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FTOL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JIM NELSON, FTOL PRESIDENT

Hi, Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library,



In June, the Board of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library elected officers for the year 2013-2014. I was re-elected as President and other officers are: Vice President, Ed Craven; Membership Vice President, Tom Beddingfield; Book Sales Vice President, Geri Trail; Treasurer, Ken Fidyk; Secretary, Ruth Dods; Past President, Bob Coffey;

Publicity Coordinator and Focus Editor, Dan Ruth; and Cultural Bus Tours Coordinator Carol Weiner. Our Library liaison representative is Nancy Schram, who is the Deputy Library Services Director of the Thousand Oaks Library. Thank you for volunteering your time to be members of our Board of Directors of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library.

Please mark your calendars for this year's second big **Semi-Annual Used Book Sale** on August 30 -31, 2013 at the Newbury Park Branch Library. We will have an **Early Bird Sale at 3:00 pm on Friday, August 30**. The Ealy Bird Sale is **open only to members of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Li-**

brary. Please have your membership card available. If you need to renew your membership, or if you would like to join the Friends as a new member, you can do so at the door.

The regular Sale is from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm on August 30 and from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on the 31st. If you would like to volunteer to help out at the sale, please call Eileen Kessler at 805-495-8754. The Friends will appreciate whatever time you are able to give.

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 ongoing 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 support from the Friends.

BOOK SALE NEWS

BY GERI TRAIL, VP FTOL BOOK SALES

The upcoming Friends Fall Used Book Sale will be held Friday August 30 and Saturday August 31 at the Newbury Park Branch. We will be located in the Art Gallery adjacent to the entrance of the library. I know it will be the Labor Day weekend but we hope to see you all there. We will again be having the Early Bird sale on Friday afternoon for members of the Friends.



Because this is the last sale before the Holidays, we will be featuring holiday books including children's books (both regular and special priced) and holiday craft books and pamphlets. In addition, we have a large selection of quilting books and pamphlets in excellent condition. Most of the quilt books are brand new. Many of our special priced books and coffee table books are suitable for gifting since most are in very good condition.

We have made a change to our sale of VHS tapes—they are no longer available at the Newbury Park Branch and have been reduced to \$0.25 at the Thousand Oaks Library.

The following list features some examples of books which are currently for sale by calling me. We have similar quality and selection on our daily book sale shelves at both libraries and at our large Fall book sale. These featured books are in very good condition and most have dust jackets.

Kandinsky published by the Guggenheim Museum, 2009. Price \$10.00

Modigliani & the Artists of the Montparnasse by Kenneth Wayne, 2002. Price \$10.00

A Gift Returned : Paintings by Igor Medvedev, The Mediterranean Light, 1997. Price \$10.00 (We have other books available by this artist.)

The Great American Pin-up by Charles G. Martignette and Louis K. Meisel, 2006. Price \$10.00

The American Automobile: A Centenary 1893-1993 by Nick Georgano, 1992. Price \$10.00

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

By JANA COVELL, LIBRARY PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

BETTMAN & HALPIN – August 25

Bring the family for an enjoyable end of summer free concert featuring Stephanie Bettman and Luke Halpin on Sunday, August 25 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Grant R. Brimhall Library.

Ms. Bettman is an accomplished writer, singer, and fiddler. Her fiddling combines elements of bluegrass and jazz. Mr. Halpin is a renowned multi-instrumentalist and considered a master of the guitar and the mandolin, impressive on fiddle and banjo, and adept at nearly anything he picks up.



Together, Bettman & Halpin are earning a reputation for hypnotizing per-

formances filled with irresistible lyrics, transcendent harmonies and roof-raising instrumentals. Their music creates a fully acoustic, delightfully eclectic sound; taking the listener from up-tempo down home fiddlin' to soulful sorrowful ballads, to folk/pop with catchy melodies and lyrics that will stick with you long after the concert is over.

CELIA LINDE – August 29

Come back to the Grant R. Brimhall Library on Thursday, August 29 at 7:00 pm to enjoy the beautiful sounds of South American music on guitar from one of Sweden's premiere performers – Celia Linde.



Celia has traveled the world playing standard works for guitar and orchestra and tours frequently as a soloist throughout Europe, the USA, Canada, Scandinavia and Turkey. Celia is often the featured artist on National Swedish Radio-Television and has also been profiled on the BBC, Denmark's Radio, Turkish Radio-Television (TRT), as well as New York's WNYC and other international radio stations. On a tour of the U.S. she presented the premier of the renowned American composer Bobby Scott, "Vera Cruz Incident".

"Celia Linde's music radiates warmth and feeling ... which pleases most music tastes" states VARIETY, New York.

For more information on both programs contact the library at 805-449-2660 x 7358 or visit www.toaks.org/library

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



2013-2014 OFFICERS

President	Jim Neilson
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Treasurer	Ken Fidyk
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Past President	Bob Coffey
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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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NEW CULTURAL BUS TRIP OCTOBER 4, 2013

Tour of Will Rogers Home in the State Historic Park, Followed By Lunch & Tour at Skirball Museum

\$52.00 for Members of the Friends and \$57 for Non-Members

We will board the bus at 8:45 a.m. and leave from the Newbury Park Library parking lot at 2331 Borchard Road—Return time is approximately 4:00 p.m.

Call CAROL at 805-480-1450 for questions and reservations.

NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS!

By TOM BEDDINGFIELD, MEMBERSHIP VP



We currently have 580 memberships of which 23 are life members.

Life

Candace Gray

New Members

Robert Charnas (Family)

Robyn Hazard

Jean Jolin

Marcy Lagardere

Noleen Mansell

Faith Mori (Family)

Michelle Nash (Family)

Ann Pruitt

Sara Rector

Delia Skeels

Wendy Williams (Family)

Renewals

Patron

Jean Dolan

Robert and Margie Fisher

Leslie Gilder

Pat and Ron Grant

Kevin and Donna Kelly

Richard & Anita Londgren

Caryl Piernot

Sponsor

Audrey and Max Helix

Doris & Mo Liu

James and Sue Neilson

Nancy and Jeff Sevier

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

HISTORY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The History Book Discussion Group meets from 7:00 to 9:00 pm 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, August 8, 2013

Civilization: The West and the Rest
By Niall Ferguson

Thursday, September 12, 2013

Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History
by S.C. Gwynne

Thursday, October 10, 2013

Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World
by Jack Weatherford

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin
by Timothy Snyder

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Rochambeau in Connecticut: Tracing his Journey
by Robert A. Selig

FRIENDLY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Friendly Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm on the first Thursday of the month in the Grant R. Brimhall Library Technology Training Room. For more information, contact Sai Chandavarkar at 805-241-5205.

Thursday, August 1, 2013

One Hundred Years of Solitude
by Garcia Marquez, Gabriel

Thursday, September 5, 2013

The Pleasure of Finding Things Out
by Richard Feynman

Thursday, October 3, 2013

One City One Book
The Art of Fielding
by Chad Harbach

Thursday, November 7, 2013

The Razor's Edge
by W. Somerset Maugham

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Speaker

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



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

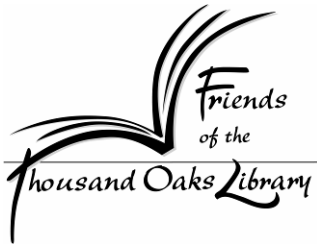
Attn: Membership Vice-President

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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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, 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 New-
bury 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