



FOCUS

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FTOL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JIM NELSON

Hello to all our Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library!



As the holiday season approaches, I want to thank all of the Friends of the Library members for your continued membership, and for volunteering your time helping with book sorting, book sales, and other assignments at the two branches of the Thousand Oaks Library. Also thanks to all who are so generous with your donations of books, CDs,

DVDs and videos. Without your support, the Friends would be unable to fulfill our mission of providing monetary support to the Thousand Oaks Library system. Many special programs and improvements at both the Thousand Oaks Library and the Newbury Park library would not be possible without support

from our members and community donors.

I would like to thank Jack Heller for assuming the position of coordinator of the History Book Discussion Group which meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goebel Senior Center. And a special thanks to Sai Chandavarkar for coordinating the Friendly Book Discussion Group which meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Grant R. Brimhall Library Conference Room.

Again I would like to add that 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

I want to thank each of you for supporting our Cultural Bus Tours, Special Author Events and of course our sixth One City One Book program this year. We in the Friends are so grateful that you take your time and money to be part of this organization which in turn keeps these fantastic programs going and growing.

I would like to wish each of you the happiest holiday season ever and I hope to see you on up and coming tours and at events put on or sponsored by the Friends. Please look online or see the next issue of FTOL Focus for information about the next Cultural Bus Tour.



BOOK SALE NEWS

BY GERI TRAIL, VP FTOL BOOK SALES

Happy Holidays to Everyone!!

The Friends Daily Used Book shelves are a good place to shop for holiday books. We have started putting out our Christmas and other holiday books for both adults as well as children. Many are suitable for gifting.

Books, also suitable for giving as gifts, featured in this issue are:

CORVETTE--Fifty Years by Randy Leffingwell, 2002. Beautiful copy with gold edged pages. Price \$7.00



The Mustang Forty Year History by Randy Leffingwell, 2005. Price \$5.00

Norman Rockwell by Sherry Marker, 2004. Price \$3.00

Fasanella's City—The paintings of Ralph Fasanella with the story of his life, by Patrick Watson, 1973. Price \$3.00

PEANUTS—The Art of Charles M. Schultz, by Charles M. Schultz, 2001. Price \$5.00

The Ford Century—Ford Motor Company and the Innovations that shaped the World, by Russ Banham, 2002. Price \$4.00

TO LIBRARY FEATURED RESOURCES:

BY NANCY SCHRAM

My Reading History



Many Thousand Oaks Library users have been asking for a way to keep track of titles they have read or viewed. *My Reading History* is just the feature you need. It maintains a list of materials that you have checked out, even after the materials have been returned. To enable this feature, users must "Opt In". Once the feature is enabled, the system will begin recording items check out from that instance. Users may start or stop using this feature, as well as delete any or all reading history at any time.

To activate *My Reading History*, log into My Account, click the *My Reading History* button. An "Opt-In" button will appear. Click the Opt In button to begin tracking your reading history from that moment forward. Currently, this feature is only available to track printed materials, videos, music CDs, and Spoken Word.

The Library takes patron confidentiality seriously. Only the account holder with the proper login credentials will be able to view and manage the Reading History feature.



New Book Alerts

With New Book Alerts, it is easier than ever to keep track of new additions to the Thousand Oaks Library's collection and place holds quickly and easily. By simply entering your email address, a colorful weekly newsletter will be sent to you showcasing all the new books, spoken word, DVDs and music added to the library's collection that week.



To access this new service, click on the **Bestseller Lists** icon on the library's website at www.toaks.org/library, then select the "New Book Alerts" logo. Alerts are available via email or RSS feed.

In the weekly newsletter, selected titles with cover art and annotations are displayed. Links to the title in the library's catalog, more information about the book and a Google preview are provided. At the top of the newsletter is a link to View Current Edition Online. This page will display the current newsletter titles (7 days) with links to 14 days and 30 days to broaden access to other recently received new materials, sorted by categories.

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



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

THE BIG PICTURE: RETHINKING DYSLLEXIA

1:00 P.M. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2012

THE THOUSAND OAKS LIBRARY

By conservative estimates, one in five people are dyslexic. Although very bright and often highly creative, they have a difficult time making sense of written language.

On Saturday, December 15, at 1 p.m., the Thousand Oaks Library and the International Dyslexia Association, Los Angeles Branch are hosting a special screening of the film "The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia" directed by James Redford whose son has dyslexia. Mr. Redford will also be here that day to discuss his film and answer questions.

This film reveals that dyslexia is a neurological issue, not a character flaw. It explains that the struggle with the written

word is not an indication of one's ability to think, to create, or to solve problems – all valuable skills in the world outside the classroom. Through various interviews, this film also reveals that some of our greatest leaders in business, law, politics and medicine are dyslexics who succeeded in spite of their learning challenges.

"The Big Picture" also shares some of the more practical – and occasionally humorous – tips on how to deal with dyslexia on a daily basis. Hopefully, this film will help dyslexics and their families realize that the challenges of early education will be behind them one day, and that the future can – and should – be brighter for

dyslexics.

Super-achieving dyslexics (interviewed for the film) revered in their fields – from **Sir Richard Branson** and financier **Charles Schwab** to politician **Gavin Newsom** and attorney **David Boies** – confirm what the children, experts and families suggest: dyslexia carries with it as many rewards as frustrations.

A panel of experts will be available to answer questions following the film. This program is free and open to the public courtesy of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library. For more information call 805-449-2660 option 5 or visit www.toaks.org/library.

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 Jack Heller at 805-341-7585.

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, December 6, 2012

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Michael Arndt, Director, Kingsmen Shakespeare, CLU
(Held in Marvin Smith Community Room)

NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS!

BY ED CRAVEN, MEMBERSHIP VP

FOCUS AND RENEWAL NOTICE EMAILS

If you requested but did not receive the email edition of Focus, it may be because your email server detects it as spam. To avoid this, add your email correspondents to a "safe sender list" if you have one, and add the sender to your contacts (many email programs will automatically accept a message from someone in your contacts). The Focus is sent from drutheditor@gmail.com and renewal notices are sent from membership@ftol.org. If you think you've missed a message, check your junk/spam folder.

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

Phyllis Benson
Jeanette Berard
Linda Beutel
Laura, Hans, Quincy & Connor Bloem
Barbara Brown
Mary Bryan
Judy Carr
Maureen Celusta
William Cleary
Elizabeth Coffin
Paul Cunningham
Shirley Douglas
Kathy Downes
Kitty and Gordon Durich

Elizabeth Blanks & Steven Eitman

Richard Ferrell
Maxine Frankel
Kristine Fuess
Wanda Gharibian
Susan Gramme
Jane Hazeldine
Louise Hulsey
Mimi Jaffe
Brad Jordan
Barbara Kilbourne
Andrea Koval
Janet LaMacchia
Ceci Larsen
Peter & Barbara Lauer
Eric Leach
Dennis and Nancy LePon
Leonard Levine
V Jan & Lloyd Loomis
Joel Masket
Julie Sheerin
Sheila Smith
Josh Tenenbaum
Ron Thomas
Janet Travnick

Life Member Renewal

Kristine McCaffrey

Linda and Steve Peters
Dorothy Thompson

New Sponsor

Marjorie Hoskinson

New Patron

Margaret Douglas

Sponsor Renewals

Barbara Adams
Todd & Cynthia Bersley
Joe and Charlotte Gelfond
Tracey Hannel
Dave and Elaine Kaelble

Patron Renewals

Sami and Nadia Dagher
Margaret & Howard Haffner
Sunil Hingorani
Susan and Robert Hurwich
Keith and Donna Langley

Renew and pay your dues online at

<http://www.ftol.org/membership>

OR

Complete and mail the application below

Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library Membership Application

(Please print)

New member Renewal Gift membership

Today's date _____

Last name _____

First name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

If you provide an email address, the Focus and renewal notices will be sent by email.

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

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.

Shop at Ralphs for the Friends!

Register your Ralphs card at www.ralphs.com and select Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library as your organization for the Community Contribution Program. This will earn the Friends from 1% to 4% of your Ralphs purchases! This program started its new year on September 1, 2012—all past participants must re-register at <http://www.ralphs.com>.



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newsletter, please complete the
membership form inside.

Is it time to renew? Your membership expiration date is printed on your mailing label.

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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1401 E. Janss Road
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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