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FTOL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JIM NEILSON, FTOL PRESIDENT

Hi, Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library,



I would like to thank Geri Trail, our Vice President in charge of book sales, and her committee who again worked extra hard to make our Semi- Annual Book Sale on August 30 and 31, 2013 a great success. I would also like to thank the many volunteers who helped with the set up, the sales, and the clean up. Without our volunteers we would not be able to have these sales and provide additional income to the Thousand Oaks Library. Please mark your calendar now for our next semi-annual book sale, which will take place February 28 and March 1, 2014. More details will be furnished at a later date.

In addition to our large sales, I encourage you to visit our daily book sales, at both the Grant R. Brimhall Library and the Newbury Park Branch. There are hundreds of titles, most of which are in excellent condition, and with the holidays coming you may find that exact book you are looking for to give to someone. Most of the hardback books sell for only one or two dollars, and the paperbacks start at 50 cents. Remember, it's

primarily through our book sales that we are able to continue to assist the Library in many programs, including maintenance of our beautiful aquarium, and the purchase of e-books, play-aways, and the spoken word collections.

If you would like to volunteer for future Friends activities, I encourage you to contact Judi Bumstead, Volunteer Program Coordinator for the Thousand Oaks Library, at 805-381-7325. Also, if you are not a member of the Friends, please review our membership application and consider joining in order to take advantage of the many opportunities, as well as discounts on our cultural bus trips.

For those who are already members of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library, I once again encourage you to consider making a donation of your time and talents to our on-going activities. Your contribution of a little time can go a long way in helping make a positive difference at the Thousand Oaks Library.

Thank you.

Jim Neilson, President

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.



BOOK SALE NEWS

BY GERI TRAIL, VP FTOL BOOK SALES



Our most recent and last for the year 2013 Book Sale was another success. As usual, we could not have done it without our wonderful volunteers. Our setup and clean-up were accomplished in record time. I want to personally thank all our Friends volunteers, teens and the National Charity League for working the sale. All though the crowds of buyers were smaller than usual (it was a very hot Labor Day weekend), we still managed to sell lots of books and enjoy the

company of our regulars and many new buyers.

The next sale will be February 28-March 1, 2014.

Be sure to stop by the daily used book shelves in both branches. We replenish the shelves twice a week at the Grant Brimhall Library in Thousand Oaks and once a week at the Newbury Park Branch. Holiday books will be appearing on the shelves soon. Many of our wide selection of books can be given as gifts.

CSUCI FALL LECTURE SERIES AT THE TO LIBRARY

BY NANCY SCHRAM, DEPUTY LIBRARY SERVICES DIRECTOR



CSU Channel Islands (CI) and Thousand Oaks Library invite you to sample the compelling work of its faculty in a free lecture series at the library. Join us the next several months and be a CI student for an evening. Here are the scheduled topics, speakers, and dates. All lectures are given at the Grant R. Brimhall Library.



Business Success in China – Understanding Business Culture
Wednesday, October 2, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Priscilla Laing, Associate Professor of Finance, will explore the influences, challenges and rewards of China's unique business culture and offer perspectives on how global corporations can better grasp Chinese culture in order to succeed.

Climate Change in the 21st Century
Wednesday, November 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Join Dr. Simone Aloisio, Professor of

Chemistry, as he discusses climate change, the most important environmental issue of our time. Aloisio will cover the scientific basis for climate change, including the most recent findings on its causes and effects, as well as its impacts, adaptations and mitigation.

Paradoxes and Shocking Outcomes in Math: Do You Still Believe in Math?

Wednesday, December 4, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Jorge Garcia, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, exposes logical arguments behind math paradoxes in a stimulating, philosophical discussion. Why can a turtle win the race over champion Olympic sprinter Usain Bolt? Is infinity the end of everything? Why can't the set of all sets exist? Why can a sphere be cut and be reconstructed to make two spheres of the same size? If an infinite hotel is full, why can we still accommodate an extra guest?

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>.

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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Book Sales VP	Geri Trail
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Past President	Bob Coffey
Cultural Events Planner	Carol Weiner

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 & RENEWED MEMBERS!

BY TOM BEDDINGFIELD, MEMBERSHIP VP



We currently have 594 active memberships of which 23 are life members.

A special thanks to the 65% of our members who have signed up to allow us to communicate them via email. This

helps keep our costs down and increases our support of library programs.

New Members

Monika Blackburn
Penni Chirchick
Debbie Ellis

Cindy Emminger
Akila Ganesan
Annikken Gehrung
Diane Grippo
Rick & Sylvia Koppel
Roseanne Lieban
Jessica Lynn
Blaine O'Connor
Ida O'Donoghue
Ivie Repich
Sheila Riter
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Caroline Vodovoz
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Dorothy and Gary Davis
Genevieve Gunis
Julie Lindberg
Charles and Carrol Lucas
Margaret & Jerry Miller
Anne Reddy
Zhixin Tan

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, 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, 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

Photography Contest: A Kind of Grace

The disciplined strength and mental focus of all athletes is "a kind of grace," according to Olympic legend Jackie Joyner-Kersey. Submit your original sports photograph of game action, reactions from observers, even a sports still-life. Entries can be of professional or amateur athletes, of any age, any sport and any year. Just give it your best shot! Categories include Action, Still-Life, and Human Moment photographs.

General guidelines: Ownership and copyright of all contest entries remain with the photographer, but all entrants give permission for their entry to be displayed in the library and on the One City, One Book web page. To enter, submit your entry via the [Photography Contest link](#) on our Thousand Oaks Library homepage. Hard copies of the photographs may be brought to the library for scanning into a digital format. The photographs should be presented at the Information Desk along with completed entry form and contact information.

Entries are being accepted until October 13. Voting begins on October 15 and will continue until October 30.



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.

THE FTOL THANKS OUR BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS!

BOOK SORTERS

Arlene Bradley
Susan Bullard
Bob Coffey
Jean Dolan
Sue Driver
Bettie Rae Hall
Marilyn Hamilton
Leslie Hastings
Eileen Kessler
Judy Moore
Gloria Moran
Jim Neilson
Mary Pomeroy
Sue Rosecrans
Ken Sugino
Geri Trail
Carol Weiner
Mel Weiner
Sydelle Wolken

OTHER VOLUNTEERS

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Cassidy Anderson
Don Barnett
Tom Beddingfield
Lindsay Belichesky
Tracy Belischesky
Gloria Benzie
Janet Brasler
Don Buillard
Bob Caccavo
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Natalie Charonnet
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Janet Doman
Ken Fidyk
Kristina Fuess
Mark Fuller
Anniken Gehrung
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Susan Girard
Mike Gollub
Jeff Greenberg
Judy Hamilton
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Mulan Kaplan
Hazel Kenzer
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Jerry Wing

Thanks for all your help
despite it being Labor Day.

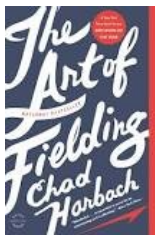
We hope no volunteers were
missed.

We appreciate everyone!

WE'RE UP TO BAT WITH THE 2013 THOUSAND OAKS READS ONE CITY ONE BOOK PROGRAMS

By JANA COVELL, LIBRARY PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The 7th annual **Thousand Oaks Reads One City One Book** selection is Chad Harbach's *The Art of Fielding* for your reading enjoyment. Harbach explores the transformative effect that love, friendship and destiny can have on a flawed soul under the backdrop of America's favorite pastime. Let Harbach's book transport you to a college campus where relationships revolve around the baseball diamond.



Many informative, fun and entertaining programs are planned to coincide with the book's themes. It's going to be a full field in October and we hope you can join us:

OPENING DAY is Sunday, October 6 at 1:00 p.m. at the Grant R. Brimhall Library with *Who's on First?* An afternoon of Improv Comedy and music with *The Dixie Dazzlers*. The award-winning improv comedy team **The Crackerjacks** knock it out of the park with improv comedy; they'll share the afternoon with **The Dixie Dazzlers**, whose banjo and barbershop vocals have entertained for more than two decades.

Next up is the ever popular **FILM SERIES** every Monday in October and Thursday October 17 at 1 p.m. **at the Grant R. Brimhall Library**: The Line up is

- Monday, 10/7/13, 1:00p.m., *Eight Men Out* (PG)
- Monday, 10/14/13, 1:00p.m., *Trouble with the Curve* (PG-13)
- Thursday, 10/17/13, 1:00p.m. & 6:00 p.m., *COBB* (R)
- Monday, 10/21/13, 1:00p.m., *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* (PG)
- Monday, 10/28/13, 1:00p.m., *The Babe* (PG)

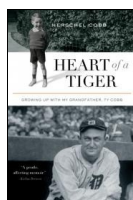
In addition, the following films will be shown **at the Newbury Park Branch** as part of the One City One Book festivities:

- Wednesday, 10/9/13, 6:00p.m., *A League of Their Own* (PG)
- Wednesday, 10/16/13, 6:00p.m., *The Rookie* (G)
- Wednesday, 10/23/13, 6:00p.m., *Field of Dreams* (PG)
- Saturday, 10/26/13 @ 2:00p.m., *The Sandlot* (PG)

On deck on Monday evenings **October 14, 21 and 28 at 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the **Newbury Park Branch** are *30 FOR 30*. In the acclaimed ESPN documentary film series, gifted filmmakers bring their passion and perspectives to the issues, trends and personalities transforming the sports landscape.

Take me out to **TEEN DAY on Saturday, October 12 from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.** at the **Grant R. Brimhall Library**. Enjoy baseball-themed electronic and board games, hot dogs, popcorn and more; stay for a free screening of a custom Baseball Hall of Fame live podcast, direct from Cooperstown: *Joy in Mudville: Baseball and Pop Culture* at 2:00 p.m.

On deck on **Saturday, October 19 at 2:00 p.m.** at the **Grant R. Brimhall Library** is *Heart of a Tiger: Growing Up with My Grandfather, Ty Cobb*. Author Herschel Cobb discusses grow-



ing up in an abusive household, and finding support, security and love with his beloved granddaddy, who was also history's most aggressive, controversial ballplayer. "Elegantly written . . . genuinely moving." -- *Publishers Weekly*. A book signing follows the author's presentation.

Then it's **HOTDOGS AND A MOVIE** on **Friday, October 25 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.** at the **Grant R. Brimhall Library**. Enjoy an All-American supper and stay for a screening of *42: The Jackie Robinson Story* (Warner Bros., PG -13).

Take a tour on **Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** from the **Grant R. Brimhall Library to Dodger Stadium and the Los Angeles Sports Museum**. The fee of \$55 per person includes roundtrip transportation, tours of the stadium and museum, and driver's gratuity; lunch at Philippe's The Original paid separately. Bus leaves from Grant R. Brimhall Library. Advanced registration and payment is required by October 21, 2013. For tickets and information, call 805 449-2660, option "5." Sponsored by The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library.



Is it three strikes you're out? Find out on **Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Grant R. Brimhall Library** with **BASEBALL: MORE THAN A GAME.** A discussion with sports columnist and author Ron Rapoport and Terry Cannon, executive director of the Baseball Reliquary. Mr. Rapoport is former sports columnist for Chicago Sun, the Daily News, and radio commentator for NPR's Weekend Edition.

Get in on the action on **Wednesday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m. at California Lutheran University, Lundgren Events Center** with the **CLU PANEL DISCUSSION**. Hosted by CLU President Chris Kimball, members of the CLU faculty discuss *The Art of Fielding*.

The last inning is on **Saturday, Nov. 2 at 1:00 p.m.** at the **Civic Arts Plaza Fred Kavli Theatre** with **AN AFTERNOON WITH CHAD HARBACH**. A conversation with the author of *The Art of Fielding* followed by a book signing. Free tickets are required; available beginning October 5 at either library.



(CC) Larry D. Moore

There are also book discussions, a photography contest and special displays in the library to round out the programs. Please plan on joining us this fall, because "When we open a book together, we close it in greater harmony." For more details on all the Thousand Oaks Reads programs, visit www.thousandoaksreads.org.



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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, 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

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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