



Committee Reports

Photojournalist Wayne Kelly Will Talk to the September Meeting

PROGRAM

• Have you ever wondered where to take the kids or grandkids, or where to go yourself for a change of pace? If so, you will enjoy hearing photojournalist Wayne Kelly, who will talk to us Tuesday, September 18th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Murrieta Public Library Community Room. Wayne's book, "Family and Friends

Fun Guide to Southwest Riverside County" is packed with pictures and information about activities within driving distance, including motocross, museums, ballooning, wine tasting, fishing, boating, and many more. Kelly founded the photojournalism program at California State University, Long Beach and worked for the Los Angeles Times for many

years as a photographer and editor. Your friends and neighbors are welcome to come to this free program. The books will be on sale after the talk for \$18.00, part of which will be given to the Friends' Collection Development Fund to benefit the Murrieta Public Library.

Edna Wright of Wright Hand Bookbinding

Will be the Speaker at the October Meeting

• In October, we'll hear Edna Wright of Wright Hand Bookbinding. Edna is the person who has done such an expert job repairing old leather-bound books for the Friends Annual Book Auction. On Tuesday,

October 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the Murrieta Public Library Community Room she will demonstrate how she makes a book out of a handful of printed pages. Also if you have any questions about old family treasures

you would like to have repaired or bound-recipes, family sayings, the poetry your mother wrote, etc.-bring them and Edna will answer your questions. (Eleanor Newhard, Chair)

MEMBERSHIP

• Not only did seven new members join over the summer, but they are all volunteering at the bookstores! Welcome and a big thank you to Donna Farran, Bill Fleming, Shala Haghighat, Heather Henry, Berma Neville, Hilda Perez and Carole Wynn-Sandy.

• Kenneth and Susan Dickson will receive an engraved leaf on the Giving Tree at the Library for joining at the Lifetime level. Thank you.

• If you are up for renewal, please note the individual membership has been raised \$5 to \$15 and \$20 for a family. That's only one trip to Starbucks! Your membership shows your support for your public library and the wonderful service it provides to the community.

• Also note that your newsletter is highlighted if your membership is about to expire and/or marked last issue. That means you must write your check immediately and send it

to Friends of the Murrieta Library; P.O. Box 235; Murrieta, CA 92564 or you may bring your check and the address label to one of the bookstores. Well, maybe not immediately, but soon!

• It's back to school time and time to get your brains in gear. Let me know if you have a great idea for a Get-a-New-Member event. (Sandra Lucas, Chair)

FRIENDS WEBSITE

• The Friends have secured the rights to the domain name <www.murrietalibraryfriends.org>.

In the next few months Al Vollbrecht and Lin Farmer & Pat Farmer will be building a website for the Friends featuring our two bookstores, up-

coming programs, and fundraisers. If you have any ideas for website content please call Pat at 677-3653.

We Will thank the Assisteens of Temecula Valley in the General Meeting

The Assisteens of Temecula Valley, an auxiliary of the Assistance League of Temecula Valley, has generously donated \$1,000.00 to the Friends earmarked for the teen/children's programs at the Murrieta Library. We will be thanking them at our September general meeting.

Congratulations to Phyllis Osborne for becoming the latest member of the Library Advisory Commission. Congratulations also goes to Juanita Blankenship, as the new chairperson for the Library Advisory Commission.

David Landriscina has volunteered to fill our vacant publicity chair position for the Friends. Thanks David!

Congratulations to the Corner and Town Square Bookstores and the

Internet Committee for their continued success in raising funds for the library. A big thanks to our generous community for their book donations and to our volunteers who donate their time and effort to making these programs a success.

Book donations are an important element of the success of the Friend's fundraising. Please continue to spread the word, to the community, that book donations are tax deductible. Donations can be dropped off at either the Corner Store or the Town Square Store where they can obtain a donation receipt. Donations can also be dropped off at the Library.

I want to welcome our new members and invite everyone to join us at our monthly meeting held at the

Library Community Room on September 18th at 10:00.

Art Razo

HELP WANTED

The Friends are still in need of the following volunteer positions:

1. Ways and Means Chairman
2. Event Coordinator
4. Newsletter Committee

We are looking for new blood and new ideas. Don't be afraid to jump in and test the waters. You will have lots of support. Give Art a call at 265-8701 and talk it over with him. Don't be bashful.

From the Bookstores

Just "Plum" Terrific!

It was a red letter day for the Friends and the Library when Francis McTiernan walked in to the Corner Bookstore. Francis is the manager of the new Plummer's Furniture store, located just across the street in the furniture row off the 215. He wanted to know if he could buy books in volume to decorate the many bookshelves they display in the 40,000 square foot store. "Why, yes," I beamed, "I think we can certainly do something for you. How many do you want?" Thus began a terrific win-win relationship with Plummer's. At first he asked for 500 books, then upped it to 2,000, then

another 500, and it has gone on from there. The great thing is that these are all books we would literally give away to the police and fire departments, the Senior Center, the VA, and other similar causes. They are primarily the books which stack up as "overflow" in the workroom, since we have far more donated than we can sell. At forty cents each, we have to date brought in \$1,601.00. The Murrieta Plummer's has purchased enough for their needs, and now they are sending them up to stores in the L.A. area.

While the arrangement is extraordinarily beneficial, it does entail

some "hefty" work, and Bonnie Stalaker and Becky Engle have done the lion's share of that. In addition, Francis is not only gracious (with his delightful Irish brogue and sense of humor), but he has been very helpful, often sending his staff over to pick up the heavy boxes. Thank you Francis, thank you Plummer's, thank you Bonnie and Becky! And let's not forget the many donors without whose generous and bountiful donations none of this would be possible. You are all "plum amazing!"

Nancy Dixon

The Summer Reading Program was a Colossal Success, Thanks to the Friends and Local Business Donors

Dear Friends ~

The Murrieta Public Library successfully completed its Summer Reading Program with an unprecedented number of programs, attendance and number of books read. During the eight-week Program, 24,130 books were read by the 1,452 children who enrolled and 1,388 children participated in the 16 fun-filled activity programs! The teens and young adults also out-performed our original goals with 122 teens and young adults registering for the Program and who read 368 books! Library staff conducted six great programs and activities for the teen and young adult group. Whew! Kudos to the Library staff for planning and implementing all aspects of the Program and to the great volunteers who helped maintain reading logs, hand out prizes and assisted with the programs.

The success of the Summer Reading Program is due to the generosity of the Friends of the Murrieta Public Library, who provided \$5,400 for incentives and for the programs

as well as to the local businesses who charitably donated extremely fantastic prizes such as guitars, boogie boards, backpacks, food coupons and movie theater tickets, to name a few.

THANK YOU! Please note the list of donors below and when you use their services, be sure to thank them for making the Murrieta Public Library's Summer Reading Program a huge success for the kids, teens and young adults in the Murrieta community!

While the Summer Reading Program was a colossal success, Library staff already planned some great Fall Story Time programs ages 0 to 2 years, 3 to 5 year olds and several craft and game programs for the K-2 grades. If you check out the Library's webpage at www.murrieta.org/services/library, under the "Storytime" link, you will find schedule details for these programs.

September is "Library Card Sign-Up Month," which with school beginning is quite timely. A library card is one of the most important school supplies your child will need

to be academically successful. This year, MPL library staff will provide the MVUSD middle school children with library card applications to ensure that kids in grade 6 - 8 get their card, if they do not already have one. Also, during this month, libraries around the nation formally celebrate the importance of the freedom to read with "Banned Books Week" from September 29 to October 6th. Come to the Library to witness some of the world's greatest classics that have been challenged throughout time and remember, "Before the week is out, be a patriot: Encourage a child to fall in love with a book. Apply for a library card. And accept the ALA's invitation to Let Freedom Read."—Linda Campbell, Star-Telegram Staff Writer, "Here's a novel thought: Don't restrict books"

Be sure to come into the Library, get your library card and celebrate the freedom you have to read! The Murrieta Public Library is YOUR library ~ use it well and use it often!

Loretta McKinney
Director of Library Services

The following list of Sponsors generously donated prizes for the Murrieta Library's Summer Reading Program for Teens and Children. We hope if you have the opportunity to patronize any of these businesses you will do so in appreciation of their support of our Library.

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September 18
at 10:00 am

The Community Room
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October Meeting

October 16
at 10:00 am

The Community Room
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