

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Rita Nastri

I hope you've had as nice a summer as I. My two weeks in Greece visiting family are always a highlight. However now that it's starting to cool a bit, I think of all the great events coming up at both the Library and with the Friends.

Town Square Bookstore had a terrific Overstock Sale in August. It was lots of hauling, though, so there are some new ideas that Karen Michaud will soon share with you about plans for the upcoming year. Thank you to all of the volunteers, and you know who you are, who worked so hard over a four day period to haul, set up and then break down at its end on Monday. No matter how much we ask, the volunteers continue to smile and laugh. I worked with some wonderful people over those few days.

I would also like to say a thank you to Savers Thrift Store on Madison in Murrieta. They accepted our 6,069 pounds of leftover books filling eight "Gaylords" (very large heavy-duty plastic containers) and paid us an additional 10¢ a pound plus a few other incentive bonuses. Savers, an international company philanthropic organization, will take these books and distribute them to less populated areas and resell them for a low price as well. Some even will go to Australia. Their main charity this year is the Red Cross. They change national charities regularly. So Savers is a win-win international company with a good heart.

Nancy Dixon and the Corner Store volunteers will be having their Sidewalk Overstock Sale on October 19 so save the date. Both of our Bookstores would love to have your own overstock, so please remember to donate them to your closest Friends Bookstore.

Join us in the Community Room on September 17 for our general meeting at 3:30 p.m. Darlene Hawley and Kimberle Smith Austin will be our guest speakers. You won't want to miss this program that follows so be sure to mark the date on your calendar.

October is the month of recognizing Friends of Libraries. We continue daily to thank our volunteers. We just couldn't do it without you! The Board is inviting our neighboring Friends of Library's Boards to a Sharing Luncheon on October 22. Our neighbors include Hemet, Temecula, Elsinore, Sun City, Fallbrook and Menifee. French Valley has no Friends organization for their beautiful new library. I've had some good responses to the invitation already so I'm gathering my list of questions for the meeting. I am really excited about this luncheon. It is something I have wanted to do for many years.

Enjoy the cooler Autumn weather and find time to do something that you have been wanting to do for a while. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and visit our website for updated information, and I hope to see you at our September meeting.

2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

9/9	Board Meeting
9/17	General Meeting
9/28	Town Square \$2 Bag Overstock Sale
10/14	Board Meeting
10/19	Corner Store Sidewalk Overstock Sale
11/11	Board Meeting



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>

Murrieta Public Library Update

Dear Friends,

The Library ended the month of July with the successful completion of the annual Summer Reading Challenge. There were 3,259 people who signed up for the Challenge and 1,954 book reviews were submitted. There were 85 programs presented for children, teens and adults, with a total of 3,644 participants, for an average attendance of 43 people per program. 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 local businesses.

The Children's Area expansion project is in full swing. At the June 18, 2024, City Council meeting, the Council affirmed the preliminary design, budget and funding mechanisms for the project. Now, staff is working with the architect to get a complete, detailed design and bid package ready for publication in spring 2025. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2025, and completion is expected in the summer of 2026.

The fall schedules are now out and include a wide variety of events for all ages. For children, storytimes resume the second week in September, and LEGO Club, the STEM Lab and the Kids Grow Garden Club all continue. Teens can look forward to a class on Bibliogami, the art of book folding, a Skeleton Contest Show, a Bubble Wrap Art class and the Tween Coding Club. For adults, a How to Self-Publish Your Own Book workshop is being held in September, a DIY Wooden Pumpkins class in October and How Money Works: College Edition in November. Please visit the Library's web page at www.murrietalibrary.info for information and details on all upcoming events.

As always, we look forward to seeing you this fall!

Warm regards,

Melvin Racelis, Library Manager

Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock Sale!

Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock Sale

WHEN: Saturday, October 19, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

WHAT: Overstock Fiction and Nonfiction

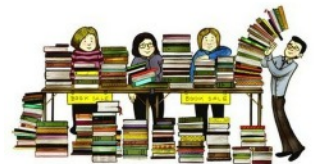
HOW MUCH: \$1.00 - Hardbacks
50¢ - Trade Paperbacks
25¢ - Regular Paperbacks

All proceeds benefit the Murrieta Public Library

Friends of the Murrieta Library
A California 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

Sidewalk Overstock Sale

It's that time of the year again for the Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock Sale. There are always some great deals on nearly new used books. Be sure to come early and tell and bring a friend!



Scan for Friends Website

September is about Wellness and Empowerment

Join FOML on a unique journey towards wellness and empowerment and welcome two Murrieta residents, Moms, and Successful Business Leaders!

Darlene Hawley

Darlene Hawley is a speaker, *Attract & Stand Out* podcast host, a leadership and business coach who empowers ambitious, heart-centered entrepreneurs and rising leaders to speak up, stand out, and communicate with confidence to create a meaningful impact. She helps them strengthen both their inner and outer voice, enabling them to advocate for themselves and champion the ideas and issues which matter most, inspiring others to take action whenever they speak. She is also a Co-Author of the book *The Courage to Shine*. Her book is a powerful collection of stories that reveals the profound journeys of eight courageous and empowered women, each navigating her own unique challenges. Within these pages you'll find a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the remarkable ability to transform adversity into strength. This anthology serves as a beacon of inspiration, encouraging every reader to discover their inner light and use it to illuminate their own path and those of others around them. Whether you're seeking motivation, affirmation, or a reminder of your potential, this book delivers the message that you are not alone on your journey and that the power to shine brightly resides within us all.

Kimberle Smith Austin

Kimberle Smith Austin is a Business Growth, Communication & Lifestyle Strategist. She empowers corporations and professionals to achieve clarity, implement aligned strategies, and attract more clients with ease. By focusing on systems, strategic planning, and sales, she helps you rise up, run your business, and create a fulfilling life that reflects your true potential.

You will have an opportunity to purchase your own autographed copy of the book and spend some one-on-one time to know these women who penned the empowering stories. You'll learn more and look forward to upcoming empowered in wellness opportunities and workshops, where you can connect with like-minded attendees who share your interest in empowerment, resilience, and personal growth.

- General Meeting 3:30 p.m.
- Program 4:00 p.m. in Library Community Room
- Enjoy Food & Beverage - compliments of FOML

Kiki Fritschi, Program Director.

NOTE: Mark your calendar for November 19 when we highlight Award Winning Photographer and Author, Thomas Kelsey. He is part of the Faculty at the *Lone Pine Film Festival* and leads tours on the life of Ansel Adams in the Owens Valley each October.

Now Accepting Credit Cards, Apple Pay, and Google Pay at Both Stores

Corner Store

39445 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
1:00 to 4:00 - Saturday

Town Square Bookstore Update

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention." ~ Oscar Wilde

Dear Friends,

The Town Square Bookstore has had a wild and busy summer. With all the fabulous programs at the Murrieta Library we had a plethora of families join us and purchase books. And, yes, they stop and take a picture with our resident giraffe named Gigi. Gigi changes her costume each month and willingly takes a picture with all of our customers. Please stop by and see Gigi for yourself. And purchase a book or two!

The good news is we get between 50 and 100 books donated each day. The "not so fun": we have to clean, sort, price, and shelve them. That takes a lot of work and time. We are so grateful to our wonderful volunteers and their "acts of kindness" for making this all work out. During the summer we earned up to \$2,000 a month. Luckily, we have the ability to take credit cards and we are able to help our shoppers with this modern and up-to-date service!!!

We can't forget our online Internet sales run by Laurie Razo. She is an amazing volunteer and her work brings us hundreds of dollars each month. A huge THANK-YOU to Laurie and all her work "behind the scenes" helping the Town Square Bookstore provide books for everyone.

We are happy to have helped with a new program this summer for families. We assisted the Murrieta Library in a "Grow Your Home Library" event at Murrieta Elementary School. With our coupons families could receive free books for children and adults throughout June and July. We hope the program continues next year. Also over the summer, we upgraded our air conditioning, had our carpet professionally cleaned, and we improved our shades to block out the worst of the hot afternoon sun.

However, our biggest and most exciting event was our Overstock Sale in the Community Room on August 10. We had collected thousands of books over the year for adults, children, and teens. Fiction, nonfiction, coffee table books, art books, religious books, and on and on. We are happy to report that we earned over \$1,500. Once again, this could not be done without the back-breaking and heavy lifting of our volunteers and their families. Kudos for "giving back to the community". Your generosity brings good things to others.

If YOU want to be a volunteer, come into the store on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and fill out our membership application. Or go online and apply that way. We always need more helpers.

With gratitude to our volunteers, our Library staff, and our customers,

Karen Michaud, Town Square Facilitator

News Flash -- the Town Square Bookstore is Starting a New Monthly Event.

On the 4th Saturday of the Month we will have a Two Dollar Bag Sale in the Community Room of the Murrieta Library from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

We will have "overstock" adult/children fiction and non-fiction books available.

Patrons will fill the bag that we provide you and each bag costs only \$2.00!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Membership Update

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."-- Winston Churchill

Our membership has increased this summer thanks to **new** friends who joined in July and August.

Betty Oehler, Margaret (Peggy) Cruz, Monserrat Valera Venegas, Debbie Roeder, and Robin McCoy

Furthermore, it is our annual renewal season for non-Lifetime members. If you have not renewed this year, please take a moment to do so online or send us a check. Thanks for your support of the Friends of the Murrieta Library. Our membership and bookstore sales help support the various programs at the fabulous Murrieta Library throughout the year! The programs the Library presents for people of all ages are truly amazing. Thanks, members, for all your support.



Scan to Renew Membership

Thankfully,

Karen Michaud, Membership Chair, FOML

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.

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/

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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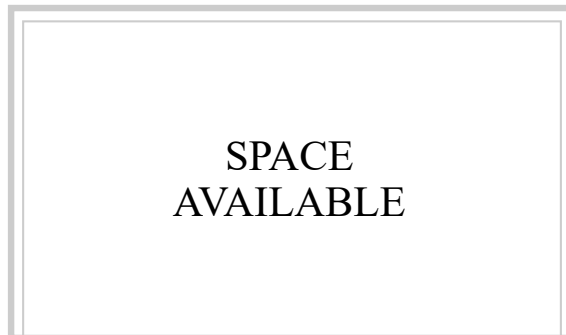
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Murrieta, CA 92562
(951) 461-0411



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Murrieta, CA 92562
(951) 677-0960



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(951) 677-1700



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