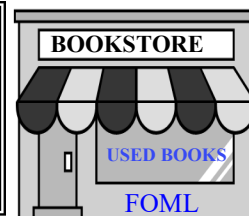




BOOKNOTES



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

..... Rita Nastri

I, like the rest of the Board, hope that everyone has sustained this stay-at-home time and come out of it healthy and a bit wiser. There have been some long days and time enough to reflect on life, be it good or bad. I have loved this time at home in the house during those cold days in March and April. And with the warmer and longer days, I've done my to-do list that I hadn't really had time or energy for in the past. Now, I'm in the garden enjoying all the fruits of my love and labor (flowers and birds only).

The Friends is constantly looking to strengthen itself. One of our biggest challenges, which is the same for other volunteer organizations, is membership. Now is the time for us to remind ourselves of why we have joined the Friends. Our proven record of success is still valid, however, with new members, come new ideas or new twists to the success of yester years. Team effort will be required to maintain these new members as well as keep all of our members productive and happy.

Karen Michaud has organized and already set forth our membership renewal for 2020-2021. I just read a quote by Kilroy J. Oldster, who is believed to have been the origin of the "Kilroy was here" expression, who offered his opinion that, "Nature is never static. It is always changing. Everything is in a constant state of flux. Nothing endures. Everything is in the process of either growing or expiring." The Friends would like to continue to grow with your help.

The Bookstores are open and I would like to thank Maggie Pilotte and Laurie Razo for working so hard during the isolation period selling lots of books online. And also thank Nancy Dixon and her volunteers for opening the Corner Bookstore just at the time that Murrieta went into Accelerated Stage Two.

We are really focusing on the new season in the Fall. We have been able to reschedule two of our cancelled programs for September and October so I know we will be off to a great start with the same quality of speakers.

I have to share one last tidbit. My daughter sent me a blank card some years ago, before I really got involved with the Friends. She bought it at Trader Joes. She knows I go through volumes of audio books annually especially while I garden. This quote is on the front of the card.

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." Cicero

Thank you for your continued support. Stay well and wear those masks. We hope to see you soon.

PROGRAMS

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

Due to the Coronavirus still being a serious concern the Murrieta Public Library continues to remain closed. Our Program Co-Chairs have successfully rescheduled speakers that were signed up for the spring and June dates. July and August are normally dark anyway for the Friends' meetings. These speakers are the ones who graciously postponed their time to come at this later date.

September 15—Diane Kennedy, designer and owner of **Finch Frolic Garden** in Fallbrook. This is a permaculture based habitat where she explains how nature is the ultimate recycler. Something we all need to hear and learn about.

October 20th—Vincent Sweeney and the WWII POWs. Vincent has many interesting stories to relate. As usual refreshments will be served but under new guidelines considering the circumstances.



BOOK REVIEW

.... By Sharon Hunter

MR. NOBODY

by Catherine Steadman

A man is found walking on the beach on an early morning in January. He does not know who he is, and there is no means of identification: nothing in his pockets and labels are cut out of his clothes. He does not speak and is taken to a hospital. A neuropsychiatrist Dr. Emma Lewis is asked to treat him. Thus, begins this psychological thriller

The plot is well paced, slowly giving us clues as chilling bits of information are revealed. One is compelled to read to discover the man’s identity. I was surprised at the conclusion. Steadman’s first novel *Something in the Water* was on the New York Times Best Seller list for weeks and has been optioned for a movie *Mr. Nobody* is her second book. She has a great career ahead of her. In addition, Catherine is an actress and appeared in the series *Downton Abbey*.

FRIENDS OF MURRIETA LIBRARY RENEWAL INFORMATION

Dear Annual Renewal Members of Friends of the Murrieta Library:

The Membership Committee of the Friends of the Murrieta Library hope this message finds you and your family well.

We value our annual members and regret our monthly general meetings and our Bookstores were temporarily on hiatus. We are happy to report the two Bookstores are reopening, on a limited schedule, and we plan to resume our monthly general meetings in the fall.

Although the Murrieta Public Library has been closed, the on-line programs for children and teens have continued. Our annual membership drive helps to fund these programs; and when the Library opens and resumes other programs, we will help fund those as well.

We are asking our annual renewal members to **renew their membership in July 2020.** Please fill out the attached form and mail it to:

**Friends of the Murrieta Library
P.O. Box 235
Murrieta, CA 92564**

OR

Renew online at <https://www.murrietalibraryfriends.org/membership.html>

Dear FOML Lifetime Members:

Thank you for supporting the Friends of the Murrieta Library over the years. We are all grateful for your support of funding programs for the Murrieta Public Library. Thank you also, for supporting our Bookstores and our Internet book sales so generously. We all look forward to the fall and the coming programs at our upcoming General Meetings.

Warmest regards,
FOML Membership Committee

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 _____

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.

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Friends,

Well, it's July and although the Library is still closed to the public, the staff continues to stay busy preparing for the reopening as well as planning a Summer Reading Challenge like no other we've had. Below is an update on what we've been up to since the last newsletter:

The Summer Reading Challenge is online this year using **Beanstack**. Patrons can sign up on their computer or by using the **Beanstack** app.

Virtual programs for teens and adults include **take home paint kits**. They are very popular; paint **Baby Yoda** filled up in two hours. This program is made possible by the **Friends'** annual donation for the Summer Reading Challenge.

Curbside Pickup has been a tremendous success. Staff have made over 495 appointments and provided 1,181 items to patrons.

Book drops remain open and we are checking in items after they have been quarantined for 24 hours. Since being closed, we've checked in 9,026 items.

Allison continues to do virtual **Storytime** via Facebook.

Staff are utilizing the 3D printer machine that was purchased with a donation from Southern California Edison and making ear guards for face masks. We have made 400 so far and will be giving them to health care workers and seniors in healthcare facilities.

We have registered 230 new patrons who can use their new library cards online.
400 Zip Books have been delivered.



Have a fun and safe summer. We hope to see you all soon!

Take care,

Elise Malkowski, Deputy Director of Library Services

BREAKING NEWS: Reopening with a modified schedule and services July 13th. Hours will be as follows: Monday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Curbside service Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Temps will be taken and all patrons entering the Library required to wear a mask. Patrons are encouraged to select their materials, checkout and go.

Summer 2020 is here and while this season may not include any beach trips, you can still pick up the most anticipated books of summer 2020 to read when the weather gets hot. Travel might be out of the question for you this year, but that doesn't mean you can't get away from it all by losing yourself in a good book. And what better place to find the greatest selection, than at your own Murrieta Public Library.

NEW LIBRARIES. Someone has said, "Libraries are a thing of the past." Nobody told the County of Riverside that. They have approved construction of three new libraries. "They don't have their thumb on the pulse of the community," said Chuck Washington, County Supervisor. "They're great gathering places; they're great learning places, and I am proud of what we are doing as a County with our library system."

CONGRATULATIONS to the **City of Menifee** on the announcement of their getting a new Library!! It will be a 20,000 square foot building on a five-acre parcel at La Piedra and Menifee Roads.

A 15,000 square foot branch is planned for at Palm Drive and Park Lane on a 13-acre parcel in **Desert Hot Springs**, replacing the current 3,527 square foot branch at 11691 West Drive.

FRENCH VALLEY's new Library began construction in January of this year. It has a projected completion date of early 2021. It will, as well as the others, have the latest in technology; separate reading rooms for teens and children; group study rooms and many other amenities. It will be the largest of the three new libraries—at 25,000 square feet.

The Friends of the Murrieta Library are looking forward to visiting each of these new Libraries.

COVID-19 BOOKENDS

As we left off at the Corner Bookstore, we made \$516.00 on March 18th, which was a record for a non-Overstock Sale day. When we reopened June 3rd, we made \$529.00! If nothing else, that proves that bookstores are an *essential* service.

While we were closed, as I wrote about last time, 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 was a plastic tub on the floor to catch the cash. We ended up making in the eleven weeks about *two hundred dollars* (at twenty-five and fifty cents per book)! I brought in the boxes the day before we reopened, and the following day, there, on the floor below the mail slot, was a bright pink Post-It note folded over a five dollar bill. The note said "A small thank you!" What a great community is Murrieta!

As I also mentioned last time, during the closure Greg and Laurie Eberhardt, Kathy Cagle, Kelli-Ann Almeida, and Mary Lou Rostcyk loyally priced and shelved books so that we pretty much caught up. Well, that lasted maybe two days, as we have been literally flooded with donations since the reopening. Guess what everyone was doing with all that time at home...

Both the volunteers and customers as well have been basking in book euphoria, and so relieved to have a cure for their abibliophobia!

Nancy Dixon



And what a team the Friends of the Murrieta Library has; all working together to support our extra special Murrieta Public Library and its outstanding staff. You ALL are the BEST!!

The Friends of the Murrieta Library's website is full of information about upcoming programs, location of our two remarkably organized and complete Bookstores, current and past copies of our newsletter, *Booknotzs*, Officers' and Directors' names, volunteer opportunities, membership applications and other pertinent information about the **Friends**. Use this link for direct access to the website.

murrietalibraryfriends.org

GOOD NEWS!! OUR BOOKSTORES ARE NOW OPEN AGAIN. SEE NEW HOURS.

AT TOWN SQUARE

Eight Town Square at the
Library-Adams & B Street
Phone: 600-5724
Covid -19 Hours:
Tues. & Thurs.....10 to 1
All safety precautions in place.
Will open more days later

Buy A Good Book



Support A Good
Cause

AT THE CORNER

39445B Los Alamos Road
Murrieta Gateway Center
Phone: 677-5350
Covid-19 Hrs:
Mon, Tues, Thur....10 to 4
Wed, Fri, Sat.....10 to 6
All safety precautions in place

LAUGHTER

“Laughter is the best medicine in the world.”Milton Berle

“A good, hearty laugh is a powerful cardio workout — just 10 minutes of hearty laughter is equal to 30 minutes on a rowing machine.”Irish Country Magazine

“The human race has one truly effective weapon, and that is laughter.”Mark Twain

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Take Advantage of Technology

Many personal trainers and gyms are offering virtual sessions and classes, which can help keep you accountable and give you a social connection. For free workouts, YouTube is a great resource. You can find virtually any type of exercise at any workout length or intensity you are looking for. There are also many apps, both paid and free, that offer guided workouts and routines. Also, all types of craft and DIY shows are available.



Still working from home.



Prediction: There will be a minor baby boom in nine months and, one day in 2033, we shall witness the rise of the QUARANTEENS.

.....Reader’s Digest

The official mascot of 2020.
Washes his hands incessantly.
He always wears a mask.
When you rearrange the letters
in racoon, they spell
CORONA!

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the State has announced effective immediately, all Californians must wear face coverings in common and public indoor spaces and outdoors when distancing is not possible.

“We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better nature of our angels.”

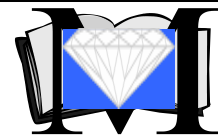
Quote from Abraham Lincoln’s 1st inaugural address, appealing to the people for sectional harmony, is taken from Shakespeare. Seemed applicable for current times.....Editor

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

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The City of Murrieta.....The Letter M
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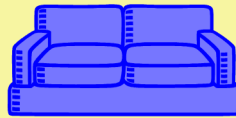
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Editor, Carol Carson