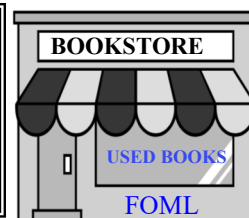




BOOKNOTES



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

We are finally going to see our much looked forward to programs Live on **ZOOM**.

Check www.murrietalibraryfriends.org for log-in information

(Please log in 10-15 minutes before start of meeting to avoid delay)

September 15th—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 can benefit from.

A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE AND THE RIGHT TO VOTE

"TWO WOMEN WHO DARED – THE 19TH AMENDMENT"

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

This year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as well as the occasion of our country's 59th Presidential election. During this election season in which all citizens are urged to exercise their right to vote, the Friends of the Murrieta Library take time to remember that during the country's first 33 Presidential elections, many women were not eligible to vote. The Friends are honored to celebrate the women's suffrage movement with its more than 70 years of struggle and innumerable sacrifices that resulted in the 19th amendment.

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.



Friends Board Member Karen Michaud, portraying Alice Paul, and Temecula Valley Historical Society Director Bonnie Martland, portraying Alva Vanderbilt Belmont, will bring these two daring women to life though a generation apart in age and from differing backgrounds, they worked passionately for women's suffrage and eventually established and led the National Women's Party. Party members were instrumental in finally achieving passage of the 19th amendment after staging peaceful protests in front of the White House for over two years, being imprisoned under harsh conditions, staging hunger strikes, and being force fed and brutalized in prison.



Since its founding in 1996, the Friends has raised over \$1.1 million, and has donated over \$825,000 of that to the Library for computers and furnishings for the new library, a grand piano for the Community room, books and other media for the Library's collection, and underwriting the very popular programs for children, teens and adults. The remainder is available for future Library needs.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

..... Rita Nastri

Here we are, just past the midpoint of our year. And, let's face it, it's been a wild ride. Congratulations to our Board, Bookstore Managers and Volunteers who have become experts at improvising, adapting and overcoming the road blocks thrown at us during this crisis. Thanks to your outstanding leadership, it has been pretty much business as usual.

I would like to take this time to thank the Rotary Club of Murrieta for their kind donation of a very large supply of masks to be used by both Bookstore customers and Library patrons. The "mask on" mandate will probably remain in effect for some time so this should help us to encourage our customers to come into our stores and library even if they have forgotten their mask.

It's amazing how far technology has taken us over the past ten years, and how tech savvy the Friends thought we were. All it took was a virus, a pandemic and a shelter-in-place shutdown to move us into the 21st Century. I am really excited to let you know that the Friends are now going to be Zooming their way through Board and General Meetings as well as our Book Discussion Group. We had our first trial run with the Board, and it was so wonderful to see everyone after 6 months. I invite you to join us for our General Meeting on September 15 at 10:00 am via Zoom. Please be sure to read Dan's column for directions as well as our Website. And for added measure, you should be receiving an email inviting you to join.

We all recognize the uncertainty of the future. I am hoping COVID-19 has given each of us the time and opportunity to reflect on what is most important in your life.

I look forward to seeing you on Zoom!

Recognition is long overdue for one of our faithful Town Square volunteers—**Edna Wright**. We also owe her a great deal of thanks for the many books she has donated. Edna's husband had a wonderful and large collection of old and valuable books. After his passing, Edna has been trying to go through them and has donated many to our store, which has resulted in considerable money for the Friends. We thought it was time to give her a most well earned public recognition for her devotion to the Friends. So, many heartfelt thanks, Edna!!

Maggie Pilotte and Laurie Razo

Co-Managers, Town Square Bookstore

Caring at the Corner

As you know, it's been a bit of a revolving door at the Corner Store: open, shut, open, shut, open... After being closed from the middle of March to the beginning of June, we were able to open again until the middle of July. At that time, with a new resurgence of COVID, there were several volunteers who were no longer comfortable with working at the store, so I had to close again for a couple of weeks. As of August 5th, however, there are enough volunteers to be open on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. And now on Thursday, too. Our MVP award goes to Judith Ann Edwards for without her daily commitment we would not be able to be open these days.

Caring is the key motivation here, for we care so much for our customers, who *care* so much for our store and for reading, that we have the commitment to open our hearts and our store as an essential service to the community. It is a very clear sign that we are indeed essential to our community that business has been booming. We are basically making enough in the three days to equal and average six days in "normal" times. The phone literally rings off the hook with inquiries: "Are you open?" "Are you accepting donations?" Customers come in smiling from ear to ear, telling us how grateful they are and how much they love our store.

We are hoping, of course, that we will be able to be open more days, but only time will tell. Meanwhile, we are tentatively planning for an Overstock Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, September 26th. We have a plan that will allow Social Distancing (will that be added to the OED this year?). Watch our Facebook page for a firm confirmation.

Meanwhile, stay safe, and read a lot!

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Friends,

Another Summer Reading Challenge is in the books and what a challenge it was! Although our numbers were nothing like we usually have, we did have some good participation and lots of prizes and craft bags were handed out. Here are the Summer Reading Challenge statistics:

744 participants
3,952 books read
1,550 completed activities
572 reviews written
5,902 badges earned

During the Summer Reading Challenge we also:

Checked out 5,919 items
Checked in 5,673 items
Made 1,296 curbside deliveries
Had 108 patrons registered online for library cards
Added 731 new items

A big THANK YOU to the Friends for their continued support for the Summer Reading Challenge. The participants enjoyed earning their virtual tickets and placing them in the opportunity drawings for prizes.

We continue to stay busy with curbside deliveries and registering patrons online. We implemented a new scheduling component to our curbside delivery service and now patrons can schedule their own appointment at.... <https://murappointments.as.me/>, which can also be found on the Library web page.

The Zip Books program has resumed. We were selected to once again participate in this wonderful program and have a \$10,000 budget from the State Library to continue through June of 2021 or until the budget is expended.

I'd like to give the staff kudos for the amazing work they continue to do each and every day to keep the Library relevant and delivering much needed services to the community. Their combined talents make for a wonderful and dedicated team.

Stay safe and we hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,
Elise Malkowski, Deputy Director of Library Service

LIBRARY HOURS

TO BE DETERMINED



BOOK REVIEW

.... By Sharon Hunter

DEAD TO HER By Sarah Pinborough

Mix the ingredients wealth, power and intrigue. Stir in ambitious second wives with hidden pasts. Add the spices of lies and seduction. Marcie marries into a world of elite circles, but she is never truly a part of it. Keisha marries the richest man in town after a whirlwind courtship. Then there is an attempt to murder one of the husbands. The twists and turns will leave you second guessing about everything and everyone.

Sarah Pinborough has written a psychological thriller that holds you in suspense. You think you know the guilty person only to have the finger of blame point elsewhere. The ending will surprise you.

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AT THE CORNER

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Wed, Fri, Sat.....10 to 6
All safety precautions in place
Masks required**

STORY TIME IS FOR EVERYONE

And everyone knows that reading to children is one of the best things you can do for them. Instilling a love of books and all they have to offer; stimulating their curiosity about other places, different cultures, a variety of opportunities to explore, and the list goes on for how beneficial it is to start children at an early age.

Reading aloud also to adults can yield surprising results. Sitting by a hospital bed instead of trying to pass the time with small, encouraging talk, bring a book and read to the patient. A subject you know he/she is interested in or would enjoy the subject matter. It has been found to change the mood and atmosphere in the room. And it helps connect with the person. This may be just what the doctor ordered.

A survey done in the United Kingdom discovered elderly adults weekly read aloud groups reported better concentration, less agitation, and an improved ability to socialize, This seems to be especially true with Alzheimer’s patients in another study done at the University of Liverpool “Reading a text together not only harnesses the power of reading as a cognitive process; it acts as a powerful socially coalescing presence, allowing readers a sense of subjective and shared experience at the same time,”

Dogs benefit from this kind of oral medicine too. The ASPC volunteers have read to animals in their care since 2014. Dogs who were fearful and hung back in their cages shivering and cowering would slowly creep to the front. They would appear to be listening and would become very relaxed.

THE POWER OF THE WRITTEN WORD Reader’s Digest Excerpt.... 6/20

Our own Library has had a program where children read to dogs to encourage the children to read aloud to a totally non-judgmental audience. Children and dogs both love it.

MEMBERSHIP

September and October Friends of the Murrieta Library Membership Update

Dear FOML Members:
Thank you once again for a very positive and enthusiastic response to our annual membership renewal program. In the middle of the pandemic, and very hot summer, we still achieved renewals from more than half of our members. Congratulations and thank you to all of you!

We also welcome and thank our three newest members:
Janis Swallow, Hannah Alcorn, Sandra Havens
And thank once more our new Lifetime Members: Sharon Kornfield, Elise and John Malkowsk and the Eberhardt Family, who are also faithful, invaluable volunteers at the Corner Bokstore.

The Friends always welcome members, both renew and new, to join the Friends of the Murrieta Library to enhance the programs at the Murrieta Public Library for children, adults and teens.
or children, teens, and adults.

Thank you for all your help,
Karen Michaud, Membership Chair

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 _____
ADRESS _____
CITY, ZIP CODE _____
PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

Specify any special interests, i.e., Board Member, Bookstore volunteer, Programs, Membership, Hospitality, Ways & Means, Special Events, etc.

Date: _____

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

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Patron.....	\$50.00
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LIFETIME.....\$250.00

Lifetime members are honored with an engraved leaf on the “GIVING TREE” in the Library.

WHAT TEACHERS MAKE

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?"

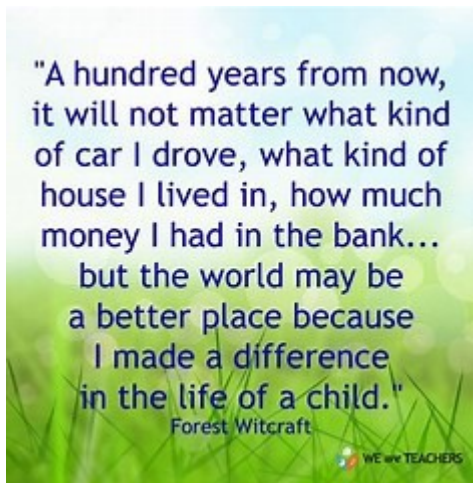
He reminded the other guests what they say about teachers: "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach." To stress his point he said to another guest; "You're a teacher, Be honest. What do you make?"

Having a reputation for honesty and frankness, the teacher replied, "You want to know what I make?"

I make kids wonder
I make them question
I make them criticize
I make them apologize and mean it.
I make them write.
I make them read, read, read,
I make them show all their work in math and perfect their final drafts in English.
I make them understand that if you have the brains, and follow your heart, and if someone ever tries to judge you by what you make, you must pay no attention because they just didn't learn."

He paused and continued. "You want to know what I make?"

I MAKE A DIFFERENCE "What do you make?"



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.

ZOOM

With all of the restrictions on us from COVID-19, we have not been able to meet for Board Meetings and General Meetings.

Recently the Board of Directors voted to purchase a monthly subscription to Zoom so that we could try and meet from the comfort of our homes. For those unaware of what Zoom is, it is an application that utilizes your computer, tablet or smart phone along with your camera and microphone so that multiple people can meet and speak and see each other over the Internet. The paid subscription allows us unlimited monthly meetings with a maximum 100 people in attendance. We have had several test meetings and the Friends of the Murrieta Library Book Club recently held their first Zoom meeting and it was a huge success.

The Board of Directors will have their first monthly Zoom meeting in September, and we are planning to have our September General Meeting on September 15th. Everyone is invited to attend and after the business portion, Diane Kennedy, Finch Frolic Garden in Fallbrook will join and give us some valuable gardening information.

The link to our General Meeting via Zoom will soon be on our Facebook page @MurrietaFOML And on <https://www.murrietalibraryfriends.org> which is our website. We look forward to "seeing" you next month.

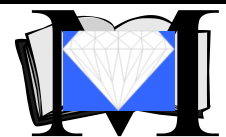
Dan Rexwinkel, Webmaster

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