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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ..... Rita Nastri

Happy spring to all of us! Easter and Passover are already behind us as we approach a soon to be warmer time for Murrieta. This is the perfect time to think about our first fundraiser in quite a few years. **Pick Up Stix** of Murrieta (24635 Madison) is partnering with the Friends to provide this easy fundraiser. All we have to do is buy lunch or dinner there on May 3rd. If our purchases total over \$1000, they will provide us with 25% of the income. The catch is we have to show the attached flyer and we have to reach that \$1000 minimum. So this is your time to help the Friends. And the best part is, you don't have to make lunch or dinner that day. The staff at Pick Up Stix, many of whom live locally and utilize our own wonderful Library, are supportive and very Library friendly. I look forward to seeing all of you sometime that day as we order our food. Here's my pitch to you, when you receive the e-blast from the Friends, please forward it to all of your local friends so they too can help us reach the \$1000 minimum. We've done this before and I know we can do it again.

**Pick Up Stix Restaurant** in Murrieta will donate 25% of sales to support the Friends of the Murrieta Library on May 3. Please scan the QR code below to get a flyer needed for verification. Valid for all orders - Dine In, Take Home, Phone Ahead, Catering, and Online Ordering.



Please join me in welcoming Anne Triche-Steen as our new Hospitality Chairperson. We are delighted to have her with us. Anne also volunteers at the Town Square Bookstore. She and Kiki Fritschi will be working together to coordinate a really pleasant afternoon meeting/program for us. Thank you, both. Look for Kiki's message about our upcoming May 20th program.

The City of Murrieta is moving forward toward the groundbreaking for the Library's Children's Area extension. The tentative date will hopefully be sometime in July or August this year. The Friends have committed to providing funding for the interior fixtures when it is complete. The donation from Pick Up Stix will go towards future Library needs.

Of course, both the Town Square Bookstore and Corner Bookstore are our main source of funding for the Library. I cannot thank the wonderful Volunteers who keep these stores going. They unpack, price, display and lug around boxes of books not only for daily sales in their respective stores, but also for those really heavy days of Overstock Sales. Remember to stop by and say hello to them when you are shopping for books. And don't forget to donate your gently used books. Please ask your own friends to do the same.

We're well into spring, and spring is a time of renewal. Please pardon my segue into this, but 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! And...you get a Leaf on the Library Tree with your name engraved.

This is my favorite quote all the way back to Cicero. It is the most appropriate way to end my greeting as well as end my notes this month besides saying, **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO THE FRIENDS OF THE MURRIETA LIBRARY.**

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

## Murrieta Public Library Update

Dear Friends,

The spring season is in full swing at the Library with continuing programs and events as well as new ones for all ages; see below for details on just a few of them.

One of the most exciting updates is always the Children's Area Expansion! The construction design package for the Children's Area Expansion has been submitted for a second round of plan check and it is anticipated that the bid package will be published in May 2025. The goal is to break ground on construction by July/August 2025. The Murrieta Public Library Foundation has launched a GoFundMe fundraiser to support the Expansion project and if you wish to donate, please visit <https://gofund.me/7251b9c3>.

Also on the horizon is the Library's annual Summer Reading Challenge taking place from June 9 to July 19 for all ages. This year's theme is "Level Up at Your Library!" Sign up and pick up your "passport to read" and pledge to read books over the summer. There will be special prizes, events, and take-home kits available throughout the Challenge. As always, a big THANK-YOU to the Friends for their generous and continued support of the Summer Reading Challenge! We couldn't do it without you!

We're pleased to offer new and ongoing programs for the community:

- **For adults:** Protea Book Fold (May 8, 3 p.m.), Genealogy Meetup (May 22, 4:30 p.m.), both in the Lab.
- **For all ages:** Chess Open Play every Friday at 3 p.m. in the Lab.
- **For children:** Dog Tales every Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room (ages 3–12), and Garden Storytime returns May 7 at 10:30 a.m.
- **For teens:** Tabletop Game Night on May 16 from 5–8 p.m. in the Community Room.
- **For individuals with disabilities:** Library for All meets every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Lab.

We're also proud to host the Riverside County Workforce Development Center on-site at the Library every Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., through May 19, 2025, offering career planning, resume assistance, vocational training referrals, and job market guidance.

And don't miss our newest service -- PRINCH, a new mobile printing solution. With PRINCH, Library users can easily print documents from their smartphones, tablets, or laptops. Stop by and take advantage of this convenient new service today!

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

Warm regards,

Melvin Racelis, Library Manager

*\*Editor's Note - You can also send your Library Expansion Donation directly to the Friends of the Murrieta Library using the QR Code located on Page 5 of this publication.*

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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>

# Town Square Bookstore Update

*"Women, If the soul of the nation is to be saved, I believe that you must become its soul." ~ Coretta Scott King (1927-2006)*

Dear FOML Members:

Spring has sprung at the Town Square Bookstore and our Mascot Gigi has been engaging children with Easter books and looks forward to the Merry Month of May, as well as celebrating Mother's Day. Our quest to sell books and fund programs at the Murrieta Public Library continues with the amazing work from our intrepid volunteers. Each open day involves at least four volunteers and their work receiving, cleaning, checking, pricing, shelving, and selling a variety of books, CD's, DVD's.

Again, thank you to our Internet Book volunteers, Art and Laurie, for all the time and effort they put forth in selling hundreds of dollars' worth of books each month.

Many thanks to the multiple volunteers who sort, set up, sell, and clean up at our monthly \$3 per Bag Sale in the Community Room of the Murrieta Library.

And our gratitude to our volunteers who work our regular Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 AM to 4 PM, and Saturday 1 PM to 4 PM hours.

\$3.00 Bag Sales will be May 17, June 28, and July 26 from noon to 4 PM.

Thank you, members, for shopping at the Town Square Bookstore.

Warmly,

Karen Michaud and Evie Dial

Co-Managers, Town Square Bookstore

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## Town Square Bookstore Overstock Sale

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 17 & June 28  
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Murrieta Library Community Room

**WHAT:** Overstock Fiction and Nonfiction

**HOW MUCH:** \$3.00 per bag  
Purchase our bag and 'fill it up'

All proceeds benefit the Murrieta Public Library.

Friends of the Murrieta Library  
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### 2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

5/3	Pick Up Stix Fundraiser
5/12	Board Meeting
5/17	Town Sq. Overstock Sale
5/20	General Meeting
6/9	Board Meeting
6/17	General Meeting
6/21	Corner Overstock Sale
6/28	Town Sq. Overstock Sale
7/14	Board Meeting
7/15	General Meeting

**PICK UP STIX**  
FRESH ASIAN FLAVORS

**HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR  
FRIENDS OF THE MURRIETA LIBRARY**

Pick Up Stix Restaurants will donate 25% of sales to support  
Friends of the Murrieta Library.  
Fundraiser only at participating location listed on this flyer.  
Please bring in this flyer for verification.

DINE IN | TAKE HOME | PHONE AHEAD | CATERING | MOBILE & ONLINE ORDERING

<b>MAY 3</b> SATURDAY	<b>PICK UP STIX – MURRIETA</b> 24635 MADISON AVE   MURRIETA 951-461-2689	<b>11 – 9</b> AM PM
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**pickupstix.com**

Pick Up Stix on Madison Avenue in Murrieta will donate 25% of sales to the Friends on Saturday, May 3 from 11 am to 9 pm. Use this QR code to download a flyer to your phone for verification at Pick Up Stix or get a flyer on our website at:  
<https://www.murrietalibraryfriends.org/misc/stixflyer.pdf>



## May Program



Friends of the Murrieta Library Presents

### "CHILDREN'S LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT and CELEBRATE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MONTH"

Join us TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

In the Community Room of the Murrieta Public  
Library 8 Town Square, Murrieta



#### **SPEAKERS:**

- Brian Ambrose, Community Services Director
- Brian Crawford, Senior Program Manager
- Melvin Racelis, Library Manager
- Kayti Mathewson, Children's Services Supervising Librarian

**'MURRIETA Invests In OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE'**

~Bring Family, Friends and Children to this F-U-N Program to  
Learn more about

**\*\*Murrieta's Children's Library Expansion and ENJOY A  
PERFORMANCE BY MVUSD MUSICIANS\*\***

REFRESHMENTS Compliments of FOML ~

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## Corner Overstock Sale

### Sidewalk Overstock Sale

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

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 21, 2025  
10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

**WHAT:** Overstock fiction and nonfiction

GOOD TO EXCELLENT  
CONDITION

**HOW MUCH?** \$1.00 for hardbacks  
50¢ for Trade paperbacks  
25¢ for paperbacks

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE  
MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## Now Accepting Credit Cards, Apple Pay, and Google Pay at Both Stores

### Corner Store

39445 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

8 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

### 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"



## Membership Update

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed it is the only thing that ever has." ~Margaret Mead*

Dear FOML Members:

Welcome to spring and happy reading to all of you! Thank you again for your membership with the Friends of the Murrieta Library. In the last two months we welcomed four new members. We thank our newest members: Attilio Giolli, Violette Fabiano, Jeslyn Maramba, and Sue Hall.

As you have seen in our Booknotes, the Murrieta Public Library is planning an expansion of the Library and enhancement of the Children's Library area. To help with this expansion, the Friends are making our first "raise" in membership dues in many years.

Therefore, starting in the month of June with our annual renewal membership drive, we will be raising our annual dues by \$5.00.

**Individual: \$20; Family: \$25; Supporting: \$30; Our Patron \$50 and Lifetime \$250 remains the same.**



Scan to Renew Membership

Please note, renewal applies to people who became members prior to January 2025.

Thank you all again for your support of the Murrieta Library and all it does for people of all ages.

~Karen Michaud, Membership Chair



Scan for Friends Website

**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.**

## Library Expansion

We are collecting funds for the Library's Expansion project. Funds collected will go towards the Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) for furnishings after the construction. You can use the link below or scan the QR code to the right to donate. We appreciate any donation that you can make. We are a tax-exempt charitable corporation, designated as such by the IRS under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your donation may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax professional. <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/8NQ4N4E5KLFPQ>

Murrieta Library Expansion Project





## SPONSORS



We thank the following businesses for their support of the Friends of the Murrieta Library.



**First Citizens Bank**

41520 Ivy Street  
Murrieta, CA 92562  
(951) 461-0411



24690 Washington Ave  
Murrieta, CA 92562  
(951) 677-0960



39413 Los Alamos Rd, Suite A  
Murrieta, CA 92563  
(951) 677-1700

## 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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