



# BOOKNOTES



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## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new members .....Bob Markarian, Paula Smith, Jill Hancock, Jennie Jackson and Leanna Majors. Two of the new members have volunteered to work at the bookstores!

Fourteen members have renewed their memberships .... and that is a good thing! Make sure you renew when you see that yellow highlighter on the address label.

This is especially important in the next several months because of elections coming up in January. All members must be in good standing (meaning your membership dues are up-to-date) in order to be eligible to vote.

Below are the various levels of membership:

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

Just mail your check to the address above the mailing label on this newsletter or drop it by either bookstore.

**Also**, members, please note:

Whenever you have a change of address, please let us know. The post office charges us 44 cents to notify us of members' address changes and this adds up. If you let us know there is no charge. Please notify us, too, of any change in email addresses so we can keep you advised on upcoming events. You can also login onto our new website for all information concerning the Friends: [Murrietalibraryfriends.org](http://Murrietalibraryfriends.org).

Sandra Lucas, Membership Chair

## PROGRAMS

The speaker for our November 17th meeting will be Barbara Wood. We are thrilled to have her as our guest. Barbara is an internationally best selling author and has had over twenty novels published to date. She is an accomplished storyteller as those of you who are familiar with her novels know.

We will have some of her books available for sale and she will also be signing them. This is an event not to be missed! So tell your friends and neighbors. We are anticipating a full house. See you at the Library in the Community Room on November 17th.

Judy Bain and Maggie Pilotte  
Co-Chair



## HEADSTART BOOKS

Due to a conflict between the HeadStart school schedule and the date of the Friends Christmas Party, we have a new and wonderful opportunity for you. Donate the amount you would usually spend on the books to the FOML and we will establish a fund to purchase new books to stock the libraries in each class room of HeadStart in Murrieta.

Beth Jones, Children's Librarian at our Library, will recommend a selection of books; we will purchase them and the readers will read them and present them to each classroom in January.

You may make your financial donation at either bookstore, mail your check to our P.O. Box 235, or bring to the Christmas party. Checks should be made payable to F.O.M.L. If you have any questions, call.....Luanne Ferrer at 951-698-1035. Thank you!!

**We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people. .... John F. Kennedy**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another great year is coming to an end. I want to give a special thanks to all of our volunteers, whether you work in the bookstores, have helped out on a committee or help support the Library through membership and donations.

The Author Program has once again been a great success, through the efforts of Maggie Pilotte and Judy Bain. Thanks to you both for your exceptional effort.

The Friends, together with the Library, are planning to enter a float in the December 5th Holiday Lights Parade. The subject for this year's parade is "The Gift of Reading." If you have ideas to offer or are able to help with the float construction and decoration please call Carol Van Dorn.

We have several vacancies for the Board of Directors 2010/2011 term. The nominating committee members this year are Pat Farmer, Sandra Lucas and Wendy Cordilla. If you would be interested in serving on the Board please contact one of these individuals.

I want to thank Loretta McKinney and her staff for the excellent job they do of providing Library services to the community. They foster a friendly and supportive relationship with the Friends that make them special to work with.

I want to thank everyone for the great support I have received these past six years. I have had the opportunity to work with many outstanding individuals and found great personal satisfaction in volunteering with the Friends. I will not be running for the Board for another term, but will continue working with the Friends behind the scenes.

Hope you all have a great Holiday and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Art Razo

## PUMPKIN DESSERT

Crust: 1/2 cup melted butter  
One egg beaten  
One box plain or sour cream yellow cake mix  
(Save one cup cake mix for topping)  
Mix ingredients well. Press into well greased 9x13 pan

Filling: One large can pumpkin  
One tsp. cinnamon      2/3 cup canned milk  
3/4 sugar                    1/2 c. chopped nuts  
3 eggs, beaten

Mix all above well. Pour over crust

Topping: Use the reserved cup of cake mix  
Add 2 tbs. melted butter  
1/2 tsp. nutmeg 1/4 c. sugar

Mix together and crumble over filling  
Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake for 30 minutes more.

Top with whipped cream. Great for the Holidays.

## REMINDERS:

Veterans Day Parade in Murrieta — November 11th  
Bookstore Gift Certificates — a great Christmas gift  
Memorial and Honorary Donations in remembrance of someone special or a special event.



## FRIENDS CHRISTMAS PARTY CARSON'S RANCH

**DECEMBER 15TH—11:00 a.m.**

Sign up to bring food at the November meeting  
or email Coletha at [colethhutch@gmail.com](mailto:colethhutch@gmail.com)  
Or call her at 677-7672

We look forward to seeing you there.



*Wishing You A  
Happy  
Thanksgiving*



*AND VERY  
JOYOUS  
HOLIDAYS*

## ~ The Murrieta Library: Virtually! ~

Those of you who have been using the Murrieta Public Library for three years or more may have noticed how very busy we are compared to the days of being in the 4,000 square foot bank building on Los Alamos Road. We offer more programs, our collection of print and media materials has increased from 35,000 to 95,000 items, and we provide many new services such as notarizations, a new ADA PC workstation with special software for the sight impaired, and a growing local history collection of documents, photos and artifacts, just to name a few.

But wait! There's more! Our techno-savvy librarians have also provided an increased number of incredibly useful databases for you to access from home, office, or at your favorite coffee shop with your laptop! Since a picture is worth a thousand words, I have provided "screen shots" of four of our extra-useful databases to pique your interest. To access the databases go to

< [www.murrieta.org/services/library](http://www.murrieta.org/services/library) >

and in the "Library Databases" box are links to all of our online resources including those attached, which are:

- Mango Languages ~ is an online, interactive databasewith 12 languages to learn! Mango uses real-life situations to teach you how to communicate using sounds, sentences, grammar and conversational pieces, with increasing levels as you progress.
- "Free Tutorial Classes and Tests" is the "LearningExpress Library" ~ this database is literally for all ages from elementary school to adults. In addition to providing practical exercises in a variety of subject topics, follow-up tests are also available to determine ones strengths and weaknesses. College level courses, SAT, ACT, GRE tests are also available. For adults, the same type of practical exercises, with follow-up tests, are available for different career paths, such as real estate, civil service, teaching, military, cosmetology and more.
- World Book Encyclopedia—this is not the print version, which is always the Librarians's favorite print resource! Articles can be found by subject or alphabetically. Color photos, links to related topics, and video accompany most of the articles. Today's news headlines, quizzes and activities, as well as

Information on how to cite the sources can be found in this great online tool.

MyLibrary DV ~ WOW! This database offers

Classic movies, popular television series on travel, cooking, and history, and learning videos on a variety of educational topics from language arts, to grammar and math. To view this gem, go to the MyLibrary DV icon on the Library's web page to download the information.

This is just the beginning of what can be found in the Library's "virtual library!" The Library ~ as well as the Friends ~ pays for the databases because they are extremely useful and accessible, for free, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You will need your library card to create the accounts! If you have questions or need assistance with these wonderful resources, give us a call at (951) 804-BOOK (2665). Our Librarians will be very happy to help you!

Loretta McKinney,  
Director of Library Services

## MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

The Murrieta School District is still growing with 660 additional students in district schools this year. This speaks to the quality of both the community and the school district. These additional students are using both the Murrieta Public Library and school libraries. In September alone, school libraries checked out 61,762 books to students, almost 8,000 more than September last year.

The School District continues to work closely with the Public Library on shared programming and resources. For example, information needs to be available in many formats if students are to learn 21st Century research skills. In addition to print materials, the Public Library provides databases that students with library cards can use for projects and reports, supplementing the databases provided through school libraries. Recently, school library staff spent a morning at the public library, learning what is available so they can share this information with students and teachers. When we coordinate resources, we maximize scarce dollars.

Jeanne Nelson, Ed.D.  
Library/Media Services Coordinator  
Murrieta Valley Unified School District

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**MEETINGS**

3rd Tuesday—10:00 a.m.  
 Library Community Room



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 Friday & Saturday 10-5

**Library Advisory  
 Commission  
 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  
**Call 600-1875 or 696-7729**