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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Friends of the Library, we want to extend a warm welcome to our new librarian, Loretta McKinney, who joined the Library in December. I also want to welcome our new Board members, Sandra Lucas and Robert Ross, and congratulate Nancy Dixon on her reelection. As Maggie Pilotte and Carol Carson step down from the Friends' Board, I want to extend our thanks for their years of service on the Board. These two extraordinary individuals will continue to work for the Friends, Carol Carson as Treasurer and Maggie Pilotte on the Internet committee. Many thanks to Roberta Fokken for her successful leadership as President of the Friends for the last two years. Lastly, we want to extend a very special thanks to all of the members who contributed to our success in 2005.

2005 was a banner year for the Friends.

The dream of a new Library for the City of Murrieta started the Friends of the Murrieta Library back in 1996. The reality began with the unveiling of the new library sign in March, the groundbreaking in June and the contract signing in December. In February 2007, the dream will be a reality.

Fund raising highlights in 2005 include the successful Silent Book Auction, the Fireman's Barbecue, the City of Murrieta's Birthday Bash, Erle Stanley Gardner Mystery Sale, the Bear Creek Dinner and Silent Auction. Our Bookstore and Internet sales helped to make this a banner year for the Friends. The Friends capped off this busy, successful year with the presentation of a check in the amount of \$100,000 to the Murrieta Library.

We want to welcome our new members and invite everyone to join us at our monthly meeting held at the new Senior Center the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Art Razo



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Don't forget to remember that special someone in your life with a card, flowers or candy.



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WELCOME.....

to our new Director of Library Services, Loretta McKinney. She has taken over the helm with enthusiasm and excitement for her new job. She comes well equipped for this position which includes: opening Murrieta's new \$10 million Public Library; hiring new employees, setting the budget, creating new programs and overseeing, with the expert help of Julia Steedman, Principal Librarian and Elise Malkowski, Adult Librarian, the ordering of thousands of new books to stock the shelves of the new Library. All this, while managing the present facility on Los Alamos Road.

A former Escondido deputy city librarian, she brings more than two decades of experience and an extensive background building new facilities. She also oversaw a Pioneer Room, similar to the Heritage Room, planned for Murrieta's new Library.

Loretta attended The Friends of the Murrieta Library Christmas party and the members who came got a chance to meet her one on one. She also came to our January meeting and explained some of her goals and visions for the future. We feel fortunate to have someone so capable, charming and supportive of the Friends to be in charge of our Library and we look forward to working with her as we have become accustomed to doing with our present Library staff.

GARDENING AUTHOR PAT WELSH TO SPEAK ON "TEN TIPS FOR A SMART GARDEN"

We were able to reschedule Pat Welsh to come and speak at our next meeting, February 21st at the Murrieta Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. She is best known as the author of "Pat Welsh's Southern California Gardening: a Month by Month Guide." For many years she hosted a popular garden segment called "The Resident Gardner" on NBC News in San Diego. She is the recipient of many awards, including the San Diego Emmy, three national Quill and Trowel Awards, the Quail Gardens Lifetime Achievement Award and the San Diego Horticultural Society's Horticulturalist of the Year 2003. She will show us colorful slides illustrating "Ten Tips for a Smart Garden."

Pat is also an artist who designed and built (along with fellow-artist Betsy Schulz and 80 other volunteers) a 92 foot mural which covers the retaining wall of the Del Mar Public Library. Her latest book "The Magic Mural and How It Got Built, a Fable for Children of all Ages" tells the story of this mural and is illustrated with drawings and paintings by the author. Pat was born in England and has lived in various parts of Southern California for over 50 years. She now lives and gardens in Del Mar.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to this free event—it's really special! Pat will stay to answer questions and autograph her books.



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HELP!!!!

The Bookstore is in need of a handyman type person who will see that our overhead, fluorescent lights are maintained. Lighting is a critical issue at the store. It is imperative that the shelves are well lit for the customers to be able to view the book titles and authors clearly. One of our faithful volunteers, Brian Youens, is wonderful at replacing burnt out bulbs, but occasionally we have other problems such as wiring and replacing ballasts. If anyone can be off assistance in this area, we would appreciate your contacting Nancy Dixon, our Bookstore Manager and volunteering your services.

HEADSTART BOOKS

Once again, a merry band of elves from the Friends of the Murrieta Library, descended upon the HeadStart classrooms and delivered lovely, brand new children's books to an excited group of pre-school children. A total of 225 new books were donated. 195 went to HeadStart (including their home school program). A few were seasonal books, which we are unable to donate to HeadStart, but we did find homes for them. 9 were given to the Library and 21 were given to the Fire Department for their Christmas toy drive.

It is always such a pleasure to see the delighted faces of these children as they each pick out a special book they get to take home and keep for themselves. We don't know who has more fun—the volunteers or the children. Thanks go to the following elves: Pat Farmer, Maggie Pilotte, Eleanor Newhard, Irene Zelon, Carol Haskins, Eleanor Kendrick, Ralph Ferro, Sandra Lucas, Nancy Epping and "media elf" Nancy Dixon. John Hunneman, our local Californian columnist, attended and devoted his whole December 16 column to us.

The HeadStart program is looking for volunteer readers to come and read to the children. They have both morning and afternoon classes. This will not be a Friends' project, however, we are just passing on their request to anyone who might be interested. Please give Luanne Ferrer a call—698-1035—if you would like to volunteer for this most worthwhile need.

Books are not made for furniture, but there is nothing that so beautifully furnishes a house.....Henry Ward Beecher

FRIENDS MEETING DATE

3rd Tuesday of each month—10:00 A.M.
Murrieta Senior Citizens' Center
Adams & Juniper

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Library Advisory Commission

Bi-Monthly
6:30 P.M.—3rd Monday
City Council Chambers
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FRIENDS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

3rd Wednesday of each month—1:30 P.M.
Senior Citizens' Center
(No meeting the month of December)
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Outreach Coordinator

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

It has been approximately one month since I began my new duties as Director of Library Services at the Murrieta Public Library and it has already been a most rewarding experience. Many thanks to the Friends for your very gracious and warm welcome at your Holiday party! I look forward to our working together in every way possible to provide a high quality library experience to the Murrieta community.

Congratulations on your very successful fundraiser event. I am sorry I missed the affair, but the stories, photos and fundraising results indicate that it was a well organized and lovely occasion.

On behalf of the Library staff, I would like to thank you for providing the Library with its first Christmas tree! Library users, Friends' members and staff all donated unique and beautiful ornaments, which will hereafter be used to adorn the Library tree. Wonderful comments and oohhs and aaahs were heard from the library patrons young, old and in-between! Thank you!

With the New Year, the Library has initiated the following projects:

- Construction began on the new Library! Our move-in date is scheduled for February 1, 2007.
- Mommie & Me Story time as well as the Toddler Story time programs started on January 10th.
- The Library's website has been re-designed. Check out the new format at www.murrieta.org/library
- Specific plans for new Library staff, equipment, programs and services are being detailed.
- The Opening Day Collection contract was awarded and approved by the City Council at their January 10th meeting. Julia and Elise are busy selecting new books, DVDs and other formats to fill the shelves of the new Library.

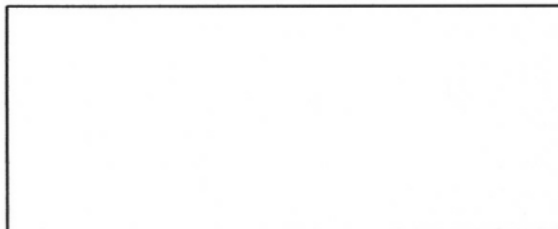
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Director of Library Services



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- **WHEN:** Friday, February 102-4 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Murrieta Senior Center—41717 Juniper St.
- **WHY:** To increase our membership. Please bring a prospective new member. Members must be accompanied by a non-member.
- **WHO:** Book Readings & Signings by the Wild Women
- **WHAT:** Door Prizes Make It & Take It
Sweets Savories Coffee & Tea

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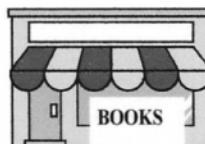
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