



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Rita Nastri

Disregarding the fact that it is July and well into summer, the Friends are as active as ever. Corner Store Manager, Nancy Dixon and the book store volunteers had another very successful Overstock Sale. Thank you for all the hard work and long hours that went into it. They make it look so easy.

By the way, Nancy Dixon has just celebrated her 20th Anniversary at the Corner Bookstore. Twenty years of volunteering certainly deserves recognition. So the next time that you see her at the Corner Store, please be sure to stop by and say hello and thank you. Yes, Thank You, Nancy!

Town Square Book Store is gearing up for their Second Annual Overstock Book Sale on August 12th. We had an amazing response to the sale last year and hope to do the same this August. Town Square does not have the volunteer base that we enjoy at Corner Store so Karen Michaud, Volunteer Coordinator, and I hope you will volunteer a few hours to help us that day. Please contact one of us.



Speaking of Karen Michaud, she is gathering books to re-stock the Little Library at the Murrieta Elementary School (across the street from our Library). The Little Library was made by Boy Scout Justin Koch as his Eagle Scout project. It was later refurbished by Bonnie Martland. The FOML Little Library is intended to provide a gift of a book to any child who wishes to keep the book. Each month the Friends add additional books. Mid-year we replace all the books. All of our books are donated to the FOML by the community. We are happy for the opportunity to share with the students at Murrieta Elementary School. The Little Library is a gesture of kindness and love from the FOML Town Square Bookstore.

Karen Fritschi is planning a really interesting program for July and I will augment it with my own slides. She, too, has done a great job of getting the word out about how the Friends not just support the Murrieta Library through fund raising, advocacy and volunteerism, they promote awareness and support for the Library as it serves the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of our Community. The Friends bi-monthly meetings serve as a low-key cultural event for our local residents.

Be sure to join us for a chance to meet new FRIENDS, and renew acquaintances with old FRIENDS. Eleanor Newhard always has wonderful refreshments and Starbucks brings their coffee and a surprise goodie. It's a great way to stay cool in mid July!

Pat Farmer is also a busy bee this summer. She is planning one of our great little fundraisers in the Fall. More about that later, though.

Your Board is busy all the time, but also having fun with it. May I encourage all of you to join us as we support not only the Library but also the growing city of Murrieta.

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>



Murrieta Public Library Updates

Hi all,

We are now right in the middle of our Summer Reading Challenge. We have had a fantastic assortment of programs and kits made possible through the generous support of the Friends. The Summer Reading Challenge ends on July 29, and patrons can pledge to read (5) books over the summer and come to the Library to pick up a “passport to read.” The family programs at the Town Square Park Amphitheater for the summer include **Line Dancing** on Friday, July 14, at 6:00 PM. and a **Magic Show** on Friday, July 28, at 7:00 PM. The adult programs in the summer include a **photography contest** from July 3 through July 15 and a **Chinese brush art** program on July 25 at 2:00 PM in the Community Room.

Summer Reading Challenge Statistics as of 6/26/23

- Total Registrations: 1,803
- Books Pledged: 19,847
- Sign-ups:
 - Birth to Grade 6 – 63.8% (1,150)
 - Grade 7 to 12 – 17.6% (318)
 - Books reviewed: 248
 - Adults – 18.6% (335)
 - Books reviewed: 183



As seen in the statistics above, patrons of all ages are enjoying a wide variety of programming and are continuing to read throughout the summer, and this would not be possible without the efforts and support of the Friends.

Warm regards,

~Melvin Racelis, Library Manager

Upcoming Community Events

For updated information about the Friends of the Murrieta Library, go to our website at:

murrietalibraryfriends.org/

Or you can visit our Facebook page at:

facebook.com/MurrietaFOML/

For updates on Murrieta Public Library events, go to:

MurrietaCA.gov/library/

Lastly, for information on City of Murrieta Events, go to:

MurrietaCA.gov/

Programs

Tuesday, July 18th is “Nelson Mandela International Day”. Please join us at 3:30 for our General Meeting followed by food, fun and friendship, and FOML’s celebration with stories and visuals in honor of “Nelson Mandela International Day.” Everyone who attends receives a FOML bracelet!



Nelson Mandela International Day reminds us of this hero and the work he did in his life. It encourages all of us to continue his good works in our own communities. We can honor the legacy of Nelson Mandela, South Africa's former President, and his values, through **volunteering and community service**.

Please know FOML is comprised of **volunteers** who raise funds benefiting Murrieta Library’s activities and programs, many especially designed for our children and grandchildren. We welcome adults and teens to join us. Young adults often earn Community Service credits for high school or college entrance by volunteering for the FOML. We will share a list of volunteer needs which benefit and continue growing our Library and beautiful Community of Murrieta.

~Kiki Fritschi, Program Director

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” – *Mandela Day*

Refreshment Table

Refreshments for our July 18 General Meeting and Program are being provided by Starbucks at 25175 Madison Avenue in Murrieta.



Update from the Treasurer

You might ask yourself, “Where does the money we raise go to?” The Library fiscal year ended on June 30, and during that fiscal year your Friends of the Murrieta Library donated a total of \$22,699 to the library. \$10,000 went for library supplies. \$5,000 went to library collections. \$4,700 went to 10 programs that the Friends funded. \$2,500 came from Rancho Water to help support more library programs, and \$449 went to Riverside County for the Earth Day Food Vendor Permit. Thank you to all of the volunteers that help support the Friends of the Murrieta Library.

~W. Dan Rexwinkel, Treasurer

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
1:00 to 4:00 - Saturday

Town Square Bookstore Overstock Sale

WHEN: Saturday, August 12, 2023
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

WHERE: Town Square Bookstore
In the Library Community Room
8 Town Square
(951) 600-5724

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
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Town Square Overstock Sale

It's that time of the year again for the Town Square Bookstores 2nd Annual Overstock Sale. There are always some great deals on good condition used books. Be sure to come early and remember to bring a friend!



We are still looking for volunteers to help with this event. Call Karen Michaud at (951) 600-5724 if you can help us August 11 for set up, August 12 for the sale date, or August 14 for the take-down.

Hooray for the Sidewalk!

A couple hundred feet of concrete we take for granted, but they were certainly essential to the Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock Sale we held on June 17th. Of course there have to be books, about two thousand of them - each one cleaned and processed! Another must: tables to display them on. Our many thanks to the Library for lending them to us! Clearly, it's all for the customers, who gave us a total of \$1,747.00 for the day.

The sale is a two-day process beginning Friday evening when the multitude of boxes of books, the tables, the pop-up, etc. are brought to the front of the store to be organized and ready for Saturday morning set-up. On board for the heavy lifting were Kathy and Greg Cagle, Ann Hickey, Greg Eberhardt, and Bob Clare.

Everyone's an MVP's on Saturday, but leading the pack were Kathy and Greg Cagle; Greg, Nancy, and Laurie Eberhardt; and Ann Hickey who were there early to coordinate the set-up. Cathy St. Martin also came early and

then manned the morning inside sales along with Bob Granzow and Merle McDougall. Ann Hickey and Sandra Havens, with help from Sheri Richter, manned the outside. Nancy and Laurie Eberhardt picked up the outside for the afternoon, while Avril Williams covered the inside for the afternoon. The two Gregs also kept monitoring the supply of books all day.

Of course, the closing jobs are as much hard work as the set-up, and staying for that were the Cagles, the Eberhardts, Merle McDougall, and Bob Clare. Joining in the effort were two teen volunteers: Eden and Jackson.

"Thank you" doesn't even begin to cover my gratitude! When I think "Murrieta" I think "Community," and this was a stellar example from the volunteers to the customers, and all the thousands of donated books in between that gave us the wherewithal to turn our sidewalk into a money winner.

~Nancy Dixon, Corner Store Manager

Membership Update

“Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.” - Plato

Dear Friends of the Murrieta Library,

It is with a smile that I thank all of our new members as well as our renewing members. Your membership fees help fund the varied and interesting programs the Murrieta Public Library provides for children, teens, and adults throughout the year. Therefore, the FOML thanks our members for their kindness to the community.

New Members in May and June: Carole Lindskog, Julia Barret, Courtney Merle.

Renewing Members: Karen Fairfield, Ethel Hurtt, Mary Ellen Glantz, Arlene Wilt, Roberta Wrye, Mari Werner, Karen Michaud, Maggie Pilotte, Jan Emde, Diana Bucur, Lawrence Wan, Julie Francis, Margaret Walker, Marsha Burkhalter, Catherine St. Martin, Christine Armstrong, Shelby Price, Lynn Comicz, Debbie Phillips, Lois Mayhew, Bernadette Kauffman, Anna Mae Van Every, Mary and Vince Schiavi, Martha and Jeffrey Minkler, Judy Parker-Metz, Jacqueline Reed, JoAnn Snodgrass, Gretchen and Michael Sedlacek, Christy Zelenka, Kathy Cagle, Sandi & Bill Quintero.

For those that have not renewed yet, there is still time. Go online to our website to print out a form to mail in, or use the form below and mail or drop off at either store, or use the QR code to renew.

Thank you!

~Karen Michaud, Membership Chair



Scan to Renew Membership



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”

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(951) 698-4313



39413 Los Alamos Rd, Suite A
Murrieta, CA 92563
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