



# FOCUS

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library

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## FTOL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JIM NEILSON

Hello Dear Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library:

The Thousand Oaks Library just completed some excellent programs centered around the One City One Book, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, by Jamie Ford. The programs included a jazz concert, a drum and dance event, films, a martial arts demonstration, a community discussion, a CLU faculty panel discussion, a sumo wrestling demonstration, a kimono fashion show, and a tour of the Chinese American Museum and the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles.

To top it off, the author Jamie Ford spoke at the Thousand Oaks Civic Center to about 800 people. This program was quite interesting and entertaining. If you haven't read *Hotel on the*

*Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, you should check it out and read it. You won't be disappointed.

I would like to wish Nancy Sevier, Deputy Director Library Services, best wishes in her upcoming retirement. I hope Nancy will find time in retirement to do all the things she wants to do. I have truly enjoyed working with her.

Don't forget: Your contribution of a little time can go a long way in helping make a positive difference at the Thousand Oaks Library.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

BY CAROL WEINER

First, I would like to wish everyone a lovely holiday season, including a happy and healthy New Year.

Next, I invite you to join us for the Friends' winter bus trip on Saturday, February 11, 2012, when we will go to the Los Angeles County Art Museum (LACMA) which like many venues in southern California is participating in PST or *Pacific Standard Time*.

*Pacific Standard Time* is an initiative of the Getty Foundation and Getty Research Institute launched in 2002. *Pacific Standard Time* brings to light the dynamic history of art in Los Angeles from the post-World War II era through the turbulent 1960s and 1970s. The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) has chosen to display: California Design, 1930-1965: 'Living in a Modern Way' as their contribution in the documentation of this time period, showing how it relates to the present. One of the major exhibits is a full-size recreation of a 1940's home that well-known architects and designers Charles and Ray Eames built for themselves in Pacific Palisades that has been filled with the actual furnishings and artistic pieces they created for the house.

The cost of the trip is \$35.00 per person for Friends and \$40.00 for non-members. This price includes the costs of the bus,

the driver's gratuity, admission and a private tour at 10:00 a.m. before the museum is open. After the tour, you will be on your own to take in other buildings and exhibits LACMA has to offer, as well as the surrounding La Brea Tar Pits and park. Lunch will be on your own as well, but the area has many choices from which to choose. There are on-site restaurants at LACMA, numerous eateries within walking distance on Wilshire Boulevard, and several popular food trucks that are parked in front of the museum beginning at 1:00 pm.

We will board the bus at 8:45 a.m. at the Newbury Park Branch at 2331 Borchard Road. Buses will leave at 9:00 a.m. For more information about the tour and reservations, call Carol at 805-480-1450.



For more information about *Pacific Standard Time*, visit the program's website at <http://www.pacificstandardtime.org/>.

## NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS!

BY ED CRAVEN, MEMBERSHIP VP

### New Members

Chuck Austin  
Carmela Britt  
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### BOARD MEETINGS

Held at 10:30 a.m. the 2nd Monday of each month in the Friends' office at the Newbury Park Branch Library. Members are welcome to attend.

### Focus

A bimonthly newsletter focusing on the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library, the Thousand Oaks Library System and topics supporting literacy. Submit articles to: FOCUS Editor, Friends of the Library, 2331 Borchard Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320.

Editor: Dan Ruth,  
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*FTOL Focus* welcomes book notes and reviews, and relevant announcements. Contributors should observe a maximum of 300 words. Articles may be edited for length.

## ATTENTION RALPHS SHOPPERS!

Ralphs Super Markets has renewed its Community Contributions Program and the Friends is once again a participating non-profit. That means that Ralphs will donate a portion of all your purchases to the Friends! All you need to do is register your Ralphs card and designate the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library as your charitable organization.

Participants are required to register for the new term at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) or by using a scan bar letter at the register starting September 1, 2011. Even if you registered last year or as

recently as June, July or August 2011, you are required to register again beginning September 1.

For your convenience, step-by-step website registration instructions can be found at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com), click on Services, click on Community Contribution, click on 'For participant questions, click here'. If you would like to receive a customized scan bar letter, which is an alternative form of registration, please email [membership@ftol.org](mailto:membership@ftol.org) or phone Ed Craven at 805-493-2024.

## BOOK SALE NEWS

By Geri Trail, VP, Book sales

All these selections are in excellent to very good condition and most have their dust jackets. As always, you can contact me if you are looking for something special and I will search in the thousands of donations we get each week.

Geri Trail, FTOL VP Book Sales  
805-480-9737

Highlighted book for this issue include:

*Ultimate Harley Davidson, New Edition Hugh Wilson*, 2007. Book is in excellent condition with dust jacket. Price \$4.00

*The International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame*, Joseph Siegman, 1992. Book is in excellent condition with dust jacket and author's signature. Price \$5.00

*Great Master of French Impressionism* from the National Gallery of Art Washington, commentaries by Diane Kelder. Book is in excellent condition with dust jacket. Price \$5.00

*Masterpieces of the Ho-Am Art Museum—Antique Art, Volume I Ceramics and Volume II Painting and Calligraphy, Sculpture, Applied Art*. Book is in pristine condition in hard-sided cover with Chinese closures, 1996. Both volumes \$20.00

*The Groucho Phile, An Illustrated Life by Groucho Marx*, 1976. Book is in excellent condition with dust jacket. Price \$5.00

### In Appreciation

The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library wish to express our fond appreciation for the contribution that Thousand Oaks Library Deputy Director Nancy Sevier has made to both the Library and to FTOL. In December, Nancy will be retiring after dedicating 26 years to helping Library patrons. In addition to being the FTOL liaison with the Library, Nancy has served as Reference Librarian, Newbury Park Branch Supervisor, Reference Supervisor, Division Manager overseeing Collections, Children's / Young Adult Services and References Services, and, since 2000, Deputy Library Services Director. The FTOL Board will truly miss Nancy's professionalism, her friendship, and above all her passion for making the Library the very best it can be. We'll miss you, Nancy, and we wish you all good things in your retirement!



### HISTORY BOOK CLUB

The History Book Club meets from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Goebel Senior Center, 1385 E. Janss Road (next to the GRB Library). For more information, contact Beth Oetken at 805-494-0941.

Thursday, Dec 8th, 2011  
*Churchill* (biography) by Paul Johnson

### FRIENDLY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Friendly Book Discussion Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in the Grant R. Brimhall Library Conference Room. For more information, contact Sai Chandavarkar at 805-367-0571 or 805-241-5205.

Wednesday, December 7th, 2011  
Open Discussion

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Cultural Bus Tour December 17, 2011 Nethercutt Collection & Museum in Sylmar 100 restored vehicles and fabulous musical instruments!

Check the Library's website for updates on other activities and check out the most recent edition of the TO Library Oak Leaf newsletter at <http://www.tol.lib.ca.us/Oakleaf/home.html>.

### Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library Membership Application

(Please print)

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Family \$20  Individual \$15  Senior (60+) \$10

Student \$10

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Attn: Membership Vice-President  
2331 Borchard Rd., Newbury Park CA 91320

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## Clean Your Attic and Basement— Donate Your Used Books!

The Thousand Oaks Library welcomes donations of used books, books on tape, CDs, VHS videos, and DVDs.

Donations from the public are what make our book sales a success and help raise funds for ongoing FTOL programs and library materials.

Often donated books can be used to replenish worn or lost books in the library's permanent collection.

Donations are accepted at the Grant R. Brimhall Library and the Newbury Park Branch Library during regular library hours.

### THOUSAND OAKS LIBRARY SYSTEM [www.toaks.org/library](http://www.toaks.org/library)

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(805) 449-2660

Newbury Park Branch Library  
2331 Borchard Road  
Newbury Park, CA 91320  
(805) 498-2139

### SCHEDULE OF HOURS

#### Grant R. Brimhall Library

Monday—Thursday	11 a.m.—8 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m.—6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.—5 p.m.
Sunday	12 p.m.—5 p.m.

#### Newbury Park Branch Library

Monday—Wednesday	Noon—8 p.m.
Thursday—Friday	10 a.m.—6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.—5 p.m.
Sunday	Closed