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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

.....Rita Nastri



Whenever I walk into our beautiful Murrieta Public Library, I've always been fascinated by the Giving Tree, just left of the entrance. I thought the Leaves and Acorns were significant to "big donors" to the Library and also the Friends. They certainly do tell a story of some of the Founders, local businesses and Organizations that supported the initial growth of our Library.

I've been a member of the Friends for almost ten years. It was the first organization that I joined when I moved to the Colony since my husband had Alzheimer's. It was a great way to keep him stimulated and interested in the world around him.

Getting back to those Leaves and Acorns. It wasn't until last year that I realized that those Leaves and Acorns were not just a thank you to the "big donors" to the Library and Friends, but also a thank you to our Lifetime Members, of whom we have many. Of course, we recognize Memorial Gifts to the Library and Friends in a similar manner as well.

Do you realize that you, too, can become a Lifetime Member? It's easy. I just did last year, and now I get my very own Leaf. I didn't do it for the Leaf, which is enticing; I did it to support the Friends of the Library and also to un-complicate my life. Now I don't have to think about renewing my annual membership. It's done; and, I get a Leaf. Think about it while you're completing your annual membership renewal form. It's not very expensive and truly a good deal.

Just one last point. I was reviewing some of our older BookNotes and realized that the dues have not increased in quite some time. Just the Individual Membership and the Family Membership dues have been increased by only \$5.00 since the Friends began. The Supporting, Patron, Business and even the Lifetime Membership dues have remained the same. That's amazing. As always, thank you for your continued support of the Friends of the Murrieta Library, and I hope to see you at the next Friends of the Library meeting.

PROGRAMS

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

These ladies have done it again....Bringing us such diverse, interesting, entertaining programs to finish out our year. You won't want to miss these two plus the very special one they have planned for your enlightenment and enjoyment in November.

SEPTEMBER 18.....CLASSICAL GUITARIST

ABNER RIERA

Mr. Riera will be playing selections from Spanish and South American composers. He began his career in Aragua, Venezuela in 1984. By 1988 he was the President of the Guitar Association of Aragua. Alirio Diaz, known internationally and considered to be on a level with Andres Segovia and John Williams, has said of Abner: "As a young guitarist Abner Riera has distinguished himself by magnificent technique and interpretation in his presentations.....I do not doubt that he will enrich the future with the personality of his artistry."

OCTOBER 16.....LYNNE SPREEN AUTHOR

After a thirty-year career in Human Resources, Lynne has reinvented herself as an author, speaker, blogger and teacher. She speaks about the positive side of aging, and writes novels and short stories about people over fifty. Lynn believes the second half of life is a rich, untapped vein of human drama. Her debut novel, *DAKOTA BLUES*, tells the story of a 50-year-old woman who embarks on a life changing road trip with a 90-year-old friend. The novel won an award for excellence in women's fiction.

You will want to hear more about Lynn's other novels and all the joyful, interesting things she is doing with her life and why we should celebrate developments that only occur in the second half of life.

10:00 — LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

Meetings are free and are open to the public.

WHY LIBRARIES ARE IMPORTANT

"After visits to dozens of public libraries from Maine to Arizona, from Mississippi to Minnesota, I saw that American public libraries, the place people used to go primarily to find books or do research, have become the heart and soul of American communities. I learned that in the library, I could discover the spirit of a town, get a feel for the people's needs and wants, and gauge their energy and mettle.

By my calculation, I would say there are three areas where libraries reflect and serve the people: technology, education, and community."

Excerpt from **OUR TOWNS—**

a new book by James and Deborah Fallows

A little advance notice, so be sure to mark your calendars for another,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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BOOK REVIEW

By Sharon Hunter



THE WOMAN IN THE WINDOW

By **A. J Finn**

The Woman in the Window is a sophisticated novel of psychological suspense. Anna, the central character, is a psychiatrist who due to a trauma finds herself experiencing agoraphobia. She is a drunken wreck. New neighbors move in across a little park, and that's when her problems increase,

She witnesses a murder which she can not prove. The suspense intensifies when strange events begin to happen in her home, especially at night when she is asleep.

The thriller is Finn's debut novel, and it immediately became a best seller. Filled with many plot twists and turns and a surprising villain, the thriller is an entertaining read. I enjoyed it.

National Friends of Libraries Week is October 21-27 when we celebrate the 13th annual "**National Friends of Libraries Week**". The Friends of the Murrieta Library was established in 1998 to provide support to the Murrieta Public Library. Our monthly meetings serve as a low-key cultural event for our local residents, providing the opportunity to meet, first hand, with established and published authors.

Many of our members actively volunteer in our bookstores as well as the Library itself. The funds that we raise provide the "extras" in services and programs for the library.

The **Friends** are planning to have some of our members provide a meet and greet table at the Murrieta Library during the week of 10/22-10/27 to promote recruiting new members. There will be a sign up sheet for designated times to man the table at our September meeting or call **Rita at 698-8640**. We hope you can join.

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MEMBERSHIP.....Karen Michaud, Chair

Our 2018 spring and summer annual renewal season went very well. Thank you to **all our members** who **renewed** and to all those who have **newly joined** our ranks of Friends of the Murrieta Library. We all appreciate your support enormously.

Since March we have had **four Lifetime Memberships** and we thank these members for their generous contribution:

Lela Llorens, Karen "Kiki" Fritschi, Dan and Karen Rexwinkel, and Pat and Annette Jennings. Their leaves for the Giving Tree in the Murrieta Public Library have been ordered,

We have had **twenty-four** new members join our group throughout the spring and summer. And equally exciting our renewal members total **sixty-three**.

Thank you all for your support!

A reminder that June is our new annual renewal month. If you still have not yet renewed log onto our website:

www.murrietalibraryfriends.org

Print out the renewal form

Complete renewal form and return it with your check to:

Friends of Murrieta Library,

PO Box 235, Murrieta, CA 92564

You may also drop off your renewal form and check at either the Town Square or Corner Bookstores.



Happy Halloween

And remember to watch out for all those youngsters out trick or treating on the streets.

ANOTHER REMINDER —To shop and dine in Murrieta. Keep your tax dollars in Murrieta where they will do your city the most good.



ROTARY FIELD OF HONOR

The Friends of the Murrieta Library have again been invited by the Murrieta Rotary Club to participate in their annual **FIELD OF HONOR** during the City's annual Veterans' Day Celebration. The flags will be set up by the Rotary volunteers beginning November 10, 2018 and will remain on display through November 17 when they may be collected for your personal use.

This year 2018 American Flags will be flying briskly in the wind at Town Square Park; and if you have not ever seen this, it is a sight to behold. Planted, Dress, Right, Dress, the Flags stand smartly, each representing a hero. It is meant to be a place to reflect and remember our loved ones, deceased or living.

If you intend to purchase a flag this year for \$35.00, may I suggest that you do so through the Friends. By doing so, we receive \$10 of the purchase price to add to our Treasury. This is the Rotary's gift to the Friends and we are pleased to help them field those 2018 American Flags.

The forms for the flags are available at either bookstore or at Terry's Coffee Trader on Washington Avenue as well as the Library.



Rita Nastri

Friends of the Murrieta Library Website. . . .

<https://www.murrietalibraryfriends.org>

This link will take you directly to our website that will enable you to get information on meeting dates, upcoming programs, location and hours for both bookstores, and volunteer opportunities. It will also enable you to get current and past copies of our newsletter, Booknotes, membership applications, Officers and Directors' names and other useful information about the FRIENDS.

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a pleasant summer and are ready for fall. We ended the month of July with the successful completion of the Summer Reading Challenge. There were 3,294 people who signed up for the Challenge and 1,772 of them completed it by reading five books. During the course of the Challenge there were 66,795 items checked out, 756 library cards issued, 56 programs presented and 3,045 attendees. This year the adult programs were very popular and tickets that were handed out 30 minutes prior to the program were gone in 10 minutes. A big thank you to the Friends of the Murrieta Library for their continued support and \$15,000 donation for performers and prizes. Thank you also to the local businesses who donated reading incentives. The Library could not provide such a wonderful program without the donations received from the Friends and our local businesses. The staff did an amazing job implementing the Summer Reading Challenge which incorporated several changes this year such as the online sign-up, lap tops at the Summer Reading Challenge tent as well as training the multitude of volunteers it takes to help us run the program.

On June 12, 2018, the Unattended and Disruptive Child Policy was adopted by City Manager, Kim Summers. The policy states that a child through the age of twelve (12) must be accompanied by a responsible adult or mature adolescent over the age of fourteen (14) acting in the capacity of a caregiver. The intention of the policy is to enlist the cooperation of parents and other adults responsible for children to ensure that the Library provides a safe and pleasant experience for all who use it.


The Library received a donation of \$47,100 from the Friends of the Murrieta Library. This donation will be used for collection development and for programs and supplies for the current fiscal year. The Library also received a \$1,500 donation in July from the Temecula Valley Woman's Club. The donation will be used for STEAM and Library for All programs. Without these generous donations the Library would not be able to provide the level of programs and services that we currently provide for the community. Many thanks to the Friends of the Murrieta Library and the Temecula Valley Woman's Club for their continued support for Murrieta Public Library programs and services. The Library also received a \$7,500 grant from the California State Library to purchase books in certain topic areas such as: mental health, early literacy, life over 50, STEM, workforce development and diversity.

Be sure to stop by and say hi, and to see all the great work we are doing because of your generous donations!

Sincerely,

Elise Malkowski, Library Manager



Sign up a friend—Print,  cut off and mail form below to P.O. Box 235, Murrieta 92564
——or drop off at the Library or either Bookstore.

NEW MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual.....\$15.00

Family.....\$20.00

Supporting.....\$25.00

Patron.....\$50.00

Business.....\$100.00

LIFETIME.....\$250.00

Lifetime members receive an **engraved leaf**
on the "GIVING TREE" in the Library.

MURRIETA FIRE & RESCUE is Awarded International Accreditation Status

Murrieta Fire Chief Scott Ferguson is proud to announce that as a result of a dedicated and committed accreditation team, Murrieta Fire & Rescue (MFR) was awarded Accredited Agency status on August 8th in Dallas, Texas by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). The award of Accredited Agency status recognizes MFR's dedication to continuous quality improvement and best business practices. Murrieta Fire & Rescue joins an elite group of only 18 California agencies to achieve international Accredited Agency status from the CFAI and the Center of Public Safety Excellence, Inc. and the first in Riverside County.

Murrieta residents also benefit from this accreditation achievement. With the continued improvement model used in seeking accreditation, the agency must maintain an active strategic planning program as well as a comprehensive analysis of the community's overall level of risk. The risk analysis helps the community's elected officials make educated decisions on the level of service they desire.

Note: The Murrieta City Council presented the Murrieta Fire & Rescue with a beautiful plaque at the August 21st Council Meeting.

LABOR DAY QUOTES:

"The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy doing it."Mother Teresa

"All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity.
.....Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I learned the value of hard work by working hard."
.....Margaret Mead

"No human Masterpiece has been created without great labor."Andre Gide

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.

FRIENDS OF THE MURRIETA LIBRARY is in need of an assistant to our Historian, Nancy Dixon. Nancy has a complete history of the Friends, going back before there was even a Murrieta Public Library. We have an exceptionally interesting beginning and a very proud record of all the Friends have done to bring about and support our Library. It is a fascinating, albeit time consuming job and Nancy would love someone who is interested to join her in preserving all our history. Nancy will be pleased to show you the ropes in case this might be something you would like to do but have not necessarily had any previous experience. Give Nancy a call and she can tell you more about what she needs in the way of a helper. 951-677-0224

THANKS SO MUCH FOR GIVING THIS
VOLUNTEER JOB SERIOUS
CONSIDERATION!!

In the event of a wildfire and possible evacuation the website www.readyforwildfire.org has a complete plan to follow for pre-planning and evacuation planning. Here are some of them:

REMEMBER THE SIX "Ps"

- People and pets
- Papers, phone numbers & important documents
- Prescriptions, vitamins and eyeglasses
- Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia
- Personal computer and hard drive and disks
- Plastic (credit cards, ATM cards) and cash

There is much more information on the website.

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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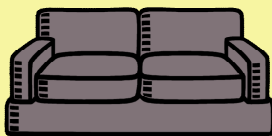
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