

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.....Rita Nastri

Greetings from my new Command Center at The Springs Health and Rehab Center. I had an abrupt stop in ALL of my activities last week when I fell over my foot during aerobics class. What, you say! I was caring for my body and the whole thing failed. But I am so glad I've exercised for years since I'm far ahead of my neighbors here. The care and rehab has been exceptional, and that's coming from a Rehab Case Manager.

Enough about me. How about that Town Square Bookstore and the amazing feat they pulled for their first Overstock Book Sale. Congratulations to Kurt Korneisel, Maggie Pilotte and their team of volunteers who sold an amazing number of books. They will fill you in on the exciting details. Thank you all for the record-setting event.

I do have to say the Overstock Sale seemed to bring people to both the Library and the Town Square store. How many times did I hear "Wow, I never knew this was here." So Volunteers, Melvin and the Library staff, you are to be congratulated on helping to get the word out. Our Volunteers are the Best!

September is National Hispanic Heritage Month and we salute bilingual author CJ Charles who will debut her new book, My Mother is a Superhero. Kiki Fritschi will tell you more about this. I must footnote by saying, both bookstores and the Library have Spanish language books in stock.



We're trying something new this month. We've changed the meeting time to **4:00 p.m.** in the hopes our younger members and their families might find it easier to join us for this after school time. So put us in your calendar to join us on Tuesday, September 20th at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Murrieta Public Library.


I'm hoping to be there to greet you all personally!

"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."
 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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"

Programs

A September to Remember! Please join us for a new program at a NEW TIME - **4:00 p.m.** Tuesday, September 20th. We want everyone to have the opportunity to celebrate **NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** with our guest speaker and bilingual author, CJ Charles.

CJ will read her bilingual children's book **MY MOTHER IS A SUPERHERO; (¡MI MAMA ES UNA SUPERHEROINA!)** and share her back story and personal journey. She is not only a talented children's book author; she is also an accomplished Spanish Teacher at Vista Murrieta High School. You will delight in her book as we all celebrate Mothers in a unique and amazing way. And you will have an opportunity to purchase CJ's book to include her

signature and/or a personal message to your child or grandchild.

We will also celebrate **NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**. One of our Library team will explain this easy process. Then you will have your very own library card and help your children dive into the wonders of The Murrieta Library and sign up for their own card.

After this heartwarming event stay and enjoy delicious treats and refreshments celebrating **NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**.

The FOML look forward to meeting you, your neighbors, family and guests. The program is open to the public. See you Tuesday, September 20th at **4:00 p.m.** in the Community Room of the Murrieta Public Library, 8 Town Square, on Adams between Juniper and Kalmia. For more information go to our website www.murrietalibraryfriends.org or call FOML Program Chair, Kiki Fritschi at (972) 839-3984.

¡Te Veo pronto!

Kiki Fritschi, Program Chair



Successful Town Square Overstock Sale

On August, 6, 2022 - The Town Square Store had a book sale with a tremendous success !! We had over 85 boxes of books displayed in our Library Community Room. They were displayed separately under different categories - hardbacks, paperbacks, CDs, DVD, etc to make it easier for the customers...

Kurt Korneisel, the Razos, the Farmers, the Quinteros, and many more volunteers worked all day and took care of our many, many eager buyers.

Inside our Town Square Bookstore, we also welcomed many buyers from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and were excited at the results. The final figures were;

\$1,616.65 inside the Library Community Room,
\$ 836.75 inside the Town Square Bookstore,
\$2,453.40 for the Grand Total.

This surely surpassed our wildest dreams, and got us thinking about having perhaps one of these sales every year. We knew we had many wonderful book customers in our area - but the end results were amazing!!

We really thank everyone involved in the sale. The Library allowing us to use the Community Room accounted for a tremendous percentage of the success - as we told and thanked the Library Manager, Melvin Racelis.

Maggie Pilotte, Town Square Bookstore Co-Manager

**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, and Officers and Directors. Use this link for more information:

<https://murrietalibraryfriends.org>



Murrieta Public Library Updates

Dear Friends,

The Library just successfully completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge. This was the first Summer Reading Challenge since the return of full in-person programs. Here are this year's Summer Reading Challenge statistics:

Summer Reading Program 2022 Statistics								
AGE	Reading Program Participants	Completed Reading Program	Book Reviews Submitted	Total Books Read	Take-home Kits Given	# Library Programs (In-person)	# In-Person Program Participants	Average Attendance at Activities
Children	1,526	776	N/A	3,880	N/A	13	3,352	258
Teens	332	141	294	705	137	5	144	29
Adults	375	151	280	755	407	7	110	16
TOTAL	2,233	1,068	574	5,340	544	25	3,606	141

During the course of the Challenge, there were 56,397 items checked out, 639 library cards issued, and a statistic to note above is a substantial increase in attendance for our in-person programs with 25 programs presented and 3,606 attendees. A big thank you to the Friends of the Murrieta Library for their continued support and sponsorship of the performers and prizes. The Library could not provide such a wonderful Summer Reading Challenge without the donations received from the Friends and our local businesses. I would also like to give another big thank you to our Library staff who did an amazing job planning and implementing the Summer Reading Challenge, helping the hundreds of families at our service desks after a program, and training the multitude of volunteers it takes to help us run the program.

The fall schedule is now out and includes a variety of Storytimes, Family Date Nights, Movies in the Garden, take-home kits, college prep practice tests, a teen genealogy workshop series, and other entertaining and educational programs. Please visit the Library's web page at www.murrietaca.gov/Library for details and a complete list of programs. We look forward to seeing you this fall at the Library!

Warm regards,

Melvin Racelis
Library Manager



Murrieta Students - 1914
Probably wishing they had a Library back then like ours today.

Membership Gratitude

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude"
- A. A. Milne

Dear Friends,

Thank you, dear members, for your support of the Friends of the Murrieta Library. Your response to our annual membership drive was phenomenal!

We thank those who have most recently joined or renewed:

Individual: Edwina Gramuska (new)

Family: Michelle and Pat Lusin

Patron: Mary and Dave Wulfsburg and Karen Fairfield (a new member)



Our next effort to attract new FOML members will occur in October during the Nationwide “Friends of the Library Week”, October 16 through 22, 2022. Membership and renewal forms will be available in the Library at our booth throughout the week. Please stop by and say hello, if you have the opportunity. Thank you again for supporting our programs for children, teens, and adults.

Gratefully,
Karen Michaud, 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.

FOML Bylaws Review

The time has come to review our bylaws in order to coordinate the document with operational realities. Please contact Parliamentarian Pat Farmer at patfarmer92562@gmail.com or call (951) 440-8334 to volunteer as a member of the Friends of the Murrieta Library to help with the review.

Thank you.

Fundraiser at The Mill

The Mill Restaurant is helping us Celebrate NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES WEEK in October by raising dollars for the Murrieta Library. The Mill will donate 20% of your bill to Friends of the Murrieta Library AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT TO GIVE YOU THE EVENT DAY IN OCTOBER AND SIGNS WILL BE PLACED IN BOTH FOML BOOKSTORES.



Upcoming Events

September 5 - **Labor Day.**

September 9 & October 21 - **Family Date Night.** 6:00 p.m. @ Library Carol Carson Garden of Verses

September 11 - Pause to remember the terrorist attack on our nation and all of those that perished

September 12 & October 10 - **Board of Directors Meeting.** 1:30 p.m. @ Library Community Room

September 14 - **Watercolor Painting.** 3:00 p.m. @ Murrieta Public Library

September 20 - **Friends General Meeting with CJ Charles.** **4:00 p.m.** @ Library Community Room

October 16-22 - **Friends of the Library Week.**

October 22 - **Corner Store Sidewalk Overstock Sale.** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. @ Corner Bookstore

October 31 - **Halloween.**

October - **Fundraiser at The Mill.** (date and time to be announced)

Mondays until Dec. 12 - **Love on a Leash: Dog Tales.** 4:30 p.m. @ Library Community Room

Tuesdays until Nov. 15 - **Preschool Craft Mornings.** 10:00 a.m. @ Murrieta Public Library

Wednesdays until Nov. 16 - **Family Storytimes.** 10:00 a.m. @ Library Carol Carson Garden of Verses

Sidewalk Overstock Sale

WHERE:

Corner Bookstore - Los Alamos & Whitewood

WHEN:

Saturday, October 22, 2022 - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHAT:

Overstock hardbacks and paperbacks, mostly fiction

GOOD TO EXCELLENT CONDITION

HOW MUCH?

\$1.00 for hardbacks

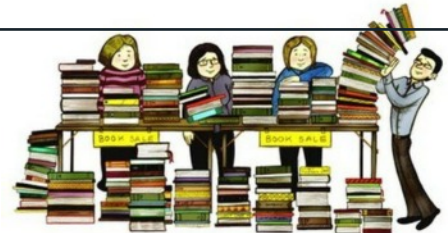
50¢ for Trade paperbacks

25¢ for paperbacks

Proceeds benefit the Murrieta Public Library



Now that we are once again able to have in-person general meetings, our refreshments will of necessity need to be less than we have furnished in the past due to continued concerns about COVID. But there will still be something in the way of treats for you to enjoy.



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

8 Town Square at the Library

Across from Murrieta Elementary

Phone: (951) 600-5724

10:00 to 4:00 - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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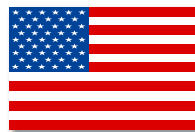
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