



FOCUS

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FTOL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JIM NELSON

Hello to all our Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library: The new Board for 2012-2013 met on July 9, 2012 and elected officers for the coming year. I would like to extend my gratitude to the new and returning Board members as we continue our support of the two branches of the Thousand Oaks Library system.

Our returning First Vice President is **Carol Weiner**, who is also our Cultural Bus Tours Coordinator and Special Programs Coordinator. (If you haven't been on one of the cultural bus tours organized by Carol, you should plan on attending one in the future. They are fun and very educational.)

Other FTOL returning officers are: Membership Vice President, **Ed Craven**; Book Sale Vice President, **Geri Trail**; Treasurer, **Ken Fidyk**; Secretary, **Susan Bullard**; Newsletter Editor and Publicity Coordinator, **Dan Ruth**; and Immediate Past President, **Bob Coffey**.

We have a new Board member joining us this year as Member-at-Large and that is **Jean Dolan**, who is also a volunteer book sorter for the Thousand Oaks Library.

Our Library liaison representative is **Nancy Schram**, Deputy Library Services Director of the Thousand Oaks Library.

For those who are members of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library, I encourage you to consider making a donation of your time and talents to our Friends activities. Your contribution of a little time can go a long way in helping make a positive difference at the Thousand Oaks Library. If you are not a member, I encourage you to join the Friends. The cost is small and it will give so much in return. Many special features at both the Thousand Oaks Library and the Newbury Park branch would not be possible without the support of the Friends.

BOOK SALE NEWS

BY GERI TRAIL, VP FTOL BOOK SALES

A big THANK YOU goes out to our Friends and public for their wonderful response to the requests for donations. All we had to do was ask and books plus other materials came into the library. Keep them coming since we are filling our daily book sale shelves and preparing for the September 28-29, 2012 big used book sale at the gallery in Newbury Park.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming big sale and if you want to volunteer, please contact me at 805-480-9737 or Eileen Kessler at 805-495-8754.

Featured in this FOCUS are the following special priced books:

Ansel Adams—Letters and Images 1916-1984, by Ansel Adams, Mary Street Alinder, and Andrea Gray Stillman 1988. Price \$5.00

A Fellowship of Valor—the Battle History of the United States Marines, by Joseph H. Alexander, Don Horan, and Norman C. Stahl, 1997. Price \$3.00

John James Audubon—the Watercolors for the Birds of America, by Annette Blaugrund 1993. Price \$12.00

Great Migrations—Official Companion to the National Geographic Channel Global Television Event, by K.M. Kostyal, 2010. Price \$3.00

The Art of Mauna Kea—Asian and Oceanic Art at Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, by Don Aanavi, 1990. Price \$5.00

Impressionist New York by William H. Gerdt, 1994. Price \$4.00

Civil War Battles by Curt Johnson and Mark McLaughlin, 1977. Price \$3.00

Each of the foregoing books is in excellent condition with its dust jacket. Contact Geri at 480-9737 if you would like more information or would like to purchase.

2012 THOUSAND OAKS READS - ONE CITY, ONE BOOK

BY NANCY SCHRAM
DEPUTY SERVICE DIRECTOR, THOUSAND OAKS LIBRARY

The wild, sparsely inhabited Channel Islands off the Santa Barbara coastline are the setting for T.C. Boyle's socially conscious, richly humane story that examines the control we attempt to exert, for better or worse, over the natural world.

Mr. Boyle's novel, *When the Killing's Done*, is the 2012 **Thousand Oaks Reads - One City, One Book** selection. He will discuss his book and his work on November 3 at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza.

As in the past, the Library will host a rich array of free programs that enhance readers' experiences of the book.

Special Events at the Grant R. Brimhall Library include:

- **A Folk Music concert** on October 6 kicks-off our One City, One Book program
- **Kate Faulkner**, National Park Service Program Officer, shares her experiences and expertise about the history,

wildlife and environment of the island, on October 7.

- **Maddalena Bearzi**, marine biologist, author and internationally recognized dolphin expert on October 13.
- **Book Arts Workshop** on October 20 (*reservations are required*).
- **A Boat Trip to Santa Cruz Island** on October 14 (*reservations are required; there is a fee for this all-day adventure*).
- **California Lutheran University Faculty Panel Discussion:** professors from CLU offer thoughtful insights into many of the issues in *When the Killing's Done* on October 18.
- **Dessert and Movie Night** on October 26 with a screening of the film, *Big Miracle*.
- **Ian Shive**, award-winning conservation photographer, author, educator and environmental advocate on October 27.

SPECIAL EVENTS BY CAROL WEINER

Our fall Cultural Bus Tour will be on September 15, 2012 to view the splendid collection of art at **The Norton Simon Museum and to Old Town Pasadena**. We will have a private guided tour of the overall collection at the Museum at 11:00 A.M. until noon, when the building is closed to the general public.

The tour will also include a brief review of the special exhibition currently being displayed: *Significant Objects: The Spell of the Still Life*, works of art depicting inanimate common objects which generally fall into two categories. There will be fine examples of both natural (food, flowers, game) and man-made (vases, glasses, books, etc.) still lifes. The artworks will examine the diversity and splendor of over 70 pieces from the Simon collection, plus a few key pieces on loan and will be in the form of paintings, sculpture, collage, prints and photographs from the 17th to the 20th centuries. These items are arranged into four themes: *Depiction & Desire*, *Virtuosity*, *Decoding the Still Life*, and *Still Life*

Off the Table.

After the tour, you will be free to explore the museum on your own, have lunch or walk a couple of blocks to Old Town Pasadena the city's original business district. The Norton Simon contains the Garden Café which is open from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., serving soups, salads, Panini, wraps and other sandwiches, snacks, desserts and drinks. Prices range from \$5.50 to \$8.50. If you choose to walk to Old Pasadena you will find a range of restaurants there as well.

We will leave the Newbury Park Library parking lot at 10:00 A.M. (boarding the bus at 9:45 A.M.) and returning approximately at 4:30 P. M. The cost of this trip is \$29 for members of the Friends and \$34 for non-members. This includes the admission, the docent-led tour, the bus and the driver's gratuity.

For more information and/or reservations, please call Carol at 805-480-1450.



A non-profit organization of library supporters dedicated to promoting and enhancing the Thousand Oaks Library System

2012-2013 OFFICERS

President	Jim Neilson
First Vice President	Carol Weiner
Membership VP	Ed Craven
Book Sales VP	Geri Trail
Treasurer	Ken Fidyk
Secretary	Susan Bullard
Past President	Bob Coffey
Members-at-Large	Jean Dolan

BOARD MEETINGS

Held at 10:30 a.m. the 2nd Monday of each month (except August) 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.

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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, 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

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, 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, Kingsmen Shakespeare, CLU
(Held in Marvin Smith Community Room)

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

Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library Membership Application

(Please print)

New member Renewal Gift membership

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Email address _____

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Membership Level:

Life \$500+ Sponsor \$100 Patron \$50

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

Student \$10

I want to get involved! Please contact me about current Friends volunteer opportunities

Make check payable and mail to:
Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library

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

You can now make your membership donation online at
<http://www.ftol.org/membership>

The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Check to see if there is a matching gift program where you work.

Corporate Matches

Sunil Hingorani - **Hingorani Charitable Fund**

Bruce and Rebecca Wetzel - **Sempra Energy**

Agnes Ang - **Amgen**

NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS!

BY ED CRAVEN, MEMBERSHIP VP

Life Member Recognition

In recognition of our Life Members, we now display a polished rosewood plaque with their names engraved on brass plates in the Grant R. Brimhall Library. It's next to the Friends bulletin board, near the coffee station. Check it out the next time you're in the library.

New Members

Sharon Boyd
Hans & Jan Giraud
Rickey F. Harris
Ann Kidder
David Mana
Fredric Martin
Karen Olson
Mary Ann Ryan
Guadalupe Seidita

Patrons

Gerald & Marianne Cline
Ed and Candy Craven
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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

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Newbury Park Branch Library
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(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