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FTOL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JIM NEILSON

Hello to all our Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library!

We just finished having our Fall semi-annual book sale that took place September 28-29. I want to thank Geri Trail and her crew for all the hard work they did to make this sale another successful one.

As you know, the proceeds from the sale go to help the Thousand Oaks and Newbury Park libraries with such programs as the E-books collection, the Playaway collection, the Spoken Word Collection, and the continued upkeep of our beautiful aquarium. And thanks to all of you who supported the sale by stopping by and purchasing books. As a reminder for members of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library, an Early Bird Sale occurs from 3 pm to 5 pm on Friday, the first day of the sale. This is an opportunity for our members to get first choice of the books before the regular sale to the general public begins at 6 pm. Plan to shop early at our next Spring sale to get the best books by your favorite authors.

I also wish to thank Carol Weiner, our First Vice President and Special Events Coordinator, for organizing the cultural tour of the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena, CA on September 15, 2012. The museum has a wonderful collection of art and the guides were very informative. I encourage you to attend our next cultural tour in December if you are able.

For those who are members of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library, I urge 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 gives 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

Another successful book sale has been completed! The Fall Used Book Sale, which was held on September 28th and 29th, was well attended—the crowds were large and very orderly. Several patrons complimented and thanked us for the work the Friends do for the community. Thanks to all volunteers (new and veteran) who helped make it the great event it was. The Newbury Park Farmers' Market was held in the parking lot on the Saturday of the book sale and helped to increase the attendance. We had a steady stream of customers all that day.

The next Friends Used Book Sale will be March 1st and 2nd, 2013. Consider volunteering and join us for lots of fun setting up, meeting the public and taking down at the end of the day Saturday.

Featured books in this newsletter are:

Paintings in the Hermitage by Colin Eisler, 1990. Price \$5.00

Remembering Jackie—A Life in Pictures by the editors Life, 1994. Price \$3.00

Sinatra by Tim Frew, 1998. Price \$3.00

Books by Gerald Donaldson, 1981. Price \$3.00

Royal Panoply—Brief Lives of the English Monarchs by Carolyn Erickson, 2003. Price \$3.00

Billy Morrow Jackson by Howard E. Wooden, 1990. Price \$4.00

As usual, all the above are in excellent condition with the dust jackets. Call Geri 480-9737 if you are interested.

SPECIAL EVENTS BY CAROL WEINER

Upon request of some of our Bus Trip attendees, The Friends of The Thousand Oaks Library will be doing a Cultural Bus Tour on Saturday, December 15, 2012 of the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana.

Give yourself and possibly another, the gift of taking in three very special exhibits which will be held at the beautiful, mission-style museum. The first is a private collection of 120 items designed by Peter Carl Faberge, Imperial Jeweler to the Tsars who used everyday objects as inspiration for many of the lovely pieces you will see including jewelry, clocks, picture frames, boxes and a few miniature Easter eggs.

The second exhibit is Read My Pins; The Madeline Albright Collection. She was the first woman in the United States to be Secretary of State following her post as America's Ambassador to the United Nations. She learned early in her career that jewelry had the power to carry a foreign policy message. Thus began her collection and selection of the appropriate pin to wear at a particular meeting. The pins and their stories reflect her humor and humanity. (As an aside, I was able to view some of this collection in Washington D.C and found them fascinating.)

The last special show is Cut! Costume and the Cinema. This is a collection of 43 costumes worn by 30 different actors in 25

different films which will show the authenticity to detail, craftsmanship and artistry used by the creators to help set the mood and time period of a story and to give us another layer in the suspension of disbelief.

We will board the bus at the Newbury Park Library parking lot at 8:45 a.m. and head to Santa Ana at 9:00 a.m. Upon arrival, we will be split into two groups for a private tour of two of the special exhibits. One group will view Faberge while the other group will be seeing the Albright pins. A pre-paid lunch in Tangata, the on-site restaurant will come next. Following that the groups will switch exhibits for a tour of the one they haven't seen as yet. When the tours are over, you will have time on your own to view the costumes as mentioned above and other parts of the museum. We will return to Newbury Park at approximately 5:15 p.m. The cost of this trip is \$56.00 for members of the Friends and \$61.00 for non-members which includes the bus trip and driver's gratuity, admission to the museum, the tours and lunch with your choice of hot or cold beverage as well as a 20% discount in the museum's gift shop.

Please call Carol for more information and reservations at 805-480-1450.

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



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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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AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL CONNELLY

4:00 P.M. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2012

THE SCHERR FORUM OF THE THOUSAND OAKS CIVIC ARTS PLAZA

On Sunday, December 2 at 4 p.m. at the Scherr Forum, Michael Connelly will introduce his readers to his newest Harry Bosch thriller, *The Black Box*, an event sponsored by the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library. This free reading offers an opportunity to get face-to-face and up-close with the creator of modern fiction's darkly enigmatic homicide detective, the jazz-loving, tattooed Harry Bosch.

In a case that spans two decades, LAPD detective Bosch links the bullet from a recent crime to the 1992 murder of a young female photojournalist during the L.A. riots.

Over 45 million copies of Michael Connelly's books have sold worldwide,

and his work has been translated into 39 foreign languages. The recipient of every major mystery writing award, Connelly has been dubbed by *Publisher's Weekly* the "Dostoevsky of crime literature."

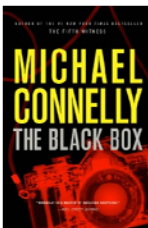
Immediately following his remarks and audience Q & As, Michael Connelly will sign copies of *The Black Box*, copies of which will be available for purchase in the lobby before and after the event.

Tickets are free, and will be available at the door the afternoon of the program. Parking is also free. Advance tickets will be available *only* for new and existing members of the **Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library**.



Two tickets per any membership level may be picked up while supplies last at the Reference Desk from November 10th through the 19th, during library hours of operation (please note that both libraries will be closed on Monday, November 12 for Veteran's Day). Current members must show a **Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library** membership card and photo I.D.

If you are not yet a member of the **Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library**, you may join and get Michael Connelly tickets at the same time by bringing your completed application and payment (via personal check only) to the Reference Desk. Membership applications are available at the libraries and at www.ftol.org. For more information, call 805-449-2660 option 5.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



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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, 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, 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)

NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS!

By ED CRAVEN, MEMBERSHIP VP

FOCUS AND RENEWAL NOTICE EMAILS

Several members have commented that they are not receiving the email edition of the Focus or their email renewal notice. The most common cause of not receiving an email is that your email server is detecting it is junk or 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. And, when you think you should have received a message that you didn't, 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

Janet Brasler
Joyce Buckley
David and Irene Crandall
Phillip Daniel
Linda Davis-Shapiro
Betsy Devore
Steven Dombrovsky
Mel Duke
Judith Forusz
Lee Gibbons
Brook Hayes

Bruce House
Paula Hughes
Karen Keever
Peter Kim
Rick & Sylvia Koppel
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Sean McLaughlin
Sharon Mitchell
Mary Pomeroy
Bill Waters & Jean Reily
Jill Sheridan
John Solis
Jill Wiechman

Life Member Renewals

Thomas and Lori Hare
Robert Mason
Armechia Medlock

Sponsor Renewals

Marshall Knowlton
Lai Lam

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.

Patron Renewals

Bob and Donna Coffey
Geri and Don Conlan
Dorothy and Gary Davis
Charles and Janice Johnson
Bill Lingle
Kathleen Merrill
Margaret & Jerry Miller
Peggy Rothring

Stasia Simrall

Zhixin Tan
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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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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