

# BOOKNOTES



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**We are taking this opportunity to give special recognition to our Editor, Carol Carson, while she is away with her family in Italy to celebrate the marriage of one of her granddaughters .**




OUR  OF THE VALLEY

Carol Carson moved to Murrieta with her husband Dave in the early 1980's when they built the Carson 6C's Ranch. Carol has been involved in the community life of the area from the beginning and was an active advocate of the Murrieta Citizens for Cityhood. Once that goal was accomplished in 1991, she joined a small group of citizens passionate about bringing a library to Murrieta. The group founded the Friends of the Murrieta Library in September of 1996, with the express purpose of making a Murrieta library a reality. They actively lobbied the County and then the City until the Murrieta Public Library opened in April of 1999. Carol's wisdom and insight have been a guiding light and energizing force since the inception of the Friends. She is not only a Charter Member of the group, but also served as a board member for nine years and continues as Treasurer. Carol is tireless in this never ending job of balancing the books, paying the bills, making timely reports, collecting daily receipts from both bookstores and making the bank deposits - then starting all over again each month. She created the "Booknotes" newsletter, the logo, and continues to produce and edit the bi-monthly publication. She consistently volunteers her time and assistance to each project and event of the Friends in addition to graciously hosting the annual Holiday party at her home each December. Thanks to Carol, her children and their families have often participated in Friends activities and are generous donors to our cause.

In addition to her involvement with the Friends, Carol is a founding board member of the Murrieta Public Library Foundation. As if that's not enough, Carol remains vitally interested in nearly every aspect of life in Murrieta, from raising support for community action to her

regular attendance at City Council meetings. She and a small group of ladies (all Friends members) walk each morning in the Historic Downtown Murrieta area, each carrying a trash bag to pick up litter left by others less caring. They were recently honored by the City Council for their efforts in keeping Murrieta a shining Gem of the Valley. Carol participates in the annual Spring Cleanup as well.

Carol Carson is the very definition of a *true citizen*: she is a person who cares deeply about our quality of life, and not only *talks* about it, but *does* something about it. As a quiet but energizing force whose enthusiasm is contagious, she is the epitome of a true leader, not only for the Friends of the Murrieta Library, but for all the citizens of Murrieta, and we are indeed fortunate to have her as our very own Gem of the Valley!

**OUR LOGO**  represents:

**Libraries and Book Lovers** ~~~~~ **The Open Book**  
in the background

**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"**

## HOLIDAY PARADE

The Holliday Push-cart Parade will be December 4th, this year and the Friends will again have an entry. We need a new design for our float and are asking for your involvement and/or that of a creative student. Dimensions of the float are 12 ft. long and 8 ft. wide. The design needs to incorporate books in some manner. Any design ideas, and/or sketches can be presented at the September 21st, meeting or e-mailed to me: [cvandorn@verizon.net](mailto:cvandorn@verizon.net). Go to [www.murrietalibraryfriends.org](http://www.murrietalibraryfriends.org) to view last year's float.

Carol Van Dorn, Special Events Coordinator

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to our Fall Session. I hope it was a good summer for all of you. All of our general meetings are the third Tuesday of each month, so the September general meeting is on the 21st. We have some very interesting and entertaining programs planned for this Fall so be sure to attend. Please remember to keep your email address up to date in your membership records so you get the meeting reminders.

The Board met August 23rd, and approved a donation of \$52,640 to the Library for Collection Development and a \$1,000 contribution to the Dottie Renon Fund. The Library's need for funding, due to the economy, resulted in the low contribution to the Renon Fund. A \$4,000 donation to the Library in June for their Fall Program has been reallocated to their Winter Program. Further donations will be considered at the November Board meeting.

The Bylaw Committee is hard at work preparing a list of recommended changes to present to the Board and to all the members. Keeping the Bylaws as non-specific as the law allows means they do not need to be amended frequently. Operating Rules and/or Board Policies can be adopted by Board resolution to add detail to the Bylaws and this will make changes easier as the Friends grow and circumstances change.

Timelines for the Bylaw amendment changes follow:

- Committee recommended changes presented to the Board October 1, for discussion and approval at the October Board meeting.
- Board recommended changes to be e-mailed to the general membership and posted at each Bookstore.
- Comments and feedback from the general membership to be reviewed at the November meeting of the Board.
- A final list of changes will be generated and typed into the Bylaws. Some changes are required by law, but most relate to how the Friends want the organization to operate.
- The list of Bylaws proposed for adoption will be in the Bookstores and posted on our website at [www.murrietalibraryfriends.org](http://www.murrietalibraryfriends.org). A limited number of copies will also be available at the general meeting in November, but please read them on the computer if you have access to one.
- A membership vote will be taken to adopt the Bylaws at the Annual Meeting in January (2011) when new Board members are also elected.

Becky Engle  
President

**It is important that the Board and the By-law Committee get as much input from the membership as possible, so please help us out. You know the Board members. The committee members are: Becky Engle, Louanne Ferrer, Roberta Fokken, Eleanor Newhard, Lorrie Thomas and Linda Tomlin.**

### FALL, 2010 PROGRAMS

**September 21, 10:00 a.m.** the Friends regular Business Meetings resume. Our guest speaker will be **Alfred Theurich** elaborating on his book "**Independence Day 2030**", pertaining to independence from Foreign Oil.

**October 19, 11:30 a.m.** *Note the special meeting time.* We will have **Kate Jacobs**, author of the "**Friday Night Knitting Club**". The presentation and discussion of her book will be followed with drawings for knitted items, some made by our members and others donated by **Debbie Holve**, owner of the Daily Fiber Yarn Company of Temecula. Proceeds from ticket sales for the drawings will go to support Murrieta Library projects. Tickets are

available at the Bookstores for 50 cents each or 12 for \$5.00. Colorful flyers detailing this program are also at the Bookstores for your viewing.

**November 16, 10:00 a.m.** The 2010 Program's year will close with the appearance **Jeri Westerson**, author of "**Serpents in the Thorns**". She plans to bring some Medieval Weaponry items for display and we know you will enjoy this unusual treat.

Special thanks are due to Nancy Dixon, Becky Engle and all the contributors, who helped make this issue possible during Carol's absence—not an easy task!

LaVerna Fuller, Assistant Editor

# SUMMER READING PROGRAM MAKES BIG SPLASH AT THE LIBRARY

Dear Friends ~

Time does fly when one is having fun and that is exactly what happened here at the Library this past summer. To begin, on behalf of the Library Staff and community who participated in the Summer Reading Program, a multitude of thanks to the Friends for funding such a successful program. Statistics for program participation clearly show a huge increase from all ages from previous years. Specifically, 354 more kids read more this year than last and there was close to a 400% increase in adult and young adult (grades 9 through 12) reading as well. Library staff planned 23 youth programs and 1,372 kids participated. It takes a "village" to plan and implement the Summer Reading Program and our "village" included the Friends and 108 Junior Volunteers, who gave 1,318 hours of their time to assist with program planning, implementation, and with shelving, checking reading logs, mending books and more. Thank you all!

As you might have read in the newspapers, the Library is experiencing a loss in staff hours due to budget reductions and vacant positions. As a result, fall and winter programs are on temporary hold and passport application services are also suspended. In the meantime, we are in the process of filling some of the vacant positions, buying new technology and planning for mid-winter and early spring programs.

The Library's budget for new materials (books, media and database subscriptions) will be supported throughout this fiscal year through the generosity of the Friends as well as the winter, spring and 2011 Summer Reading programs.

During the week of October 17th through the 23rd, the Friends will be conducting a membership drive along with Friends groups throughout the nation. If you are assessing which non-profit donations are most important to your personal finances, may I recommend that you continue your membership with the Friends of the Murrieta Library? Truly, this is one small donation that goes directly to the Murrieta community and has a long-term positive impact on the economic, educational and cultural progress of this City. The Library provides services, programs and materials to all ages, incomes and people of all backgrounds. Statistics show that community use of our Library continues to increase and your donation is put to the best use through the Friends. Great cities have great public libraries and your donations are growing into a great city.

Sincerely,

Loretta McKinney,  
Director of Library Services

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## MEMBERSHIP

Not only do you want to save Tuesday, September 21st, as a Friends meeting day, but you will want to go to dinner that night at **RUSTICO's RISTORANTE**. They will give 20% of your bill to the Friends and you can enjoy great Italian food while making money for the Friends as well. The restaurant is located in a small shopping center on the corner of Winchester Road and Hunter Road (almost to the French Valley Airport). Gather your friends and neighbors — the more people eating the more dollars we make. **Just be sure to tell them you are a Friend of the Murrieta Library.**

October 17-23 is Friends of Libraries Week, so once again, we need a few enthusiastic souls to encourage Library goers to become Friends. We will have a table just inside the Library entrance from 1-5 p.m. and work in two hour shifts. Look for the sign-up sheet at the meeting.

We have eight new members to welcome to the Friends:

Margonne Sandgist, Joan Goemmel, William Norvell, Debra Van Dyk, Nati D. Martinez, Paul O'Grady, Lee Hendershott and a business member, Barbara Maltby of Biotactics.

Keep an eye on your mailing label, if it is highlighted in yellow, then it is time to renew. Your membership is highly valued, especially during these difficult times when the Library needs our support more than ever.

Sandra Lucas, Chair

## BOOK SALE

The Corner Bookstore will be having another "Overstock Sale" on Saturday, September 18th, from 10 am to 6 pm. Hardbacks will be \$1.00, and paperbacks will be 25--50 Cents. All books will be in good condition. Spread the word! Call Nancy at 677-0224, if you want to help.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP /  
RENEWAL FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Cut this form out and fill in the above information. Mail it to our return address with your check, or drop it off at either Bookstore or bring it to the monthly meeting.

Dues and non-member donations are tax deductible

Sandra Lucas, Membership Chair  
696-7487



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**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

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<b>LIFETIME.....</b>	<b>250.00</b>

**LIFETIME** members will be honored with an engraved leaf on the "Giving Tree" in the Library.

**Officers and Directors**

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**Vice President.....**Judy Call  
**Secretary.....**Aimee Fitch  
**Treasurer.....**Carol Carson

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