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Murrieta Public Library Foundation adds new members and launches matching donation program

Murrieta, CA – November 22nd, 2022 – The Murrieta Public Library Foundation (MPLF) is pleased to announce it added 7 new members and elected new leadership at its annual meeting. The new 10-member Board now includes: Veronica Cortez, MLIS; Karen “Kiki” Fritschi; Ashley Cunningham, JD; Aimee Edgeworth; Kathryn Elliott, PE; Kevin Coon and Kurt Korneisel. They join existing members: Sue Kester, MS; Melvin Racelis MLIS; and Christina Bell, MA.

Those elected to the executive board include:

- Kevin Coon – President
- Karen “Kiki” Fritschi – Vice President
- Kurt Korneisel – Treasurer
- Christina Bell continues as board secretary.

The Board is extremely grateful to Juanita Blankenship and W. Dan Rexwinkel for their years of effort and dedication to the Foundation. They recently stepped down after helping establish and grow the MPLF as a vital support system for the Murrieta Public Library.

Library Manager, Melvin Racelis, shared his enthusiasm over the board expansion in this statement: “I am delighted to have several new board members join our Library Foundation and would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to all the past board members and officers who have set us up for success. Each new member brings a wealth of talent, enthusiasm, and passion that can help take our Foundation and Library to the next level.”

The Murrieta Public Library Foundation relies on donations to fund library projects and we are excited to announce our initial “Matching Gift Program” just in time for #GivingTuesday on November 29th. For every dollar donated from now through January 31st, 2023, the Board will match the amount donated up to \$5,000.

“We are thrilled to hear about the \$1.5 million dollar grant Murrieta has been awarded to expand our children’s library space”, says new MPLF president, Kevin Coon. He adds, “the funds we raise from this new campaign will have a lasting impact on our community by supporting a once-in-a-generation library expansion – including everything from furniture to technology needs.”

To donate, please visit: <https://murrietalibraryfoundation.org/donate.html>.

About Murrieta Public Library Foundation

Established in 2008, the MPLF is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to improving and augmenting library services in the city of Murrieta. Learn more about us at: www.murrietalibraryfoundation.org

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