our rent is negligible. All our profits are profits, after insurance, and some cleaning materials. The Square credit card reader has really made a difference. We are so grateful for that addition to our store.

In March, our cash sales were \$910, our credit card sales were \$860 plus \$36 from Venmo, and our Internet sales were \$392.

Due to staffing, we are only open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10 AM to 4 PM and Saturday from 1 to 4 PM. If you have not visited us in a while, please come in and check us out!!!

Always looking for volunteers,

Karen Michaud, FOML Town Square Volunteer Scheduler

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## Corner Store Sidewalk Overstock Sale!

### Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock Sale

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 15, 2024  
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

Friends of the Murrieta Library  
*A California 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation*

### 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 nearly new used books. Be sure to come early and tell and bring a friend!



# Membership Update

"With a library you are free, not confined by temporary political climates. It is the most democratic of institutions because no one---but no one at all---can tell you what to read and when and how."

~ Doris Lessing (1919-2013) English Writer



Scan to Renew Membership

We were fortunate in March and April to have received nine new members and two renewing memberships. We are pleased to welcome: Bill Hurtt, Jayne Schneider, Bonnie Derleth, Stephi Villanueva, Vi and Richard Kirby, Ariana Martinez Family, Patricia Hardy, and Carlotta Pegan. Renewing: Mark Bahlmann and Mary and David Wulfsberg.

June is our official renewal month. This is for FOML members who renew annually. Lifetime Members are members for life and do not need to renew. You can use a credit card by going online to our website, or use the QR Code provided here. Checks and money are also still welcome, too!

FOML monies are used to support programs, book collections, and events at the Murrieta Public Library. Thank you all in advance for your ongoing 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.**

## 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/)



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Murrieta, CA 92563  
(951) 677-1700



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