

FTOL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JIM NEILSON

Hello to all our Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library:

This has been another busy month for the Board as we get ready for the upcoming fiscal year. We are excited about the special programs we were able to assist the Library with over the past year, and we look forward to being able to continue our support this coming year. We are especially proud of the three Early Literacy Stations (ELS) we were able to purchase for the Library. There are two English-only stations at the Grant R. Brimhall Library and one bilingual English-Spanish workstation at the Newbury Park Library. The workstations seem to be well-used and are a fun activity.

On May 19th, we had another stimulating cultural tour organized by our Vice President and Special Events Coordinator, Carol Weiner. We went to the Descanso Gardens in La Canada in the morning and had a guided tour of the Gardens via tram. In the afternoon we went to the Los Angeles Central Library for a docent-led tour. Both locations were quite interesting and the weather was absolutely beautiful. Carol will be planning another tour for sometime in the future, so watch for details and plan to attend. It is well worth your time.

Hot off the press: Geri Trail, our Book Sales Vice President, has been nominated as a 2012 Volunteer of the Year for her work with the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library. She is one of

five nominees who will be recognized by the Council on Aging at the Goebel Senior Adult Center on June 7th. Tickets to this event are available at the Center through June 5th. The suggested donation is \$6 and seating is limited. The event includes dinner by Stonefire Grill and entertainment by juggler David Cousin. We hope you will join us in honoring Geri on this special occasion.

And lastly, 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.



At left: Friends President Jim Neilson with his granddaughter Corina Bell from Meridian, Idaho, who is enjoying one of the Early Literacy Stations at the Grant R. Brimhall Library during a visit in April 2012.

BOOK SALE NEWS

BY GERI TRAIL, VP FTOL BOOK SALES

Over the last several months, we have been experiencing a decrease in the number and size of donations to the Library. In spite of this, the Friends have been able to keep the daily book sale shelves in both branches restocked with new material weekly. We have also been able to add to the Library's collection.

If you have been thinking of cleaning out your personal library, please do so and know that we greatly appreciate all donations to the Library.

Even though quantity is down, quality has remained high and we are pleased to feature the following special priced books:

- *D-Day--24 Hours That Saved the World* by the Editors of TIME with an introduction by Tom Hanks, 2004. Price \$3.00
- *RENOIR—A Retrospective* edited by Nicholas Wadley, 1987. Price \$5.00
- *Chihuly at Litvak* (in English and Hebrew), 2010. Price \$10.00
- *Birds & Bees—A Sexual Study* by Dugald Stermer, 1995. Price \$4.00
- *Jamie's Italy* by Jamie Oliver, 2006. Price \$4.00
- *Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal, 1979. Price \$3.00
- All of the above books are in excellent condition with their dust jackets. As always, call Geri at 480-9737 if you are interested in any of these.

SUMMER AND TEEN READING CLUBS @ YOUR LIBRARY

BY CHARLOTTE BURROWS

INTERIM LIBRARY SERVICES SUPERVISOR, CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Readers of all ages will follow their dreams as Thousand Oaks Library presents "Dream Big-READ!" beginning June 11, 2012 and continuing through August 5, 2012. Children will CATCH A DREAM through stories, specials programs, contests, prizes, crafts, music, and other activities. The 2012 Summer Reading Club is open to all children, from babies and toddlers through 5th grade. Children of all reading abilities are welcome to join. There are no requirements for what they read (being read to and listening to audio books counts too)!

Through the generosity of the *Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library*, a number of exciting special programs will delight library visitors of all ages! Children and families will be inspired by a special Shakespeare program, explore space in a portable planetarium, be amazed by incredible feats by zany performers, marvel at folktales and fables during puppet and storytelling shows and enjoy some great family movies. These programs are free and open to the public.

Area **TEENS** are encouraged to participate in "OWN THE NIGHT," the Thousand Oaks Library's Teen Reading Club which also runs from June 11 to August 5. Teens in middle school and high school (6th - 12th grade) are invited to join the club by com-

ing into the library or by signing up online at <http://www.tol.lib.ca.us/teens>. Teens can submit a book rating form for each book they read, to be entered in weekly drawings for chances to win gift card prizes such as iTunes, pizza, movie tickets and more. Teen club members are also eligible for our Oaks Mall gift card grand prize drawing.

Teens will *Light up the Night* as they participate in after-hours programs just for teens. They can hone their competitive skills at free gaming program tournaments and celebrate the world by experiencing culture and fun at a Teen Olympics program, or explore their creative side in writing and acting workshops. Teen programs, contest and drawing prizes are also generously provided by the *Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library*.

The Summer and Teen Reading Clubs make reading fun for all ages. Participation can help develop important early literacy and reading skills, and keep school age children's brains active so when they enter school in the fall they are ready to learn and ready to succeed. Both reading clubs can provide lifelong learning habits and foster an appreciation of all the services and resources provided by our local library.

The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library (FTOL) invites nominations to fill the posts of the 2012-2013 FTOL Board of Directors, with elections to be held at the Annual Meeting at 11:00 a.m. on June 11, 2012 in the Technology Room of the Grant R. Brimhall Library.

The following positions are up for nomination: President, Secretary, Vice President, Membership Vice President, Treasurer, and Book Sales Vice President. Those interested in applying should contact Bob Coffey at 805-498-5550.

NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS!

BY ED CRAVEN, MEMBERSHIP VP

New Members

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Diana Sievers

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Book Sales VP	Geri Trail
Treasurer	Ken Fidyk
Secretary	Susan Bullard
Past President	Bob Coffey
Members-at-Large	Hal Hertzberg Mel Weiner

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,
Email: drutheditor@gmail.com
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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, 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

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

FUTURE SPECIAL EVENT

**BY CAROL WEINER, VICE PRESIDENT &
SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIR PERSON**

The sixth year choice of Thousand Oaks Reads **One City One Book** is T.C. Boyle's *When the Killing's Done...* This is a fictional accounting set in our own back yard, The Channel Islands which bring us characters and themes addressing the environmental balance of these beautiful islands.

Soon books will be available at the libraries for check out and programs connected to the book will be announced. Do save the date of November 3, 2012 as that is the day Mr. Boyle will be appearing at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza.

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

Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library Membership Application

(Please print)

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Membership Level:

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

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

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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.

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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

Grant R. Brimhall Library
1401 E. Janss Road
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
(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