



BOOKNOTES



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to each and every one of you!

On February 28, 2011, The Californian editorial page gave a "That's What Friends Are For" award to the Friends of the Murrieta Library, citing its fundraising support of the Library and the efforts of the numerous volunteers who work in our two Bookstores!

This recognition is a real tribute to the contributions that each of you makes to support the Library—through volunteering at the Bookstores, in the Library and on special projects; through your membership dues, donations, and participation in fundraisers; through working on committees, and through letting your friends and neighbors know about our community's wonderful Library and the activities of the Friends.

It is easy to become discouraged when we hear the gloomy forecasts for the State budget and are faced with uncertainty about the resources that will be available to the Library during the next couple of years. We need to remember that the Friends have been a continuing source of support for the Library since our founding in 1996 and that your ongoing dedication and generosity are still making it possible for the Library to provide inspiring, educational and fun programs for toddlers, children, teens and adults. With more and more people depending on the Library for information, recreation, job search and training assistance, computer and internet access, the efforts of the Friends are even more essential. We will continue to work with the Library to provide support in whatever areas we can, so that this valuable resource will remain available to all in our community.

Judy Call

REMINDER

Bernice Evendorff is our Sunshine Chairman. If you know of anyone who is ill, had an accident, lost a loved one or just needs a "friendly" card, please let Bernice know. 677-9508 or email bevendorff@msn.com.

LIBRARY NEWS



Dear Friends ~

As I'm sure you have heard or read, the Governor is proposing the elimination of all state funds allocated to public libraries throughout the state. Governor Brown's justification for this decision is that public libraries should be the responsibility of local government. As of this writing, the Assembly and Senate are at an impasse regarding the budget proposal with the Assembly proposing to reduce the funding while the Senate is siding with the Governor to fully eliminate all state funding. Should this funding be eliminated, some public libraries will close and some will have to reduce some or all of the following: hours, staffing, programs and/or collections. The bottom line is the impact on YOU the community. Public libraries exist for you. The reduction or elimination of funds will affect your access to information, resources (books, DVDs, CDs, databases), programs (including children's, teen, young adult and adult), as well as services, such as computers and reference assistance.

I would like to thank those of you who have written letters to our local legislators supporting the continuation of state funding to public libraries, as well those of you who visited the local representatives on Legislative Day. The funding from the state to the public libraries is for YOU, just as the money that the Friends raise and give to the Library ultimately benefits YOU; we ~ the Library staff ~ are just the pass-through! The opportunity to write letters is still open if you wish to support the continuation of state funding to public libraries. Please go to <http://www.cla-net.org> for further information on how to help your public library and community.

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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to six new members: Alicia Carson, Linda Knapp, Candy Cooper, Pam Cobb, Allyson Quinlan and Debre' Tally. If you see them in the bookstores or at a meeting, please say, "Hi and welcome!"



And thank you to the 12 members who renewed! At the risk of sounding like a broken record, renewals are so important to our growth. When you see your address label highlighted with yellow, it's time to renew. Drop your check by one of the bookstores or put it in an envelope right away (otherwise you will forget) and mail it to P.O. Box 235, Murrieta CA 92564. We need you! Call me—696-7487—if you have any questions.

Sandra Lucas, Membership Chair

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In the Bookstores—pick a time and store that is convenient for you—we have two stores.

In the Library—With staffing shortages they need many willing hands to shelve, sort books or other odd jobs to relieve the staff to better serve their patrons.

March 13—Daylight Savings Time begins

March 17th.....

**Also the 4th Anniversary
of the Opening of our
new Library**



APRIL 24TH



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"



PROGRAMS

The Friends of the Library welcome **ANN MAUER** as their guest speaker for our General Meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 10:00 a.m. in the Murrieta Public Library Community Room. Ann is the author of an intriguing novel, "The Magic Eye."

Then, in April, the Friends will proudly present Laurel Corona, well known historical fiction author of the novel "Four Seasons," "Penelope's Daughter," and many others. The April meeting is scheduled for April 19th—same time, same place.

We are so fortunate to acquire these speakers for our meetings and we urge you to come out, not only for your own enjoyment, but also to show them how much we appreciate their coming to Murrieta. We also serve some very nice refreshments at our meetings.

We hope to see many more of you at these meet-

Regarding Refreshments.....

we need more members to sign up to bring refreshments. There are the same faithful ones who sign up month after month. It is time to give them a little break and let some new "cooks" bring their specialties. There is always a sign-up sheet on the table as you enter the meeting room—so don't be bashful—take a minute and pick the month you would like to help provide the refreshments. It doesn't have to be anything fancy. Thank you so much!!



Lela Llorens and Coletha Hutchison
Refreshment Co-Chairs

WEBSITE: www.murrietalibraryfriends.gov

OUR MIS- SION STATE- MENT

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.

LIBRARY NEWS (Continued)

This reminds me...I want to thank YOU the Friends for continuing to support the Library's programs and collection with your very generous donations and hard work. Since July 2010, the Friends have donated \$80,809.41 for programs and collections. Again, library staff are the pass-through. This money benefits YOU! Every time you participate in a Library program or read a new book, chances are, the funding for those items came from the Friends.

Together with the Friends, the state funds and the City's support, your Murrieta Library is created, and operated with the commitment to providing the very highest quality of customer service! THANK YOU!

New faces – same places! While we are always sad to say good-bye to our co-workers as they embark on new adventures, we always look forward to the future and meeting new library representatives and staff. Yes, there are some beautiful new faces representing the Library as well as working in the Library! First, I would like to welcome Library Advisory Commissioner Christina Bell, who will serve on the vacated LAC seat until June 2011. Hopefully Mrs. Bell will want to stay and will offer to continue to serve on the Commission after June. Missy Matula is the Library's new Office Specialist, Kathryn Miller is the new Library Assistant III at Children's and Greg Summers and Diana Miranda are our new part-time Librarians, who are working the Children's and Adult Reference Desks. Please stop by and say hello to our new staff!

Finally, I want to introduce you to our new bin sorting machine! This new technology does not replace existing staff

and is not intended to forego the fun and positive customer interaction we enjoy with you! Quite the contrary! The goal is to utilize our tax dollars more efficiently resulting in more effective services and programs for YOU! Deposit your returned books into the interior book return and watch as the bin sorter checks them in and conveys the book or media item down the conveyor belt and then sweeps it into its appropriate bin for instant shelving! Patrons have asked staff what will staff do now that the new technology is taking their jobs. Believe, me; we have plenty of more important tasks to accomplish that will better serve you in so many ways! Checking books in is important, but does not take up too much brain power; it is a task better accomplished by a machine. Your Library staff are energetic and creative and will now be able to focus on developing better programs, enhance services and purchase new collections! Although the self-check machines have been moved for easier access, Library staff will still collect fines, fees, provide new/replaced cards and will be there to smile and say "Hello!" Have a question? Please feel free to stop and ask us anytime!

Loretta McKinney, Director of Library Services

Library Advisory Commission
Bi-Monthly
6:30 P.M.— 3rd Monday
City Council Chambers
Open to the public.
Members encouraged to attend.

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Sandra Lucas, Membership Chair



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