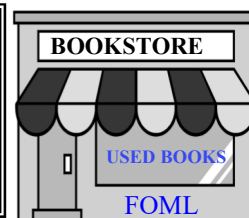




BOOKNOTES



Volume 24 Issue 9/10

A Bi-Monthly Publication

P.O. Box 235, Murrieta, CA 92564

Sept/Oct. 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.....Rita Nastri

The kids went back to school so early that it is hard for me to wrap my head around those dreaded words, "Summer's Over." And that means we are well on our way to the Friends first in-person meeting (keep your fingers crossed) on the third Tuesday of September-the 21st to be exact. The Board is looking forward to seeing everyone again and the Library Staff has been preparing for this exciting event with specialized cleaning and accommodations. Maggie and Judy have enticed a local pianist, Margaret Meyncke to perform for us to make the day even more festive.

The Library Staff, along with the Friends' Board members, are planning a fun-filled Friends of Libraries Week-October 17-31, 2021, I hope you will participate with us. The celebration offers a two-fold opportunity to celebrate Friends. It is our chance to use this time to creatively promote the Murrieta Library Friends to the community. In raising this awareness, it becomes an excellent time to also promote membership.

The Friends of the Murrieta Library are a small, but dedicated group of volunteers. You are so appreciated as you work in the book stores and the library. But occasionally we do ask a bit more-to participate and enjoy the programs that we offer. So please put the dates highlighted in our newsletter on your calendar and I will see you then.

PROGRAMS

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

Our program chairs have lined up more entertaining and enlightening programs for our members to enjoy.

September 21st (our first in-person meeting for many months) **Margaret Meyncke, Pianist**

We are fortunate to have someone of Margaret's caliber as our program. In Margaret's own words—"I've taught students from children to adults and I've loved every minute of it. I have enjoyed teaching piano for over 22 years. Every time I sit with a student I think about how to maximize the moment. I strive to give 100% to each student and make a unique and personal experience that takes into account the whole person."

October 19th.....Kim Summers, City Manager

Here again, we have hit the jackpot in speakers. Our very own City Manager. We are truly honored she is taking time from her busy schedule to be with us. The City Council has always been a strong support of the Friends organization.



When we are once again able to have in-person general meetings with onsite programs, our refreshments will of necessity need to be less than we have furnished in the past due to ongoing concerns about Covid. But there will still be something in the way of treats for you to enjoy.

CURRENT FRIENDS BOARD

President—Rita Nastri

Vice-President—Nancy Dixon

Secretary— Evelyn Dial

Treasurer— Carol Carson

Co-Treasurer—Dan Rexwinkel

Parliamentarian—Pat Farmer

Director—Karen Michaud

Directors—Maggie Pilotte & Lauri Razo

Also, serves as our Publicity Chairman

Also, manages Corner Bookstore and serves as Historian

Also volunteers at Town Square Bookstore

Also, editor of Newsletter **Booknotes**

Also, Webmaster

Also, Special Events Chairman

Also, Membership Chairman

Also, Co-Managers of Town Square Bookstore and Internet

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful summer! Before we dive into our Summer Reading Challenge statistics, I would like to impart the news that we bid a fond farewell to our Deputy Director of Library Services, Elise Malkowski, in July. She officially retired after 32 years of working in libraries, 16 of those at the Murrieta Public Library. Elise encouraged and supported the Library staff with their ideas that allowed them to create wonderful programs for children, teens, adults, and people with special abilities and disabilities. Under her leadership, we saw an increase of 50% (2012 vs. 2019) in Library programs and attendance.

Program Statistics	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*
Total Library Programs	132	160	215	255	312	359	407	316	177
Total Attendance	5,721	7,142	8,686	10,101	15,193	16,314	16,726	11,875	47,451

*2020 numbers are mostly from virtual programs and take-home kits.

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Murrieta Library, we were able to provide these programs to the community for free.

We are still recruiting for the Library Manager position (www.governmentjobs.com/careers/murrieta) and Agnes Rita will be filling in as the Interim Library Manager for the time being.

Like last year, our Summer Reading Challenge was completely online and participants from all ages were able to pick their own book from our Book Fair. The Book Fair was generously sponsored by the Friends of the Murrieta Library. We had a 45% increase in participation this year compared to the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge. Here are the Summer Reading Challenge statistics:

1,349 participants
4,903 books read
5,486 badges earned
482 book reviews
694 books handed out

During the Summer Reading Challenge we also:

Checked out 41,038 items
Checked in 24,663 items
Placed 3,574 items on hold
Added 1,024 items to the Library collection
Registered 483 new Library patrons
Answered 7,689 reference questions
Handed out 2,286 take-home kits for all ages

The Library is planning to resume in-person program starting September 20th. Below are the programs we have lined up:

Family Storytime - Mondays, starting September 20 at 10 AM.
Preschool Storytime - Wednesdays, starting September 22 at 10 AM
Adult Book Club - Every fourth Tuesday at 4 PM starting September 28
Library for All - Every first Tuesday at 10:30 AM starting October 5
Plant Exchange - Saturday, September 25 at 10 AM
Acrylic Nature Painting - Wednesday, September 29 at 4 PM
3D Create & Print - Thursday, October 14 at 5 PM
DIY Necklace Making - Thursday, November 18 at 4 PM
STEAM Day - Thursday, October 28 and December 9 at 4 PM

I am grateful to have amazing and supportive coworkers that love our Library and our community and we are grateful for the Friends of the Library for their continued support of our endeavors. Thank you and we look forward to seeing every one back in the Library!

Sincerely,
Agnes Rita
Interim Library Manager



BOOK REVIEW

By Sharon Hunter

The Four Winds

.....By Kristin Hannah

The Four Winds is a novel that richly brings to life the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl periods experienced in our country in the 1930's. Millions are out of work and drought has devastated the Great Plains. The central character, Elsa, has an agonizing decision to make: whether to stay on the farm she has grown to love or leave it behind and go west to California. Elsa is faced with many harsh, difficult decisions in this novel about family ties, perseverance, women's friendships and fortitude.

Kristin has written over 20 novels, and I have known Kristin since she wrote her second book. I was her docent when she attended the Literary Guild Conference and later when the Woman's Club book group held a phone conference with her. Each of her novels are "stand-alones". She meticulously researches her books. Currently one of them, Firefly Lane, is a television series on Netflix, but my favorites are Home Front and The Great Alone. If you are looking for a good read, you can't go wrong with one of her books.

A BOOK IS A FRIEND FROM BEGINNING TO END



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 **Booknotz**, volunteer opportunities, membership forms, Officers and Directors. Use this link for more information:

www.murrietalibraryfriends.org



A statue in Japan! Your weight value is not the number of kilograms or size, But the number of books you read.

Reminders:

It is surprising how many people do not know about our wonderful Bookstores. When someone new is told about them and given one of our Bookmarks, they are usually so pleased to find out Murrieta has these two fabulous stores. So it is simple enough to carry a few Bookmarks with you at all times and spread the good word. When it is someone who is aware already of our Bookstores, they have nothing but good things to say and frequent them often.

Also, for those of you who order from Amazon, if you request Amazon.Smile and designate the Friends of the Murrieta Library as your charity, the Friends get a percentage of your purchase at no cost to you and it is an easy, painless way to donate to the Friends.

So keep these ideas in mind and be Ambassadors for this great group whose only mission is to support our amazing Murrieta Public Library. Thank you!!

AT TOWN SQUARE

**Eight Town Square at the
Library-Adams & B Street
Phone: 600-5724**

**COVID Hours: Tue., Wed.,
and Thurs. 10:00 to 4:00**

**All Safety precautions in place
Masks by the Honor System**

Buy A Good Book



Support A Good Cause

AT THE CORNER

**39445B Los Alamos Road
Murrieta Gateway Center
Phone: 677-5350**

Mon, Tues, Thurs....10:00 to 4:00

Wed, Fri, Sat.....10:00 to 6:00

**All Safety Precautions in place
Masks by the Honor System**

CORNER BOOKSTORE SIDEWALK SALE

Yes, it is time again for one of the Corner Bookstore's tri-annual, much looked forward to, Sidewalk Sales. Come early and tell your friends, too. Lines begin to form as soon as the sale opens at 10:00 a.m. on September 18th.

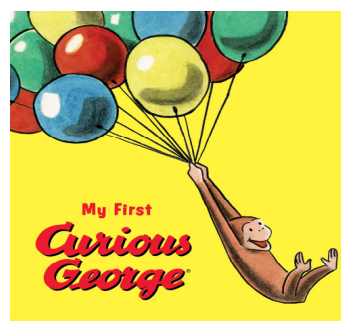
Sale consists of the usual specially selected hardbacks and paperbacks, mostly fiction books in **good to excellent condition.**

Hardbacks—\$1.00 Paperbacks—25 cents

“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of children.”

.....Fred Rogers

AMAZING—In 1940 a Jewish couple named Hans and Margret Rey decided to flee from Paris before the Nazi seized the city. They escaped on bicycles that Hans had made from pieces he was able to salvage and put together, and among the very little possessions they were able to carry with them was the manuscript of the famous children's book ***CURIOUS GEORGE***. And since then 17 more Curious George books were written to the delight of parents and children.



Good books, like good friends, are few and chosen; the more select, the more enjoyable.--Louisa May Alcott

Autumn Membership Update --Karen Michaud

Dear Friends,

As always, thank you to our Lifetime Members who support us in so many ways. Our annual membership campaign kicked off in June and the Membership Committee thanks you so much for your tremendous support. Our May and June renewal members were listed in the July/August Booknotes. We offer a huge **thank you to our July and August new and renewal members.**

Antoinette Rivera
Mary and Dave Wulfsberg
Judy Parker-Matz
Ben & Nati Martinez
Mary Lou Rothacher
Juanita Blankenship
Hannelore Tucker
Faye Whitman
Michele Manley

Judith Ann Edwards
Allyson Quinlan
Debbie Phillips
Karin Gallina
Gretchen Sedlacek
Carol Herney
Leslie Ann Boshier
Susan Olson
Sierra Horwitz

Daniella DeLuca
Nadia Ibrahim
Kelli-Ann Almeida
Anita Milner
Karen Robertson
Jessica Zelon
Kathy Cole
Edna Wright
Christine Armstrong

Brock and Diane Thoman
Mary Lou Slagle
Myrna Swearingen
Sharon Golden
Paula Cobb
Carol Suer
Juliet Roberts
Patricia Santo

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.

Member News



Condolences to the Marvin Zepede family. Marvin's services were held at the Laurel Cemetery on August 19th. Marvin and Ruth are original Lifetime members and have been strong supporters of the Friends in many ways, as well as contributing to the city of Murrieta before and since its inception as a city. Marvin was on the Murrieta Cityhood committee and is one of our Founding Fathers. A proclamation acknowledging this and his other contributions is planned to be read at a future upcoming City Council meeting.

LABOR DAY—September 6th

Labor Day is considered the unofficial last day of summer. It is a time to celebrate the benefits we enjoy at our jobs—including weekends off. The concept of American workers taking days off dates back to 1791, when a group of carpenters in the city of Philadelphia went on strike to demand a shorter work week (10 hour days to be exact). It wasn't until 1836 that workers starting demanding 8 hour work days. So nine to five doesn't sound so bad after all.

Statistic show that Americans work longer hours than citizens of most other countries—137 more hours per year than Japan, 260 more per year than the U.K., and 499 more than France. And our productivity is high—400% higher than 1950, to be exact..

It is the reason workers can say **TGIF**.

9/11—This September 11th the National September 11 Memorial and Museum located at the World Trade Center will lead the nation in commemorating the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terror attacks that took the lives of 2,977 men, women and children in New York, Arlington, Va and near Shanksville, Pa.

The focus of the commemoration will be the reading of the names by the family in person. The program will commence at 8:30 a.m. Houses of worship are asked to toll their bells. During the ceremony six moments of silence will be observed. Family members only are allowed. The ceremony is expected to end at 1:00 p.m. At sundown, the annual "Tribute of Light" will once again illuminate the sky in commemoration of these attacks.

Twenty years after the attacks that changed our world forever, the 9/11 Memorial and Museum stands as a sacred symbol of fortitude and resilience in the face of unimaginable tragedy.

The Museum also offers educational activities and lesson plans for students 3 to 12 that address the 9/11 attacks, their ongoing repercussions and the history of the World Trade Center.

Murrieta's New Amphitheater

This newly complete amphitheater is the largest of its type in the area. Some of the state of the art features of which Murrieta is very proud are:

- The tiered seating can accommodate approximately 750 with lawn seating for an additional 5,000 to 6,000 people.
- Stage right and left wings, allowing it to expand the space for more extensive programs.
- The site includes bathrooms, storage, and a server room onsite for WIFI.



DID YOU KNOW—The Friends of the Murrieta Library have a Book Group? At the present we are reading “The Four Winds” by Kristen Hannah.

If you enjoy reading and book discussions, you will enjoy our group of ladies that get together the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 1 PM to 3 PM in the Community Room in the Murrieta Library.

If you would like more information just call Dalene Coleman at 951-600-9397. I look forward to your calls.

Reading something pleasant for 6 minutes
can reduce stress by 70%.

When we are focused on reading, our minds
can't concentrate on the things that are stressing
us out. And reading for only 6 minutes can slow
our heart rate and relaxes tense muscles.

First Century AD —Paper and the papermaking process were invented in China during this period.

1455—Gutenberg Bible—One of the earliest known books using a printing press in Europe made the Bible widely available to the average person.

1997—The first book in the Harry Potter series is released and goes on to sell over 500 million books making it the highest-selling series by a single author (J. K. Rowling) of all time.

2010—By 2010, 66% of public libraries were offering electronic books (e-books).

“Some people turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know “WHY” I look this way. I’ve traveled a long way and some of the roads weren’t paved.”

.....Will Rogers

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.

National Read A Book Day

This also is on September 6th. National Read A Book Day calls on all book lovers to indulge in their favorite hobby, guilt-free. Bringing new worlds to life, books enlighten us and transport us on exciting adventures. They can challenge our perspectives on the human experience in ways unmatched by other media. In a world deluged by technology, National Read a Book Day encourages us to silence the noise and turn the pages for awhile.

While National Read A Book day is believed to have been originated in the US, other details of the day’s history are unclear. What is clear though, is Americans love books! And, for many, this is a welcomed day because 81% of us don’t feel we spend as much time reading as we would like. So, that is the perfect opportunity to set aside a little time to catch up on our “to read” list.

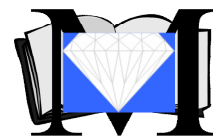
The popularity of book clubs points to our ongoing love for books. This dates back to the 1600s with women’s Bible studies, But in the last few decades, reading has taken on a much more social element influenced, in large part, by Oprah Winfrey’s Book Club. Starting in 1996, Oprah’s Book Club recommended 70 books contributing to over \$55 million in sales and has been credited with inspiring millions of people to read books.

Over 74% of American have read at least one book in the last twelve months, Sure, the busyness of life definitely gets in the way of our reading pursuits with many other activities competing for our time. Electronic platforms have enable us to read on the go. Whatever format you prefer, grab or download the book on the top of your stack and dive in!

“Reading can seriously damage ignorance.”

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”

SPACE
AVAILABLE

S
P
O
N
S
O
R
S



**ISU INSURANCE SERVICES
CORMARC TASMAN**

Your Professional Insurance Firm
25220 Hancock Avenue, Ste 200
Murrieta, CA 92562
Phone: 951-290-5040
www.isucormarc.com

**MURRIETA VALLEY
FUNERAL HOME**

Three Locations:

24651 Washington
Murrieta

Phone: 696-0626 (24 Hrs)

601 Crane Street, Unit D
Lake Elsinore

Phone: 674-3703

41742 Enterprise Circle N.
Temecula

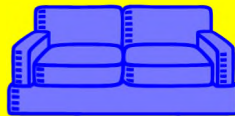
Peter Hamilton, Owner
Brenda Sanchez, Manager

COMPLETE UPHOLSTERY BY SAM

For all your needs
35 years Experience

560 Birch Street, Bldg. 5
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

Phone: 951-375-9083



**Greg Harder—MAINTENANCE
AND CONSTRUCTION**

General Contractor License #997382

Construction — Repair — Remodel

951.200.0081

greg@gregthemaintenanceguy.com

Serving Murrieta Valley & Surrounding Area

ANTIQUE CLOCK/WATCH SHOP

*A clock that has stopped
working is right twice a day*

Bruce Bennett, Horologist 10AM-2PM
(951) 816-5971 Mon-Fri



**SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES
REMEMBER TO SHOP AND DINE IN
MURRIETA—Many are starting to
have inside dining and shopping now
and, depending on the business, masks
may or may not be required.**



And try to buy as much as you possibly
can from

The Made In America Store

Editor, Carol Carson

**For information about ads call
951-677-7672**