



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Rita Nastri

I hate to say it, but summer, as we older folks know it, ended quickly this year with the kids going back to school so early. It always amazes me how our lives revolve around the school year. The excitement of new teachers, new friends, new clothes and maybe a new book bag seems to be infectious.

Town Square Bookstore, because of its close proximity to Murrieta Elementary School, seemed to feel that same excitement. Our Overstock Sale on Saturday, August 12 resulted in a very successful day of selling books, meeting new friends and just getting the word out about both the Murrieta Public Library and our two bookstores. I was the cashier for the day and never missed a chance to do some free advertising for both. We introduced a new device – payment processing by Square - which provided quick and easy credit card checkouts. We are finally in the Tech Age!

Seriously though, I would like to thank all of the volunteers and their partners who helped with the sale. As I said last month, Corner Store makes it look so easy. We had to haul in all the books stored in everyone's garage, sort and set them up; but, when we finished, the Community Room looked like a book store, welcoming and inviting. Karen Michaud did a wonderful job of scheduling the volunteers to help. And then-wow-Town Square made it look easy as well! It sure does take a Village of Friends to put an event together, and I am so proud to be one of them.

Kiki Fritschi has another interesting and fun program for us this month and she will tell you about it. Her last program on Nelson

Mandela was outstanding. Because Thanksgiving is November 23, please note, the Friends November General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14.

Pat Farmer has a fundraiser in the workings. It's one you won't want to miss. And be sure to bring your friends and family to join you.

And, Drum Roll please! Our very own and wonderful Murrieta Public Library has been nominated by Congressman Darrell Issa for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, which is the nation's highest honor for institutions that make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. Since 1994, IMLS has presented the award to outstanding libraries and museums of all types and sizes that deeply impact their communities. Congratulations to Loretta McKinney, our former Director of Library Services, succeeding Deputy Library Director Elise Malkowski, and our current Library Manager Melvin Racelis, all of whom have carried the vision forward over the years and acted on it. They have nurtured and encouraged amazing and talented Library Staff who have worked independently and as a team to bring exceptional programs to the Murrieta Public Library. And that has not gone un-noticed. Thank you, Congressman Issa, for recognizing this. I've always said, "Our Library is more than just books!"



COMING UP
9/19 General Meeting
10/21 Corner Store Overstock Sale
Details Inside!

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>



Scan for Friends Website

Murrieta Public Library Updates

Dear Friends,

The Library ended the month of July with the very successful completion of the Summer Reading Challenge. Over 2,200 people signed up for the Challenge and more than 1,900 book reviews were submitted. There were 38 programs presented for children, teens and adults, and there was a total of 2,312 participants. The Library also handed out 2,350 take-home kits. A big thank-you to the Friends of the Murrieta Library for their continued support. The Library could not provide such a fantastic Summer Reading Challenge without the donations received from the Friends and our local businesses.



The Building Forward expansion project is off to a great start with SVA Architects selected to manage and guide the design process. SVA recently held three “visioning” workshops to determine the exact needs and goals for the expansion and renovation of the children’s area. Next comes the design and review process with the expected start of construction in the fall of 2024.

The new Automated Materials Handling system, or bin sorter, has been installed at the Account Services desk and the transition was very smooth. In comparison to the previous sorter, which was 12 years old, the new sorter has software upgrades and better ergonomics, in addition to being much smaller, giving more space for staff and their other duties.

The fall schedule is out and includes a wide variety of events. For children, storytimes resume the first week in September, several STEAM Studio workshops are being planned as well as two Parasol Painting classes. Teens can look forward to Arcade events as well as a couple of Cricut Maker workshops. For adults, Attorney Jeffrey Nickerson returns for two workshops – one on how seniors can protect themselves from fraud and another for families with a dependent with a disability or addiction. Staff is also planning and preparing creative take-home kits for all ages. Please visit the Library’s web page at www.murrietalibrary.info for information and details on all upcoming events and kits.

We look forward to seeing you this fall!

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

Friends of Murrieta Library invite you to celebrate “Local Artists” following the General Meeting, Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

This special program includes three of our leading Women Artists: Cindy Droubi Ghossain, Bonnie Martland, & Jeri McLees.

Enjoy a most informative and fun presentation as these exceptional women share their history and the impact their art has and continues to have within Murrieta and the Temecula Valley.

We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, September 19 after our General Meeting in the Library Community Room at 3:30 p.m. Please remember the public and guests are welcome to attend.

Cindy Droubi Ghossain

Cindy is a local artist who plays a large role in MEFA, Murrieta Educational Foundation for the Arts. She is an accomplished artist who takes great interest in supporting children and young artists. Cindy plays an important role in MEFA’s Painted Chair Auction held in October 2023. She will focus her presentation on MEFA's Painted Chair Auction, talk about the amazing community of artists she has met through the program, and talk about the inspiration and process of painting the chairs. You will be impressed and look forward to bidding on one of her and other artist’s chairs when you see the two chairs she will display, and photos of the chairs she has painted in the past. Her art inspires others with bold color and whimsical unique designs.

Bonnie Martland

Bonnie taught for twenty-eight of her over thirty years as an educator here in the Temecula Valley Unified School District. She was honored as Teacher of the Year and instrumental in writing the Visual Arts

Guidelines for the city’s programs. Bonnie is known in the City of Temecula for her paintings and exhibits on display in Murrieta and Temecula’s City Halls, Grace Mellman Library, and as a Veteran, has been commissioned by Veterans of Temecula Valley to create paintings and those works can be seen on display at the USO at Camp Pendleton. She is also an accomplished illustrator and although known as a painter, she also works in mixed media and watercolor, which varies from impressionistic to abstract. She has been commissioned by the City of Temecula and the Valley’s Wine Barrel Art. She also helps raise funds through the online auction which raises funds for MVUSD Visual and Performing Arts Programs. This talented artist makes an impact serving on the Riverside County Historical Commissioner, and is active on the Boards of the Temecula Symphony and Board of Directors for MEFA.

Jeri McLees

Jeri is an accomplished artist who has always loved animals but never dreamed the feeling would evolve into painting, “pet portraits.” Since attending a “paint n sip” party, she discovered a newfound talent within her already expansive repertoire. She was asked by friends to paint their pets and from there developed her current company, PetEssence. She captures the spirit and personality of furry companions in her artwork with incredible authenticity. Jeri is a resident of Murrieta and her work has been displayed at Grace Mellman Library. Through her generosity she has also donated pet portraits to various charitable silent auctions, such as Animal Friends of the Valley. You will delight in her portraits and the stories she will share with us about these furry friends at FOML.

~Kiki Fritschi, Program Chair

Refreshment Table

Refreshments for our September 19 General Meeting and Program are being provided by Starbucks at 25175 Madison Avenue in Murrieta.



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

Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock Sale

WHEN: Saturday, October 21, 2023
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

WHERE: Friends Corner Bookstore
Los Alamos & Whitewood, east of I-215
(951) 677-5350

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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November General Meeting Change

Just a heads up for people that keep a calendar. Normally, our General Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of odd numbered months. This year, however, the third Tuesday is two days before Thanksgiving Day. So we have decided to move the Program Day up to the second Tuesday, November 14.



Town Square Bookstore Summer Report

"Having too many books is not the problem. Not having enough shelving--THAT'S a problem"



Many thanks to all our dedicated volunteers and their families for working so hard all summer to achieve our outstanding Overstock Sale! We sorted through every book in the store, looking for books of every genre for the sale. It took many hours, and our volunteers boxed up the books and stored them in their garages until the day before the sale. It was an incredible team effort with all hands on deck. We offer a huge thank you to Rita Nastri and her task force team, for all the organization and planning to make this an incredibly successful sale.

We earned over \$2,000.

Thanks, too, to Art and Laurie Razo for their decades of work cleaning, organizing, and selling books on the Internet and in the Town Square Bookstore. They work daily at this task and we are so very grateful to them and their dedication to the FOML.

Our little store remains open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10 AM to 4 PM, and Saturdays from 1 to 4 PM. Please stop by and visit us and purchase a few books!



If you would like to volunteer, please stop by the store and leave your name and number, or send an email to the FOML.

Thank you to the Team of Volunteers at the Town Square Bookstore!!

Keep reading,

Karen Michaud, Membership Chair

Membership Update

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

Dear Friends of the Murrieta Library,

Thanks so very much for your support during our membership drive this summer! So many members have renewed and we also have received several new members.

New members in July and August: Karie Clingo, Phyllis Gluth, Elena Nowak, Betty Reim, Luke Lofaro, and Susan Trujillo.

Renewing Members: Jacqueline Copeland, Karen Fairfield, Myrna Swearingen, Sheri Richter, Dalene Coleman, Sandra Havens, Mary & David Wulfsberg, Merle McDougall, Dave & Mary Lou Rothacher, Ann Hickey, Margaret Meyncke, Marve Murray, Ciara Martinez, Stephanie Hubbard, Susan Hall, Barbara Breen, and Kelli Ann Almeida.

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.



Scan to Renew Membership

Thank you!

~Karen Michaud, Membership Chair



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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Murrieta, CA 92563
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