

BOOK NOTES

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PROGRAMS

Tuesday, May 19th, Gay Marie Kopf from Heart to Heart Floral Designs in Murrieta will be advising us on how to choose a good florist and care for our beautiful cut floral arrangements. This should be very informative and just in time for the beautiful Spring flowers! Be sure to bring all your "flower" questions.

Tuesday, June 16th, will be a wonderful opportunity to bring your children, grandchildren or even great grandchildren to our "kick off" week for the Murrieta Library Summer Reading Program. Children's author, Stacie Deutsch, will present her very popular "Blast to the Past" chapter book series for children ages 7-11, and her new teen book, "In The Stars." Our Children's Librarian, Beth Jones, will be coordinating fun activities for the kids during our regular meeting and then they will join us for Stacie's presentation of her "Blast to the Past" book about Abraham Lincoln. There will be a book sale and signing following the meeting. These books are very affordable at about \$5.00 each. Think about gifts for the holidays! Please take a minute to "Google" either "Stacia Deutsch" or "Blast to the Past" for much more information.

Our pianist for last month's program was very entertaining and prizes were awarded to Linda Tomlin and Julie Francis for their musical knowledge in a contest held after his performance. It was a fun program.



MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY RECORD

The Library is preparing a digital story to record the history of Murrieta and of the Library and is still in need of anyone who has something interesting to record about Murrieta's or the Library's history. Please contact either Steve Herring or Ashley Jennings to make an appointment. They must have the stories as soon as possible so please don't delay in getting your information included in this most important record. The phone number for the Library is 304-2665

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to the Murrieta Public Library on its 10th anniversary. Thanks to Loretta McKinney and her staff for all the support they give the Friends. A special congratulation goes to Elise Malkowski on her promotion to Principal Librarian.

Murrieta now has our own Farmer's Market, located at the Senior Center next to the Library. It is open every Saturday morning from 8:00 to 1:00. They have generously given us a booth in a prime location. In addition to raising money for the FOML Corner Bookstore expansion, our participation at the Farmer's Market serves as an outreach program to publicize our two Bookstores and the Murrieta Library and the many special programs they offer. Thanks to Becky Engle, Don Stratemeyer, Polly Filanc and all the other volunteers who have donated their time to make this event a success. We hope to continue our participation at least twice a month. This will take a combined effort from many members so please call me and let me know when you might be available for this important fundraiser and outreach. We need your help.

Carol and Ed Van Dorn deserve a vote of thanks, too, for coordinating and setting up the FOML booth at the 62nd Firemen's BBQ, as well as all the volunteers who donated their time for this annual traditional Murrieta celebration.

This year, the Friends were selected by the Lion's Club of Murrieta to receive a donation of \$500.00 for the purchase of audio material and large print books to help the visually impaired. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to their representative at our last general meeting to show our gratitude for their generosity.

A big thank you to **all** the volunteers who donate their time and support to the Friends, enabling us to continue to support the Library.

Art Razo

"You may have tangible wealth untold; Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold. Richer than I you can never be I had a mother who read to me".....From "The Reading Mother" by Strickland Gillilan

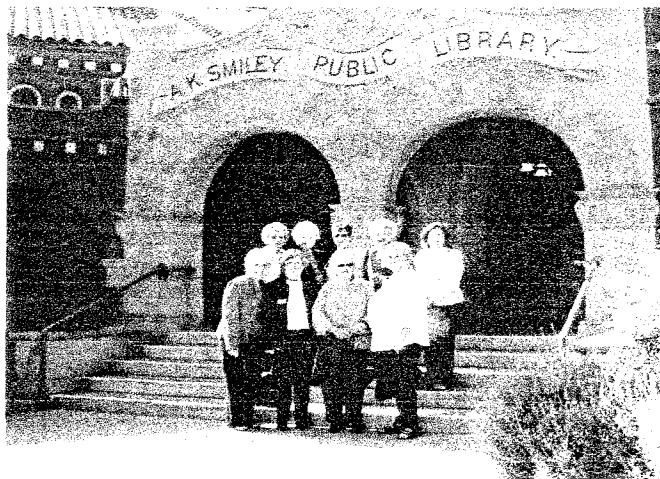
BUS TRIP

The trip to the A.K. Smiley Library and the Lincoln Shrine in Redlands was great. We had a wonderful tour guide who patiently explained every aspect of the history of the Library and its current functions. The Library was built in 1898 at a time when public libraries were not a normal fixture in cities. The Smileys were twin brothers, wealthy eastern businessmen, who wintered in Redlands and came to love the city and its climate. When they retired they moved to Redlands permanently and began the project of buying property for the Library and sixteen acres for a surrounding park. The Library and park cost over \$60,000.00 and it was constructed in a matter of months. Additional wings have been added to the primary structure, but they have maintained the integrity of the original architecture. The Library is full of beautiful stained glass windows and gorgeous woodwork throughout. They have a Heritage Room, a separate Children's room, two parks—one exclusively for children—where special programs and events are held. We were able to visit the Friends of the Library bookstore where they also sold gift items. We got a lot of good ideas, especially for our expansion of the Bookstore on the Corner.

We then walked a short distance to the Lincoln Memorial Shrine. This building was also constructed by a wealthy eastern businessman, Mr. Watchorn, who spent his winters in Redlands and eventually became a full time resident here after he changed occupations. He was an immigrant miner and he went to work in the mines in the United States, became involved with the union when the mines were unionized. He was chosen by President Teddy Roosevelt in a liaison capacity between the union and the government. When the administration changed hands, Mr. Watchorn was out of a job so he came to California where he started working in the oil industry. This proved to be a very profitable move. The Watchorn's son died at the age of 24 and this Lincoln Memorial Shrine was built in his memory. Two wings on either side have been added and the Shrine contains Mr. Watchorn's personal collection of Lincoln memorabilia and other donated historical artifacts.

Roberta had made reservations for lunch at a cute, little restaurant, which also had good food so we were able to take a little break before our next appointment for a tour of the Kimberly Crest House and Gardens. This old estate had two different owners with two different decorating styles. It was interesting to see the changes. It is not occupied now and is used for many social events, including weddings. The grounds are truly lovely and the Kimberly Crest family had many children and grandchildren and thoroughly enjoyed their home as a gathering place for all. A group was started called the Kimberly Crest Juniors. Young ladies could join and become involved in community affairs. The group is still active and the young ladies still wear the same uniforms that were used by the original group. They have a nice gift shop which is presently in the process of being renovated, along with some of the other buildings on the property such as the Carriage House.

All in all, it was an extremely worthwhile day and Roberta did her usual fantastic job of efficiently organizing and arranging everything. If you missed this trip, it is well worth going to Redlands on your own. There MAY be future bus trips, however, unless there is more response and a better turn out, we cannot expect to continue to get the bus and driver donated for free for just a handful of participants. It really isn't worth it. So we'll see. Thank you so much, Roberta, for all the work that went into planning this outing.



SUMMER READING ~ SUMMER FUN!

Can you feel it in the air? Summer's coming and almost here! WOW! It has been a really busy year for the us at the Library! Statistics are still going up, up, up in the numbers of books checked out, computer use, Library tours, reference questions, and the number of people who walk through the Library doors daily! If you have a few hours each week to help us shelve, clean, or mend and process books, or... we could use your assistance! Please call Cara Fulton at (951) 461-6145 to arrange a time to talk about how you might help us at the Library.

Although school will be out soon for all grades, we anticipate that the Library will continue bubbling through the summer with kids, teens, adults, and seniors. Why? The Library has great books in print, on CD, and on MP3 that will carry you to faraway lands and adventures; information that will help you with your landscaping and interior and exterior home projects: computers with great software to create great resumes with Internet access for job searches; and music, DVDs and so much more!

During the month of May, staff are finalizing the plans for Summer Reading 2009. The theme for this summer's program is "Be Creative at your Murrieta Public Library" which offers many options for a wide variety of events for all ages. From teen talent shows, to photography workshops to professional performers, kids and families will have the opportunity every week to participate in high quality, fun activities that are free!

A special program to bring to your attention will take place on Monday, July 20th at 4:00 recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing on the moon! We encourage families to join us in this very special program where our own Library Advisory Commissioner Dr. Lee Heinz, who was present in the Mission Control Center, will provide some fascinating behind the scenes stories of that special event!

All of these programs are made available to YOU and to your neighbors as a result of the hard work, volunteer time, and generosity of the Friends of the Murrieta Public Library as they provide the funding for the performers, supplies and reading incentives for these programs. THANK YOU FRIENDS!

A copy of the schedule of events is enclosed in the Booknotes for your information! Remember, too, that you can find fun activities and information on the Library's webpage at www.murrieta.org/services/library. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Loretta McKinney
Director of Library Services

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Discussion Group is still going strong and lively. We will be celebrating our 8th anniversary on May 16h. During these 8 years, we have shared many hours of literary discussions and developed strong friendships along the way. If you would like to join us, please call Maggie Pilotte at (951) 600-1875, or Linda Tomlin at (951) 696-7729.

You do not need to belong to the Friend's organization to participate. These meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 1:00 p.m. in the Murrieta Library Community Room.

HELP WANTED—

- No experience necessary
- On the job training
- Pleasant working conditions

The following volunteer positions are open:

Volunteer Pool List— We need a pool of volunteers we can call on for various functions. Carol Van Dorn will contact you when a need arises. You are under no obligation—you can pick and choose the activities that you would like to work on. Call Carol at 461-2381.

Friends Bookstores—Both Bookstores are always in need of volunteers. Call Maggie—600-5724 or Nancy—677-5350. You can pick which store is most convenient for you.

Farmers' Market —Saturday mornings—Call Art Razo at 265-8701.

Murrieta Public Library—With staffing shortages they need many willing hands to shelve, sort, clean books, or other odd jobs to relieve the Library personnel so they can serve the Library patrons. Call 461-6145 or stop in at the Library for more information.

You will find volunteering fulfilling, stimulating and rewarding, and you will make new "friends."

Trouble is a sieve through which we sift our acquaintances. Those too big to pass through are our friends.

.....Arlene Francis, Actor

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**Library Advisory
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**Bi-Monthly
6:30 P.M.— 3rd Monday
Council Chambers**

BOOK DISCUSSION

3rd Wednesday — 1:00 PM
Library Community Room
Adams and B Street
Not necessary to be a member
of the Friends

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