



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Rita Nastri

Happy Belated Friends of Libraries Week! The Murrieta Friends of the Library celebrated this year during the week of October 20-26 hosting a Sharing Luncheon with our neighbors and other Friends of local libraries including Temecula, Fallbrook, Hemet, Sun City, and Ontario. The response to my invitation was amazing once I found everyone. Thirty of us, mostly other Board members, shared good food and great ideas about the wonderful things that seem to work best for all of us as we fulfill our mission to not only raise funds to help support each library's special programs, but also raise awareness of that local library. The excitement in the room was so energizing. We all came with many unanswered questions; and as the afternoon went on, all of us seemed to feel we might just be doing things right in our own way. Everyone shared info on membership/recruitment, meetings/programs, parliamentary issues/bylaws, bookstores/staffing and hours, and fundraising. We all need affirmations in our life, and I think every person at the luncheon realized that they were providing the best commitment to their own library in the most innovative way they could. We learned a lot and we shared a lot. But one of the most important things no Friends' Board could overlook is how important the volunteers are to their organization. And so I say again, Happy Friends of Libraries Week!

2024 UPCOMING EVENTS	
11/4	Board Meeting
11/16	Corner Store Sidewalk Overstock Sale
11/19	General Meeting <i>Photographer & Author Thomas Kelsey</i>
11/23	Town Square \$2 Bag Overstock Sale
12/9	Board Meeting

September and October found Town Square Book Store hosting a \$2.00/Bag book sale. The September sale was outstanding and gave us the impetus to try again in October. We did well again. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with these sales. It is always so much sorting, lifting, hauling; but it was agreed at our luncheon that Overstock Sales seem to be one of the best ways to not only clear the shelves but also raise funds for our library's programs. Way to go Town Square volunteers!

And, drum roll, please. Thank you to Evelyn Dial, our Board Secretary, for stepping up as the Co-Manager of the Town Square Bookstore. She and Karen Michaud have worked side by side for many months making this little store the dynamic success that it is. Now, she wears two hats. Again, thanks, Evie!

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The **Friends of the Murrieta Library's** website is full of information regarding programs, location of our two remarkably organized and complete Bookstores, current and past copies of our newsletter **Booknotes**, volunteer opportunities, membership forms, and Officers and Directors. Use this link for more information: <https://murrietalibraryfriends.org>

(President's Message continued) The Corner Store had to postpone their October Sidewalk Overstock Sale to November 16. We wish you well and know it will be another successful day for the volunteers. (Thank you, Nancy Dixon, for reworking the schedule with your team.

Nancy Eberhardt, Parliamentarian, is hard at work with revising the Bylaws and she will inform you of your responsibilities of membership (that sounds a bit much, but it isn't) in the Friends. Don't forget, we will be having our Annual Election of the Board coming in the next few months and January 21 is our Annual Meeting where we will install our new Officers and Board. There will be NO CHRISTMAS PARTY this year but we will be honoring our volunteers with a luncheon at the January meeting.



Kiki Fritschi has another great speaker for our November 19 meeting. She has had a really good year with some very interesting people coming to the Community Room. See what she has to say about this month's meeting on page 3.

And who could forget Dan Rexwinkel, our Treasurer and Editor of this great newsletter, Booknotes. He does such an amazing job of putting us all in print bi-monthly. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I do.

As I close my comments this month, I realize we have a very busy holiday season ahead of us. May I take this time to thank all of the membership, volunteers, and especially the Board, for their support over this past year. You are all so accommodating and easy to work with. And I hope you will all take some time to appreciate your families and friends, say thank you to them and to celebrate in whatever way you do. I personally will wish you a wonderful and *Happy Thanksgiving as well as a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

Murrieta Public Library Update

Dear Friends,

As always, the staff and I are grateful for your willingness to give your time, energy, and talents to help support the Murrieta Public Library. We thank all of you for your continual enthusiasm, dedication, and passion that help us remain steadfast and purposefully driven to make a difference in the lives of our community members.

The Children's Area expansion project continues to progress. The construction and bid documents are expected to be completed in February 2025 and the construction bidding and contract award to occur in the months following. In the meantime, meetings are being held to go over the furniture, fixtures and equipment for the new space and fundraising efforts continue as well.

A wide variety of programs and events are coming up for all ages. For children, storytimes continue Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through mid-November, and Dog Tales continues on Monday afternoons through December 16. There will also be a STEM Lab class on November 26 and a Kids Grow Garden Club meeting on December 11. Teens can look forward to two Coding Club classes, one on November 2 and another on December 14. There will also be a Bubble Wrap Art class on November 6 and Library Bingo on November 16. For adults, there will be a Quiet Reading Book Club on November 4 and December 2, a presentation on financial strategies, concepts, and solutions for college expenses on November 18, as well as a Bibliogami class on November 21. Please visit the Library's web page at www.murrietalibrary.info for information and details on all upcoming events.

The holiday season will soon be upon us! The upcoming Library closures are: Monday, November 11, for Veterans Day; Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, for Thanksgiving; Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25, for Christmas; and Tuesday and Wednesday, December 31 and January 1, for the New Year.

Warm Regards and Happy Holidays,

Melvin Racelis, Library Manager

National Author's Day Celebration

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 19 when we highlight “*National Author's Day*” that we celebrate nationwide on November 1. We suggest you read your favorite American Author's book, or visit the Library to check out a book written by an American Author. Note: Our knowledgeable and helpful Murrieta Public Library Staff will suggest possibilities. Or, purchase a Used Book from one of Our FOML Bookstores.

FOML's Celebration features well-known Author and Photographer, Thomas Kelsey. Please join us for this Program and Guest Speaker on Tuesday, November 19!! Kelsey published two successful books on diverse topics: “*The Spirit of the West*”, a 30-year project focused on landscape and wildlife, and “*75 Years Later - Warbirds, Airmen, & Veterans of World War II*”, a tribute to the Greatest Generation.

Kelsey is also part of a Pulitzer Prize Winning Team of photographers, has an extensive background as a staff photographer at nine different newspapers including 25 years combined at the “*Los Angeles Times*,” “*Rocky Mountain News*” in Denver, CO and our “*Press-Enterprise*” based in Riverside County.

You will NOT want to miss this Award-Winning Photographer. Since 2021, Kelsey has led SOLD OUT Ansel Adams tours at the Lone Pine Film Festival in Lone Pine, California, taking participants to locations and giving insightful talks on how and where Adams made his enduring images over a 50-year period. Join FOML for a memorable experience as Thomas Kelsey displays his Award-Winning Photographs. He will lead us on a “mini-imagery tour” of the Eastern Sierra Nevada and 'The Range of Light', and share his expertise on Ansel Adams.

Please RSVP to info@murrietalibraryfriends.org to insure you have a seat for a likely filled-to-capacity program. Our Program is Free to FOML Members and the Community. Donations to FOML are welcome.

- General Meeting 3:30 p.m. (Break from 3:50 to 4:00 p.m.)
- Program 4:00 p.m. in Library Community Room, 8 Town Square
- Enjoy Food & Beverage-compliments of FOML and local Restaurant Owners

~ Murrieta's Award-Winning Library offers many resources including a Seed Library, Musical Instruments, Passport services, National Park passes and many unique amenities often with help from FOML Fundraising!

Kiki Fritsché, FOML Program Director

Now Accepting Credit Cards, Apple Pay, and Google Pay at Both Stores

Corner Store

39445 Los Alamos Road
Murrieta Gateway Center
Phone: (951) 677-5350
10:00 to 4:00 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
10:00 to 6:00 - Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

Buy A Good Book



Support A Good Cause

Town Square Store

8 Town Square at the Library
Across from Murrieta Elementary
Phone: (951) 600-5724
10:00 to 4:00 - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
1:00 to 4:00 - Saturday

Town Square Bookstore Update

*"For me, every hour is grace. And I feel gratitude in my heart each time
I can meet someone and look at his or her smile." ~ Elie Wiesel*

Dear Friends,

At the Town Square Bookstore, we meet hundreds of people every month and they all smile. They smile when they donate their books and we thank them. They smile when they find the PERFECT book, or better yet, a book they have been trying to find for a long time. And our volunteers reciprocate with a smile because we love to help others.

We smile with the numerous donations of books, CDs, DVDs: fiction, non-fiction, adult, teen, and children. Our donors are thoughtful and provide us with several hundred books per week. Thank you to all of the volunteers who sort, clean, price, and shelve books during their shifts at the Town Square Bookstore. We thank our Internet pricers Laurie Razo and Evie Dial. A good portion of our income is generated by Internet sales.

In September, we started our new \$2 a bag book sale. We wondered if anyone would attend. Indeed many people stopped in and bought a bag, or two, of books (DVDs, CDs) on our first day. Many people also bought items at the store. Luckily we had numerous volunteers to get us through a lot of sales. Imagine the smiles generated by our sales that day: \$769!! Our October 26 \$2 a bag sale was equally as awesome, bringing in \$245! Our November \$2 a bag sale will be on Saturday, Nov 23. As the Library opens at noon, the \$2 a bag sale in the Community Room and the Town Square Bookstore will open from noon to 4 pm on the sale days.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas around the corner, we want to congratulate and thank our hardworking volunteers who donate their time and energy to the store. You are incredibly kind, thoughtful, and hardworking! Our November/December calendar will be modified to enable our volunteers to be with family and friends as much as possible. **Town Square will be open: Tuesday, Nov 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Wednesday, Nov 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will be closed Thursday, Nov 28, and Saturday, Nov. 30. The December holidays coincide with our normal hours, therefore we will be closed: Dec 24, 25, 26, 28. And closed as well on Dec 31, Jan 1, Jan 2.**

Happy holidays to all from the volunteer staff at the Town Square Bookstore.

Karen Michaud, Town Square Co-Manager

Parliamentarian Update

Voting closed on October 4, 2024 on the FOML proposal to amend our by-laws. The amendment would allow voting by email as an option for the membership in addition to the already allowed mail or in-person voting. The amendment proposal passed unanimously; thank you for your participation. As a reminder, elections are coming up in January with four Board of Director seats that will expire. Be on the look-out for details regarding nominations procedures.

Nancy Eberhardt, Parliamentarian

Membership Update

"We must find the time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives"-- John F. Kennedy

Dear FOML Members:

As membership chair I want to stop and take the time to thank you, our membership, for your contributions to our organization. Your membership dues help provide programs throughout the year at our Library. There are programs for a variety of ages all year round. Thank you for giving to our Membership Drive and renewing your annual membership with the Friends.



Scan to Renew Membership

New members in September and October:

Jennifer Harris, Lawrence Lee, Melinda Brown, Chris Murguia, and Joanie Hollingsworth.

Renewal members in September and October include:

Christine Armstrong, Kathleen Cole, Robert & Karen Fairfield, Shelby Price, Sandi & Bill Quintero, Sharon L Smith, Lawrence C L Wan, and Mitzi & Dale Neverman.

Gratefully,

Karen Michaud, Membership Chair



Upcoming Community Events

For updated information about the Friends of the Murrieta Library,

go to our website at: murrietalibraryfriends.org/

Or you can visit our Facebook page at: facebook.com/MurrietaFOML/

For updates on Murrieta Public Library events, go to: MurrietaCA.gov/library/

Lastly, for information on City of Murrieta Events, go to: MurrietaCA.gov/

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.

OUR LOGO

Represents.....



Libraries and Book Lovers.....The Open Book
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"

Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock Sale!

Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock Sale

WHEN: Saturday, November 16, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Friends Corner Bookstore
Los Alamos & Whitewood, east of I-215
(951) 677-5350

WHAT: Overstock Fiction and Nonfiction

HOW MUCH: \$1.00 - Hardbacks
50¢ - Trade Paperbacks
25¢ - Regular Paperbacks

All proceeds benefit the Murrieta Public Library

Friends of the Murrieta Library
A California 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

Sidewalk Overstock Sale

It's that time of the year again for the Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock Sale. There are always some great deals on nearly new used books. Be sure to come early and tell and bring a friend!



Scan for Friends Website

News Flash -- the Town Square Bookstore is Starting a New Monthly Event.

On the 4th Saturday of the Month (November 23) we will have a \$2 a Bag Sale in the Community Room of the Murrieta Library from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

We will have "overstock" adult/children fiction and non-fiction books available.

Patrons will fill the bag that we provide you and each bag costs only \$2.00!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Sign up a friend - Print, detach, and mail form below - - - - or drop off at the Library or either Bookstore.

New Membership / Renewal Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Specify any special interests, i.e., Board Member, Bookstore volunteer, Programs, Membership, Hospitality, Ways & Means, Special Events, etc.

Date: _____

Friends of the Murrieta Library, P.O. Box 235, Murrieta 92564

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual.....	\$15.00
Family.....	\$20.00
Supporting.....	\$25.00
Patron.....	\$50.00
Business.....	\$100.00

LIFETIME.....\$250.00

Lifetime members are honored with an engraved leaf on the "GIVING TREE" in the Library.

Gigi - The Town Square Giraffe

At the corner of Kalmia and Adams Street, in a cozy little bookstore called Town Square, lived Gigi the stuffed animal giraffe. Gigi wasn't just any giraffe—she was the store's beloved mascot! Tall, with soft yellow fur and brown spots, she stood proudly near the window, watching the world outside.

Every morning, as the sun peeked through the glass, Gigi stretched her long neck (as much as a stuffed giraffe could!) and smiled. Today was a special day—Picture Day! This was Gigi's favorite day, when children from all over town would visit Town Square to take photos with her.

But today, something was different. The bookstore was quiet. Gigi looked at the clock on the wall. It was almost time for the children to arrive, but the door hadn't jingled once. She began to feel a little worried. What if no one came?

"Maybe I need to look my best!" Gigi thought. She tilted her head and wiggled her soft ears. "Hmm, maybe I should stand a little straighter." She stood as tall as she could, imagining herself in all the children's fun photos.

Just then, Ms. Michaud, the kind bookstore manager, came by with a brush. She gave Gigi's fur a gentle fluff. "You look perfect, Gigi. Don't worry, the kids will be here soon!"

Gigi hoped Ms. Michaud was right. As the minutes ticked by, she stared out the window at the empty street. "What if they've all forgotten about me?" she thought, her heart feeling a little heavy.

But just as Gigi began to feel a bit sad, she heard it—a soft jingle of the doorbell. Gigi's heart leaped with joy. In walked a group of giggling children, holding books and colorful cameras. They rushed over to her, their eyes wide with excitement.

"There she is! Gigi, the giraffe!" one little girl cheered.

The children took turns standing next to her, posing with big smiles. One boy even placed his favorite adventure book in Gigi's paws for the picture. Another girl, dressed in a bright red cape, pretended Gigi was her loyal sidekick on a magical journey.

With each click of the camera, Gigi's heart filled with warmth. She loved being part of the children's joy, sharing stories and laughter, even if she couldn't talk or move like they could.

After all the pictures were taken, the children sat around Gigi, listening to Ms. Michaud read a story. As the words filled the air, Gigi felt happy and content, knowing she was a part of something magical—a place where stories and imaginations came alive.

And as the sun began to set and the children waved goodbye, Gigi stood by the window, looking out at the street with a soft smile. She knew that even though the day was over, the children would return. After all, Town Square wasn't just a bookstore—it was a home for dreams, and Gigi would always be waiting, ready to welcome them back.

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Murrieta, CA 92562
(951) 677-0960



39413 Los Alamos Rd, Suite A
Murrieta, CA 92563
(951) 677-1700



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