



BOOKNOTES



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1996-2011 FRIENDS 15TH ANNIVERSARY—CONGRATULATIONS!!



“Jazz at the Garden” to Benefit the Murrieta Public Library

The Friends of the Murrieta Library and the Murrieta Public Library Foundation present “**Jazz at the Garden**” featuring popular duo **Hart and Soul**, on Sunday, October 2, 2011, 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Murrieta Public Library, Eight Town Square, Murrieta. The concert and reception will benefit the Library’s programs and collection.

Tickets for the event are \$50.00 for premium seating and \$30.00 for concert seating and may be ordered online at www.murrietalibraryfoundation.org.

Event tickets and opportunity drawing tickets are also available at the Friends of the Murrieta Library bookstores:

Town Square Bookstore, Eight Town Square, (adjacent to Library entrance) phone 951-600-5724 and the **Corner Bookstore**, 39445 Los Alamos Rd., phone (Murrieta Gateway Center) 951-677-5350. You may also purchase event and opportunity tickets at the September 20, 2011 Friends General Membership meeting.

Hart and Soul’s Jennifer Hart, vocalist, and pianist-arranger-composer, Llew Matthews, perform at jazz festivals, restaurants and clubs throughout Southern California. Jennifer is a talented vocalist who sings standards, jazz, contemporary, pop, country and gospel. Llew, who has been Nancy Wilson’s musical director since 1987, is in great demand as a composer and pianist. This will be an evening of terrific music!

And the best part is that you can enjoy the evening in the Library and its garden, and know that you are supporting one of the true gems of our community—the Murrieta Public Library! We invite you to be a part of this event and to urge your friends to join you in enjoying a great evening and supporting the Murrieta Public Library.

MEMBERSHIP—Twenty seven enthusiastic and determined individuals and families founded the Friends of the Murrieta Library. Forty nine more dedicated families and individuals then joined the original group during 1998 bringing the total to 76 and of those, there were 25 *Lifetime members.

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A book in the hand is worth two in the Nook.....N. Dixon

MURRIETA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Friends ~

I have so much to share with you, but what is most important is to first wish you a happy **15th anniversary!** It is such an understatement to say that without you, there would be no Murrieta Public Library; without you there would be no fun and educational programs; without you the Library's collection of resources would not be as well-rounded. Many of you have put your heart and soul into this organization for the benefit of the community; to have a place of culture. That is really what having a public library is all about ~ culture. Public Library services (including programs and collections) are all about providing a private world where one can expand their horizons as an individual or group through reading, participating in programs and volunteering. This is the place where the past, the present and the future co-exist simultaneously, where the love of reading and life-long learning really happen. This is what makes a cultured, progressive and economically successful community! **THANK YOU FRIENDS** for taking your valuable time and investing it ~ for 15 years ~ into the Murrieta community through the Library! I love working with all of you and look forward to many more years of having a fun and successful relationship that supports the residents of Murrieta!

I am pleased to tell you that the Summer Reading Program of 2011 was very successful and extremely well attended ~ almost to a fault! The programs held in the Community Room were beyond capacity, which motivated us to look for other venues ~ such as the amphitheater in Town Square Park. A few statistics to share comparing last year's numbers to this year's:

There was a higher participation for all three levels of programs: children's, teen/young adult, and adults.

The average ratio of participation was higher for program attendance in the children's and adult categories even though the number of programs held was less.

The teen and young adults preferred to read rather than attend the programs. Library staff feel that the incentive to win the great baskets of goodies, donated by local businesses was the key to their reading participation.

The total reading program participants of all three groups was 1,396 people with 21,720 books read!

Many thanks to the Friends of the Murrieta Library who donated \$10,000 for the Summer Reading Program as well as to the local businesses for their gift sponsorships.

On Thursday, August 11, 2011, the Murrieta Valley Town Hall Association Endowment Board met to disburse the interest earned from the Principal of the Endowment to the three entities as prescribed in its bylaws. This year a total of \$2,932.37 was allocated as follows: \$1,466.16 to the Murrieta Library and \$733.09 each to the Friends of the Murrieta Library and the Murrieta Valley Unified School District. The funds received by the Library will be combined with last year's funds to purchase special career and math and sciences collections. Of course, we thank the Murrieta Valley Town Hall Association Endowment Board for their generosity in allocating these funds each year.

September is always an interesting month in the public libraries across our Nation as we celebrate two significant issues related to providing high quality services to our communities, which are Library Card Sign-up Month and Banned Books Week.

As Murrieta students head back to school this September, the Murrieta Public Library wants to make sure that all students have the most important school supply of all – a library card.

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. Held during the last week of September, which this year is September 24 to October 1, Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted bannings of books across the United States.

Intellectual freedom is the freedom to access information and express ideas, even if the information and ideas might be considered unorthodox or unpopular. BBW stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints for all who wish to read and access them. Banned Books Week is celebrated each year to teach the importance of our First Amendment rights and the power of literature, and to draw attention to the danger that exists when restraints are imposed on the availability of information in a free society. For information about this topic, visit this link: <http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/index.cfm>

Sincerely, Loretta McKinney, Director of Library Services

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President's Message



This month the Friends celebrate their 15th Anniversary! Our September 20th meeting will feature a look back at the Friends history, and the efforts of founders Carol Kravagna and Dorothy Renon and the Friends founding charter members who were instrumental in the establishment of the Murrieta Public Library.

These visionary supporters of the Library and its services to the community started a tradition which continues to this day. Whether volunteering at the Library, working in the Friends' bookstores, advocating with legislators, participating in community events, or raising funds to support Library programs and purchase materials for the Library collection, the Friends are there, and have been there for the last 15 years. They have donated thousands of volunteer hours and well over \$400,000 for programs for children, teens and adults and purchase of books, software, video, audio and other materials.

During the summer, Friends members have continued these efforts by working with the Murrieta Public Library Foundation to plan a joint fundraiser to support Library programs and collections. This event, "**Jazz at the Garden,**" will be held on **Sunday, October 2, 2011, 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Library**—please see article elsewhere in this issue. We hope that all of you will attend this concert and reception, and encourage all of your friends to join us for an enjoyable evening and to support the Murrieta Public Library's services to our community!

Judy Call

MEMBERSHIP—(Continued)

Present Day

Joining us in the past several months of 2011 are Natasha Macias, Cindy Lupello and Matthew Mandel. Welcome and thank you for joining with us in our efforts to support the Murrieta Public Library.

And keep those renewals coming.

Just a reminder that our kids are back in school so be on the alert for them crossing streets and especially when passing a school as children are being let out for the day.



IN MEMORIAM

So much has been written about our dear "Friend," Rita Park, that I won't reiterate all her wonderful attributes and expound further on her many volunteer activities.

However, to truly understand the giving nature and sweet spirit of this gracious lady, you would have had to be in attendance at her Memorial Services.

The heartfelt speeches from her family and friends made you glad you had the opportunity to be a small part of her busy life. She opened her home and her heart to her friends and to her children's friends. She became an integral part of every aspect of this young city she moved to.

The City of Murrieta and the people's lives she touched are better for having known her. The Friends were especially privileged to have her as a charter member, a faithful bookstore volunteer, a loyal supporter and a smiling presence at our monthly meetings. She will be truly missed—but, the memories linger on.



Our sincere condolences to another Friends' family—the McAlisters in the loss of their daughter, Susie. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

PROGRAMS—Mark these important dates on your calendar for a variety of interesting programs.

Tuesday, September 20, 2011—10:00 am

Julie Weber Grace—textile artist

Tuesday, October 18, 2011—10:00 am

Denise Hamilton—mystery writer

Tuesday, November 15, 2011—10:00 am

Frank Marter—pianist

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"



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.

RENEWAL REMINDER



Watch for your Expiration Date to be highlighted on your newsletter. This lets you know your Membership dues are due! Also, please advise of any change in address, phone or email. This will help us keep our mailing list current. Thanks!!

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