

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Rita Nastri

Summer is here and with its first full day came the beautiful Strawberry Moon. I'm always so touched when I see any big full moon. And this month, I'm "over the moon". Let me give you some background. As you know, Murrieta's population is growing by leaps and bounds. In anticipation of our growth, the City, along with the Library Commission, Murrieta Public Library Foundation (MPLF) and the Friends, has been collaborating with architects to produce a working plan within a reasonable budget to expand the children's section of the current library. The Friends, the Foundation and the Library Commission were all present to provide information at Tuesday's City Council meeting where the final approval of the expansion was on the agenda. We must have done a great job (although, I'm sure the City had some positive vibes before the meeting) since the City Council of Murrieta approved a \$7 million expansion program for the Murrieta Library. Whoopee!

2024 UPCOMING EVENTS	
7/8	Board Meeting
7/16	General Meeting 'National Food Month'
8/10	Town Square Overstock Sale at the Library
8/12	Board Meeting
9/9	Board Meeting
9/17	General Meeting

Additionally, at our June Board meeting, the Friends Board voted to donate funds to the Library at the completion of the construction for furnishings. The completion date is tentatively set for August, 2026. It's a long way away, but the City is already moving forward on the project. I cannot go beyond this paragraph without saying a very large THANK YOU to the Volunteers in each bookstore who have worked over the years to raise this money. When I noted to the Council on Tuesday night that we had raised over **\$1.3 million** since 1996, they applauded vigorously. The Friends, past and present, should be very proud of what we have accomplished. And our job is far from complete.

In that same breath, the Town Square Bookstore is having an Overstock Sale on Saturday, **August 10** in the Community Room from 10 am to 4 pm. Please come to the Community Room for a few hours to help set up on Thursday afternoon or Friday or to transport to Savers on Monday, August 12. Many hands make the task so much easier *(continued on page 3)*

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

Murrieta Public Library Update

Hi all,

Exciting news for the Murrieta Public Library Expansion Project! At the June 18 city council meeting, a \$7.05 million budget was approved, securing additional funding from various sources in addition to the funding received from the California State Library Building Forward Infrastructure Grant. However, this budget also relies on seeking an additional \$550,000 in private donations. In this regard, I sincerely thank the Friends of the Murrieta Library for their generous commitment towards this project.

If you are interested in providing additional support for this project to ensure its full completion, please look out for upcoming fundraising efforts in the coming months. Donations in support of this project can be made to the Friends of the Murrieta Library and the Murrieta Public Library Foundation. Your support is crucial in making this expansion a reality.

We are also in the middle of our annual Summer Reading Challenge. The generous support of the Friends has made a fantastic assortment of programs possible. The Summer Reading Challenge ends on July 27, and patrons can pledge to read at least five (5) books over the summer and win weekly prizes.

The Summer Reading Challenge Statistics as of June 25, 2024

- Number of registered participants: 2,383
 - Children: 1,608 (67.5%)
 - Teens: 382 (16%)
 - Adults: 392 (16.4%)
- Number of books pledged so far: 25,199



Patrons of all ages continue to read throughout the summer while enjoying fun summer programs, and this would not be possible without the Friends' efforts and support.

Warm regards,

~Melvin Racelis, Library Manager

Hot Stuff

Goodbye May Gray, so long June Gloom. It was ninety degrees for the Corner Store Sidewalk Sale on June 15! It did, however, become June Glee by the end as we made \$1,576.50.

The sale is a two-day process beginning Friday evening when the multitude of boxes of books, the tables, the pop-up, etc. are brought to the front of the store to be organized and ready for Saturday morning set-up. On board for the heavy lifting were Kathy and Greg Cagle, Greg and Nancy Eberhardt, and Bob Clare.

Everyone's an MVP's on Saturday, but leading the pack were Kathy and Greg Cagle, along with daughter Lauren and son-in-law Alec (who came up from Poway just to help); Greg, Nancy, and Laurie Eberhardt; Bob Clare; Sheri Richter; and Eagle Scout Sophia who were all there early to coordinate the set-up. Cathy St. Martin also came early and then manned the morning outside sales along with Dan Rexwinkel, while Bob Granzow and Merle McDougall covered the inside. Stephi Villaneuva and Nancy and Laurie Eberhardt picked up the outside for the afternoon, while Avril Williams covered the inside sales.

Of course, the closing jobs are as much hard work as the set-up, and returning for that were the Cagles, the Eberhardts, and Bob Clare

"Thank you" doesn't even begin to cover my gratitude! When I think "Murrieta" I think "Community," and this was a stellar example from the volunteers to the customers, and all the thousands of donated books in between that gave us the wherewithal to turn our sidewalk into "hot stuff!"

~Nancy Dixon, Corner Store Manager

July is National Food Month

Please join FOML this July as we celebrate “National Food Month!” The Friend’s Guests are from our local Food Service and Hospitality Industry. You will enjoy hearing from local restaurant owners and culinary and cuisine creators and their partners and staff. You may learn new tips on baking, and enjoy learning how to prepare a favorite delicious Italian, Mexican dish or even tips on making a special salad or dessert. We look forward to not only hearing from these expert creators and caterers, we will enjoy some samples to nibble on along with coffee, water or a refreshing cold beverage.



What: National Food Month Celebration

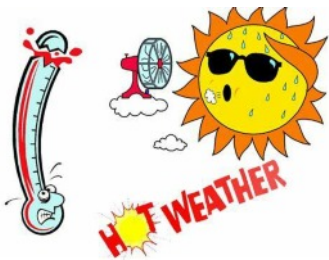
When: Tuesday July 16th at the 3:30 p.m. General Meeting, a 10 minute break and 4:00 p.m. program.

Where: The Murrieta Public Library’s Community Room

~Karen ‘Kiki’ Fritschi ,Program Director.

(President’s Message continued from page 1) and fun. Also, tell your friends to come to the sale to stock up on books and CDs, DVDs for their fall enjoyment.

Nancy Dixon will tell you about her Overstock Sale this month. Again, congratulations are in order to her Volunteers. They make it look so easy, but we know it is always hard work. I have to emphasize, this is how the Friends of the Library raise funds to support our wonderful Public Library.



June is not only the time for the Summer Solstice and Book Sales, but also for renewing your membership in the Friends. Look for more information on renewing your Friends membership with Karen Michaud, our Membership Chairperson. Don’t forget, Lifetime Memberships are available for your convenience. It helps you to remember you NEVER have to renew again. One and done, as they say!

I won’t be at our July meeting, but Nancy Dixon and the Board will be there to answer your questions and to present further information. Kiki Fritschi has another interesting and exciting program for you so please plan to join us on Tuesday, July 16 at 3:30 pm.

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”

Town Square Bookstore Update

"The little store attached to the Murrieta Public Library"

Dear Friends,

First, mark your calendars: Town Square's Third Annual Overstock Sale will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2024, from 10 AM to 4 PM in the Community Room of the Murrieta Library!! Thanks to all our donors for helping us have many hundreds of books of all genres for sale! We take cash and credit cards!

Next, thanks to our fabulous volunteers, and to the generous folks who donate books, and of course those who purchase them, our little bookstore near the Murrieta Library has had a fabulous two months. We processed hundreds of books each week. Our volunteers clean, sort, price, and shelve books constantly each day we are open. Due to their efforts our income keeps going up. For example our store and Internet sales came to over \$4,500 in May and June. In fact, our net sales are up over 23% from this time last year! Book sorting is very important as we send numerous books weekly to our Internet volunteers, Art and Laurie. They do a tremendous job in getting income from pricier books. Thank you, volunteers!!

I also salute and thank our summer volunteers! Fortunately, with school not in session, we have high school and college volunteers throughout the summer months. Since processing books is a very physical and labor intensive job, we are extremely thankful for our younger volunteers.

Remember we take cash, Venmo, and all credit cards at the Town Square Bookstore!! See you soon!

~Karen Michaud, FOML Town Square Volunteer Scheduler

Town Square Bookstore Overstock Sale!

Town Square Bookstore Overstock Sale

WHEN: Saturday, August 10, 2024
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

WHERE: Library Community Room
8 Town Square
(951) 600-5724

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

Overstock Sale

It's that time of the year again for the Town Square Bookstore 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

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>

Membership Update

"To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own."

~ Anne Morrow Lindberg - writer and aviator



Scan to Renew Membership

Many thanks to our annual members who have renewed their 2024-25 membership. The FOML membership and bookstores help provide programs for patrons of all ages at the Murrieta Library. Programs for various audiences are provided throughout the year and your gift makes that happen. Thank you so much!!

~NEW MEMBERS MAY AND JUNE:

Mary and Martha Ibraheam, and Jayne Schneider

~RENEWING MEMBERS:

Laurie Nielsen, Lynn Marie Hornecker, Jan Emde, Karen Michaud, Roberta Wrye, Diana Bucur, Karie Clingo, Denis O'Connor, Mari Werner, Julie Francis, Karen Tuma, Dalene Coleman, Judy Parker-Matz, Jackie Copeland, JoAnn Snodgrass, Lois Mayhew, and Gretchen Sedlacek

~Karen Michaud, Membership Chair

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.

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/

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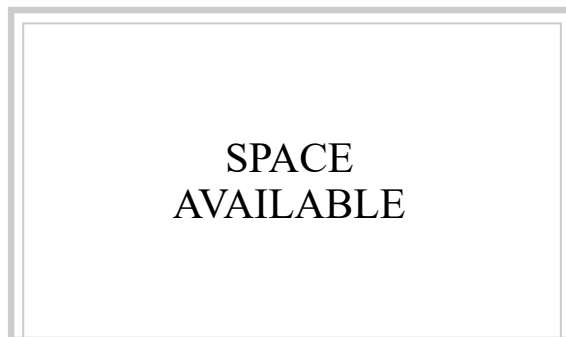
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