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City of Murrieta Public Library Extends Checkout Time to Three Weeks

Murrieta, CA: The Murrieta Public Library is excited to announce that they are extending the materials checkout time to three weeks! As part of February’s National Library Lovers’ Month, the Murrieta Public Library wants to show its love for patrons with this service extension. The great news is that the change isn’t only for the month of February but will be ongoing for items checked out now and in the future. Library patrons can check out up to 30 items, including books, instruments, museum passes, and more.

In addition, February was the Library’s **Food for Fines** month, and until February 28, the Murrieta Public Library will remove \$1.50 of overdue fines (up to \$15) for each non-perishable, nutritious, pre-packaged food item donated. Suggested food items for donation include baby food, canned soup, canned fruit, oatmeal, pasta, peanut butter, shelf-stable milk, and cereal, among other non-perishable foods. All donated items will be given to the Murrieta United Methodist Church Food Pantry.

“The Murrieta Public Library is passionate about providing excellent service and educational opportunities to our residents and visitors. We don’t want the item checkout period to discourage anyone from utilizing the incredible variety of books and materials available at the library. We hope this extended time to return items will make using the Murrieta Public Library even more beneficial for our community,” said Melvin Racelis, Murrieta Public Library Manager.

To learn more about the wide variety of resources and engaging programming available for all ages at the Murrieta Public Library, please visit their website at www.MurrietaCA.gov/Library.

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About Murrieta

Murrieta's more than 115,000 residents live in one of the safest cities in the U.S., with top-ranked schools, 52 parks, and a dynamic business environment. Central to all of Southern California, Murrieta is truly the gem of the valley. With a median age of 36 and an average household income of \$136,406, Murrieta boasts a well-educated population and a strong labor force. Ranked the fiscally healthiest full-service city (100,000+ residents) in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties, Murrieta’s future is undoubtedly bright.

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