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The Newsletter of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library

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FTOL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JIM NEILSON

Hello Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library:

First of all, I would like to publicly thank Geri Trail and all her volunteers who helped make our semi-annual book sale held on March 2-3, 2012 a great success. Our book sales continue to make it possible for the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library to help fund Thousand Oaks Library programs and make improvements that would otherwise not be possible.

And for those who went on the field trip to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art on February 11, 2012, I am sure you all had a great time. Our day was fun-filled and interesting. One of the highlights of the visit was getting to see the **Metropolis II**

exhibit of 1,100 Hot Wheels and HO trains whirring through a city of building-block skyscrapers in a scale model of the inventor's vision for Los Angeles's future. If you haven't taken one of our cultural tours, you are missing out on a day of entertainment. Carol Weiner, our Vice President and Special Events Coordinator, is planning another exciting trip for May 2012. Watch for details and plan to attend.

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.

BOOK SALES NEWS

BY GERI TRAIL, BOOK SALES

Our most recent used book sale held on March 2-3, 2012 was very successful. We had lovely weather, polite crowds of patrons and lots of books for sale. Although the turnout seemed to be a little less than the Fall 2011 sale, we sold a large number of our books.

Thanks to all who participated!

Eileen Kessler, who recently had hip replacement surgery, is

home from the hospital. Many of you know her because she calls to ask for volunteers for the sale. She is improving slowly but very well according to her doctor. We hope to have her back at the library where she also sorts books several days a week. Be sure to visit the FTOL daily books sale shelves in Thousand Oaks and Newbury Park. This should hold you until the Friends Fall sale in September.

Thank you to all those who helped make our book sale a success:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BY CAROL WEINER

Spring Special Events

Join us on May 19, 2012 on a Cultural Bus tour to Descanso Gardens in La Canada Flintridge and the Richard J. Riordan Library in downtown Los Angeles.

Take a 55 minute tram tour of the gardens to learn of the rich history of the area as well as about the people who lived and worked there. Descanso is noted for its roses, camellias and native plants as well as the mansion built by Manchester Boddy. Lunch will be on your own at the Descanso Café which serves soups, sandwiches and grilled items as well as specials of the day. Prices are in the \$4.00 to \$12.00 range or you can bring your own lunch.

After lunch we will travel to downtown Los Angeles for an Art and Architecture Tour of the Central Library which houses more than 2.1 million books and 500,000 photographs. You may also view special exhibits including *A Nation Emerges: The Mexican Revolution Revealed* and *As the City Grew: Historic Maps of Los Angeles*. *Treasures of Los Angeles* is an ongoing exhibit you may wish to see.

The bus will board at 8:45 A.M. at the Newbury Park Branch Library located at

2331 Borchard Road in Newbury Park and leave at 9:00 A.M. The cost of the trip is \$27.00 for members of the Friends and \$32.00 for non-members. This includes the bus, driver's tip, admission and tram fees.

Call Carol at 805-480-1450 for more information and to make reservations.

15th Annual Arbor / Earth Day Celebration

The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library will have a booth at the City's Arbor/Earth Day Event to be held Saturday, April 28th, 2012 from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Conejo Creek Park North, which is located behind the Grant R. Brimhall Library at 1379 E. Janss Road. Come by to say hello, become a member of the Friends or renew your membership as well as browse and buy donated used books. We will have an array of children's books, trade-size books and cookbooks. In addition, you can purchase gift books for all of those May and June holidays, graduations and weddings. Then of course, you can visit all of the other vendors' booths, listen to live music and meet your neighbors.



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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

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NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS!

BY ED CRAVEN, MEMBERSHIP VP

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bution Program. This will earn the
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Wanted Book Sorters - Newbury
Park Library

Call Judi Bumstead at (805) 449-2669
Extension 7325
or Geri Trail at (805) 480-9737

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

HISTORY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The History Book Discussion Group 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, April 12, 2012

Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition by Daniel Okrent

Thursday, May 10, 2012

The Last Founding Father by Harlow Unger

Thursday, June 14, 2012

Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki and James Houston

Thursday, July 12, 2012

Colossus: Rise and Fall of the American Empire by Niall Ferguson

Thursday, August 9, 2012

Borderland: A Journey through the History of Ukraine by Anna Reid

Thursday, September 13, 2012

April 1865: The Month that Saved America by Jay Winik

Thursday, October 11, 2012

Yemen, Dancing on the Heads of Snakes by Victoria Clark

Thursday, November 8, 2012

James Madison by Garry Wills and Arthur M. Schlesinger

Thursday, December 13, 2012

The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic - and How It Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World by Steven Johnson

FRIENDLY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Friendly Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday 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.

Thursday, April 5, 2012

Death of Ivan Ilyich by Leo Tolstoy

Thursday, May 3, 2012

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Homage to Catalonia by George Orwell

Thursday, July 5, 2012

Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare
(Held in Marvin Smith Community Room)

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Key to Rebecca by Ken Follett

Thursday, September 6, 2012

Colossus: Rise and Fall of the American Empire by Niall Ferguson

Thursday, October 4, 2012

One City One Book Selection:
When the Killing's Done by T.C. Boyle

Thursday, November 1, 2012

Shantaram by Gregory Roberts

Thursday, December 6, 2012

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Michael Arndt, Director, Kingmen Shakespeare, CLU
(Held in Marvin Smith Community Room)

Don't forget to check the
Friends Daily Used Book Shelves
in both libraries.

You will find a broad selection of books, music, and movies at great prices and you will be supporting your library.

Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library Membership Application

(Please print)

New member Renewal Gift membership

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Address _____

City _____ State _____

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

Student \$10

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Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library
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.

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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