



BOOKNOTES



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Murrieta Valley Unified School District

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Friends of the Murrieta Library

Dear Friends of the Murrieta Library,

On behalf of the students at Murrieta Mesa High School and Dorothy McElhiney Middle School, thank you for your generous donation of books. Thirty-seven cases of books went to these new schools, and will support our goal of motivating students to read.

As you know, state budget cuts hit schools hard, and opening two new school libraries at a time when people were losing their jobs posed difficult choices. So, once again we turned to the community, and are so gratified by the support.

Again, thank you!!

Sincerely,

Jeanne Nelson, Library Media/Services Coordinator

PROGRAMS

The Program Committee is already working feverishly to recruit guest speakers for 2010. In January of course we will not have one since the election of new Board members takes priority.

For the meeting of February 16th, 10:00 a.m. at the Murrieta Library, our guest will be Mr. Mano Bankh, a native of Iran and former Iranian Naval Officer. His book, “Escaping Islam” is a very interesting story of his life and harrowing experiences in escaping his home country and his take on the actual political situation in that part of the world.

On Tuesday, March 16th, Mr. Wendell Ott from the Temecula Museum will be with us and will talk about the life and works of our own Erle Stanley Gardner.

Mark your calendars — you will not want to miss these programs.

Judy Bain and Maggie Pilotte, Co-Chair

FRIENDS OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR HEADSTART

Dear Friends of the Murrieta Library,

You outdid yourselves again! Your \$511 in donations enabled us, through the auspices of Beth Jones, Youth Services Librarian and her connection with Scholastic Books, to purchase approximately 150 new books. They will be presented to the classrooms by our Readers on our regular reading schedule January 13th.

Based on feedback from the HeadStart teachers, the books were chosen to appeal to pre-schoolers and are delightful to read. They will inspire a love of reading to all eighty-four students.

Approximately 30% of the titles Beth chose are in Spanish, either bilingual text or one book of a series in each language. There are books about animals, numbers, letters, as well as many fantastic stories about fairies, dinosaurs, seeds, caterpillars and SMELLY SOCKS!

Congratulations to all donors for helping stock the classroom libraries at HeadStart Murrieta. The students will be able to check these books out and take them home for their family to read. This is an excellent library experience for them all.

Happy New Year!

Luanne Ferrer

MEMBERS:

The letter from the Murrieta Valley Unified School District and the above article on the HeadStart books, along with the “News from the Library” on page 3, shows how valuable are your dues and your continued support of the Friends. We can’t do all we do without you.

Our two busy bookstores, of course, continue to play an invaluable role in responding to the requests from the Library. These would not be as successful as they are without the managers and the staff of faithful volunteers. We really can’t place enough emphasis on how wonderful and consistent all you volunteers are. THANKS!!!

MEMBERSHIP

Lissa Sanchez joined us in November—welcome! She has jumped right in and volunteered to work at the bookstores. Renewing are 15 members—terrific!

Check your address label now and if your label is highlighted in yellow, it's time to renew! This is especially crucial this month due to board elections at the January meeting. Members must be in good standing to vote which means your membership dues must be current.

Below are the various levels of membership:

\$15 Individual	\$25.....Supporting
\$20 Family	\$50.....Patron
\$100.....Business	
\$250.....Lifetime	

Your check may be mailed to the address above the mailing label on this newsletter or drop it by either bookstore. If you have moved, please let us know. New email address? Let us know that as well. There are six issues per year, in January, March, May, July, September and November. Booknotes should be received prior to the meeting date for that month, therefore, if you are not receiving these issues on a regular basis there may be a problem with the post office. Keep us informed so that we can keep you informed!

A good way to keep informed is to check out our website at www.murrietalibraryfriends.org. You will find all kinds of information there.

Sandra Lucas, Membership Chair

Most of you watched or attended the Rose Parade and were already impressed with Captain Sullenberger, the pilot who made the miraculous landing in the Hudson River and who was the Grand Marshall of the parade this year. There will be an hour long program about him and his story of what prepared him in his life to handle this situation so well. It will be airing January 10th on The Learning Channel.

OUR LOGO

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"

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO VOLUNTEER?

Look no further. The **Friends** is a great organization.

What makes it so great? The people who are involved in it. We need more volunteers willing to give of their time and talent. One job opening in particular is **Refreshment Chairman**. Coletha is taking a medical leave from her duties. We need someone to step in and take over. It is once a month, with July and August off. Also, it would help if the members supplying food for that meeting would come early and set up and stay to clean up. If everyone takes his/her turn at this it won't be so much work for the same people who do it each month. We have some wonderful cooks who bring their specialties and this makes for a great social time. If we do not get any volunteers, we may have to cut out having refreshments. Let's not let that happen. If you are interested and would like more information, call 677-7672. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Other Job Openings: Parliamentarian—Not a board position, but must attend board meetings.

Bookstores—You pick the hours you want to work and at which store.

Ways and Means—Need new, fresh ideas to raise money to support Library programs.

Volunteer Pool List—Willing to be available when projects come up. Call Carol Van Dorn—461-2381.

LIBRARY—They need help in ALL areas. Stop in for more information or call 304-2665.

You need never wonder what to do with your spare time. There are many opportunities that will fit your particular interests and abilities.

ANNUAL MEETING—JANUARY 19th

On the enclosed insert you will find a list of proposed nominees for your new Board to be installed as soon as the election is finalized.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS: If you are unable to attend this meeting and wish to have your vote counted, please mail the enclosed list of nominees to P.O. Box 235, Murrieta 92564. Circle all five names or only the nominees of your choice. Do not put your name on this form. It is a **SECRET BALLOT**. The envelope must have your name on it to ensure your membership is current. Members are entitled to one vote. Family and husband and wife Life-time members are entitled to two votes. Thank you for taking time to help select your new Board of Directors. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the January 19th meeting.

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND 2010 PREVIEW

It has been a wonderful year at the Murrieta Public Library! Sure, we reduced our budget and our staff, but the reality is that we are still marching forward in a positive and productive manner! The very best news is that the Library has been available for all those individuals and families that need educational and recreational resources; for those who need computer with Internet, a variety of professional software, and printing capabilities; for large and small groups to meet in the Library's Community, Conference and Study Rooms; as well as to assist those with foreclosure and mortgage questions, elections, passport registration, and notarizations. Most of all, we still have been able to provide the high quality customer services and professional research assistance ~ with a warm smile ~ to all of our deserving community!

In 2009 we also had a very successful Summer Reading Program with top-notch programs and an increase in reading participation and program attendance. All ages, infants to seniors enjoyed the Summer Reading series. The Youth Services staff, led by Beth Jones, collaborated with the Murrieta Valley Unified School District on a variety of special projects throughout the year, with thanks to Mrs. Jeanne Nelson! Adult Services Librarian Laura Davis worked with the Rotary and the City's Economic Development Department with their resources needs and staff members Steve Herring and Ashley Jennings completed the tremendous task of completing the oral stories for the California Digital Storytelling Project. The City's Finance, Building Safety, Public Works, and Planning Departments assisted with the very nerve-wrecking, but successful, State audit of the Library's Construction project, which will net us approximately \$600,000 for future building related matters.

Yes, Library staff provided close to, and in some cases, more than 100% services in 2009 than in the 2008 calendar year. I will not deny that we had a few bumps and bruises to overcome in order to achieve such a stellar accomplishment, but we are leaner, "meaner" and stronger as a result!

I also want to share that while the Library staff are all exceptional workers and individuals, we also owe these great accomplishments to the following: the City Council for your continuous generosity with maintaining the Library's budget as well as for your clear vision of the needs of the community and the importance of keeping the Library as part of this City's infrastructure for its economic and cultural betterment; the City Manager for

superb wisdom and assistance in working with the staff and me to keep our Library operating and maintained with creative problem resolutions; the Library Advisory Commission for your gracious input on Library programs and services as well as for the positive liaisons that you create and maintain with other groups and citizens on behalf of the Library; the Murrieta Public Library Foundation Board for your dedication to the creation of the Foundation and due diligence to the details of each step of the process; the volunteers of the Library for your commitment to coming in daily, weekly, as well as on call to assist with the shelving, cleaning, pulling holds, maintaining the historical documents, and all the other wonderful tasks you do; and last, but never least the Friends, who are indeed Friends in every sense of the word, for your hours and hours of personal time you give to the meetings, the operation and maintenance of the two super wonderful Bookstores, and the monies you raise, conserve, and provide so the Library can offer the best collections and programs for the community!

Yes, we have been very successful in 2009, thanks to all of you!

What is next for the 2010 year? The Library staff have big plans to continue the momentum of working "smarter not harder" by implementing new technology, streamlining library procedures, and working closely with each of you to meet your Library services and resources needs ~ in a professional yet warm and friendly manner. We have a variety of new and exciting programs lined up, in fact the Summer Reading series is already planned and we have plans to create more oral history stories. There are ideas for other databases for the "virtual Library" and the Foundation is planning their debut. Of course, these plans are just a preview as we continue to move forward into the New Year. Check the Library's website at www.murrieta.org/services/library for up-to date information on Library events! We look forward to seeing, working with, and assisting you in 2010!

On behalf of the Library ~

THANK YOU for a great 2009 and BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Loretta McKinney
Director of Library Services

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.

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MEETINGS

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