



# FOCUS

The Newsletter of the  
Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library  
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## President's Letter



Ed Craven,  
FTOL President

Hello Friends!

I hope you all had a chance to read this year's **One City One Book** selection, *Mary Coin* and to attend one or more of the OCOB events the Library presented with Friends' support. The author event at the Civic Arts Plaza on November 1st was well attended (over 700

people). Marisa Silver read excerpts from her novel and answered questions from LA Times Book Critic, David Ulin, and from the audience. Most in attendance seemed to have enjoyed the book. On the other hand, our Friendly Book Discussion Group had some differing opinions.

That's what's great about this program (and about books) - we can all read the same book through our personal filters and take away vastly different ideas.

Our next Cultural Bus Tour is scheduled for January 24th to the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum. Take advantage of your member discount to enjoy touring the museum with other Friends.

I wish you all a very Happy Holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Thanks for your ongoing support of the Thousand Oaks Library!

Ed Craven



## Library Holiday Hours

### Grant R. Brimhall Library

<b>Monday-Tuesday, December 22-23</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 24</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday-Friday, December 25-26</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Saturday, December 27</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday-Wednesday, December 28-31</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, January 1</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

### Newbury Park Library

<b>Sunday, December 21</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Monday-Tuesday, December 22-23</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 24</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday-Thursday, December 25-January 1</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>



## Library Report—One City One Book

2014 Thousand Oaks Reads – One City One Book Program a Success!



Nancy Schram  
Interim Library Services Director

This October, thousands of readers embraced the selected Thousand Oaks Reads: One City One Book title, *Mary Coin* by Marisa Silver. It was the eighth year in a row that our patrons arrived in droves to our programs and discussions, all created to

enrich the experience of reading together.

And thanks to the generosity of The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library, patron participation in our 2014 One City One Book was, by any measure, a gratifying success. The copies of *Mary Coin* – including 465 paperback, large print, audio formats and ebooks – circulated more than 2,800 times. And approximately 1,750 people attended our concerts, film screenings, lectures and workshops this year, programs which included:

- \* Two lively music events, both celebrating the deep roots of America’s rich folk music tradition
- \* A warm, insightful presentation from local farmer Phil McGrath, whose family legacy in Ventura County stretches back more than 150 years
- \* A series of book discussion meetings, where readers came together, each bringing a fresh point-of-view to analyze the author’s intention, and interpret the actions of the charac-

ters in *Mary Coin*

- \* Classic film screenings that enhanced our understanding of American struggle during the Great Depression
- \* Thirty-four local book clubs participated in the One City “Book Club in a Bag” program; many local clubs automatically include the One City selection as their autumn pick
- \* The annual California Lutheran University Faculty Panel Discussion, where professors offer their unique perspectives and thoughtful responses to *Mary Coin*
- \* A presentation of a vintage cameras and local history anecdotes from the area’s preeminent photographer, Ed Lawrence
- \* And the culmination of every One City One Book season, the author event at the Kavli Theatre, attended by more than 700 people



These One City One Book adventures confirm the value of the Thousand Oaks Library to our vibrant, engaged community. *Mary Coin*, impeccably crafted by its author, feeds our city’s hunger for excellent writing, for characters that feel alive, and for the relevant exploration of issues that help us to understand ongoing challenges in our world. Every autumn, One City One Book affirms the importance of literature in our everyday life, and brings us together in a satisfying connection, because:

“When we open a book together, we close it in greater harmony.”

## The library is now Mobile!



Jana Covell  
Program Coordinator  
TO Library

The Library's new mobile site is at <http://research.tolibrary.org/mobile.php>. You can scan the library mobile site QR code on your mobile device. This website allows you to check your account, download e-books or check for upcoming programs all from your iPhone or smartphone.

## The Library on Social Media

Thousand Oaks Library is on Facebook, twitter and Pinterest. The Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ThousandOaksLibrary> has multiple daily posts with upcoming programs and other pertinent information to keep you in the know. Similar information is posted on the library twitter account <https://twitter.com/TOLibrary>.

The library Pinterest page <http://www.pinterest.com/thousandoakslib/> has pictures of some of our past programs, various collections, etc.

The Library’s Special Collections Division has an array of fascinating historical photos of the Conejo Valley that are posted at [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com). Just enter “Conejo Through the Lens” in the website’s search engine.

Of course, if you are on your home computer, you can access our website 24 hours a day, [www.toaks.org/library](http://www.toaks.org/library), where you can access your account, events, photos, do research using one of the many free databases, get homework help, access the library’s collection, check out e-books, make a donation, and more.



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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 or to the email address that follows:  
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## FTOL Now on AmazonSmile!

The FTOL is now listed as an eligible charity on AmazonSmile, so you can shop online and the Friends will receive 0.5% of the purchase price on eligible Amazon purchases ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)). On your first visit to the site, select the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, resulting in a donation to the Friends.



## CULTURAL BUS TOURS

As you read this, the late fall/winter holidays will be upon us and you will be busy organizing and going to various celebrations. I'd like to add one more celebration to your new 2015 calendar. The Los Angeles County Natural History Museum has recently completed a six-year renovation that was finished in time for its just celebrated 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will continue the celebration with a Cultural Bus Trip on Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. We will begin at the new six-story-glass entrance called the Otis Building where you may view the 63 foot whale skeleton hanging from the ceiling as well as the 3 1/2 acre Nature Garden containing trees, beautiful plants, a listening tree, a bird viewing platform, a living wall, an edible garden, a nature lab and even a get dirty zone.



Carol Weiner  
Cultural Events  
Coordinator

Inside, discover the fairly- new Dinosaur Hall where you can see the three Tyrannosaurus-rex skeletons, the youngest ever found. Compare the oldest, nicknamed Thomas at age 17 at the peak of puberty, to the youngest, a 2 year- old toddler and in the middle, an adolescent, age 13.

Not to be missed is the new Becoming Los Angeles a permanent exhibit, featuring 500 years' worth of artifacts telling the story of Los Angeles' history. And there is so much more to take in, so please join me on this bus trip.



The price is \$30.00 for Friends members and \$35.00 for non-members which includes the bus, the driver's gratuity, the bus parking and the admission to the museum. An additional \$8.00 (group-rate) allows you to see a traveling exhibit, Grande Maestros: Grand Masters of Iberoamerican Folk Art of

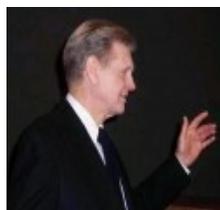
over 800 works such as colorful masks, intricate textiles, yarn paintings, hand-carved miniature animals and quite a bit more. Lunch is on your own and you have several choices. There is a new on site café, prices in the \$8.00-\$12.00 range, McDonalds in the Los Angeles County Science Center (across the road from our museum) or bring you own as there are picnic areas where you can eat.

We will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the Newbury Park Library 2331 Borchard Rd (boarding at 8:15 a.m.) and return at approximately 4:00p.m. FYI we are using a new bus company Barnes Charters Inc. a white bus.



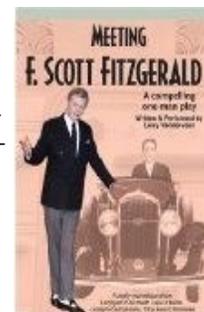
For reservations or information call Carol at 805-480-1450.

## Meeting F. Scott Fitzgerald is Jan 25



Join us for Meeting F. Scott Fitzgerald on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the Grant R. Brimhall Library.

Actor and writer Larry Vanderveen assumes the role of legendary novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald in a powerhouse one-man show exploring the life and times of the man who penned such classic American novels as *The Great Gatsby* and *This Side of Paradise*. From his troubled relationship with devoted wife Zelda to his later romance with Hollywood gossip writer Sheilah Graham and his complex friendship with acclaimed author Ernest Hemingway, this rich and textured exploration of Fitzgerald's eventful life allows literature fans the unique opportunity to look into the mind of the man responsible for some of the greatest literature of the 20th Century. This program is free and open to the public courtesy of the Thousand Oaks Library. For more information call 805-381-7358.



## New and Renewed Members Since July!



David Moutrie  
Membership VP

### New Members

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## Upcoming Activities at the TO Library!

### Holiday Family Program on December 13

Franklin Haynes Marionettes will present "Santa's New Sleigh" on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at both Libraries. The program will be at 11:00 a.m. at Grant R. Brimhall Library and at 2:00 p.m. at Newbury Park Branch Library.

When Santa buys a brand new sleigh off the Internet and gets rid of his reindeer, chaos instead of Christmas may be what comes. Bring the family to enjoy this light hearted show with some special tricks like juggling ornaments and flying on a high trapeze and there will be Teddy Bear, Little Bobby and, of course, Ole' Saint Nick himself. A surprise ending will come too!

This program is free and open to the public courtesy of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library.

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### Holiday Break Family Films

#### Newbury Park Branch at 1:00 pm



**Monday, Dec. 22 - PLANES - FIRE AND RESCUE, Disney, PG, 100 min., 2014** Adventure flies higher than ever before in this sequel that finds championship air-racer Dusty Crophopper (voice of Dane Cook) beginning an exciting new career fighting forest fires. And though learning the secrets to dousing forest fires is sure to take time, Rusty is a fast learner, and eager to pitch in.

**Tuesday, Dec. 23 - ALICE IN WONDERLAND, Walt Disney Pictures, PG, 109 min., 2010** Tim Burton brings his unique take on the classic Lewis Carroll story about a girl named Alice to the big screen. Alice falls down a rabbit-hole into a fantasy realm populated by talking playing cards, the raging Red Queen and a stark raving Mad Hatter.

Stars Johnny Depp, Mia Wasikowska, Helena Bonham Carter, and Anne Hathaway.



#### Grant R. Brimhall Library at 1 pm



**Monday, Dec. 29 - THE LEGO MOVIE, Warner Bros., PG, 101 min., 2014** A lowly Lego figure (voiced by Chris Pratt) joins a group intent on battling an evil force after a case of mistaken identity in this computer-generated comedy from the filmmakers behind Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs and co-director Chris McKay (Robot Chicken). Will Arnett co-stars as the voice of Batman, who along with Superman, make appearances in the picture.

**Tuesday, Dec. 30 - MALEFICENT, Walt Disney Pictures, PG, 97 min., 2014** Maleficent stars Angelina Jolie stars as the title character, who, as a teenager, is a powerful and respected winged fairy helping to rule a magical land full of strange creatures. After her homeland is invaded an infuriated Maleficent swears revenge and she gets her chance when Aurora (Elle Fanning) is born.



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### "It's a Wonderful Life" Radio Play to be Presented at the Thousand Oaks Library

Fried-Out Features will perform a delightful radio theatre version of "It's A Wonderful Life" at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec 14 at the Thousand Oaks Library, 1401 Janss Road. "It's a Wonderful Life"-- a radio drama, adapted by Philip Grecian and based on the film by Frank Capra, is the story of George Bailey, the unsung, beloved hero of Bedford Falls, an American holiday classic.

Ten actors will recreate the radio broadcast at the Library using authentic sound effects from the Thousand Oaks Library's American Radio Archives to recreate the sound and feel of the Golden Age of Radio of the early 1940s. The library is internationally recognized as the number one repository of Golden Age Radio collections in the United States.

Fried-Out Features Productions creates live plays, audio theater and radio productions in and around eastern Ventura County. The production company was co-founded in 1972 by Steve Carlson and Terry Sciarrino. Their work has been played on NPR Station KCLU at 88.3FM. This program is free and open to the public. It is produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois.

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### Chinese New Year Celebration

Year of the Goat, Saturday, Jan. 26, 3:00 p.m., Grant R. Brimhall Library Join us for a Chinese New Year Celebration featuring musicians and soloists from the Reverie Youth Symphony Orchestra. The traditional dragon dance will also be included. Bring the whole family and celebrate with us. Light refreshments provided.

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### Albert Lee Performs at Live@theLibrary

On January 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m., *Live@theLibrary* will present a music concert featuring guitarist Albert Lee, who has been a respected guitarist for more than 50 years in country and rock music. Playing with such music legends as Joe Cocker, Emmylou Harris, Eric Clapton, Brad Paisley, Jackson Browne, Tom Petty and Paul McCartney among others, he is known for his fingerstyle and hybrid picking technique. Besides playing on tour and in the studio with famous musicians, he is also a noted composer and music director and maintained a solo career too. Suggested donation: \$25. RSVP to [www.liveatthelibrary.org](http://www.liveatthelibrary.org) or call [805-381-7361](tel:805-381-7361).

### 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 Adult Community Center, 1385 E. Janss Road (next to the GRB Library). For more information, contact Jack Heller at 805-341-7585.

December 11—*Wicked War*, by Amy Greenberg

### 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.

December 4—Guest Speaker: Dr. Joan Wines, Professor of English, CLU, 5-8 @Marvin Smith Meeting Room

### FTOL Book Sales News



Geri Trail  
VP, FTOL Book Sales

In order to meet the needs and concerns of all book sale patrons, the Friends will be instituting a trial run of a new policy at our February 27-28, 2015 biannual used book sale.

There will be no piling of books on the floor of the gallery. Instead we will have a HOLD ROOM for books you are unable to carry and larger purchases.

The HOLD ROOM will be monitored so that only those books you are certain you are buying will be allowed in the room. Once the books are placed in the room, consider them bought. Please make your selections carefully. We will make sure no books get mixed up with others' items by clearly marking them with the buyers' names. No books will leave the room until paid for. You will be able to pay in the HOLD room.

If you want to pay at the main cashiers for books that you are able to carry in bags/ boxes/your arms, you may do so. You can then take them to your vehicle and return to continue shopping.

An announcement will be made prior to the opening of each session of the sale so that all patrons will be aware of the changes to our policy.

FTOL is aware that other libraries have more restrictive policies and are hoping with these changes to solve an ongoing problem that has been brought to our attention numerous times.

Please feel free to call me (805)-480-9737 if you have any comments, questions or ideas.

Thank you in advance for your patience and patronage.

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)*

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*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.*

### Save the Date!

January 24, 2015 Friends Cultural Bus Tour to the LA County Natural History Museum  
See article elsewhere in this issue of FOCUS and on the library web site.

Or call Carol at [805-480-1450](tel:805-480-1450).



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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 Newbury Park Branch Library during regular library hours.

### THOUSAND OAKS LIBRARY SYSTEM

[www.toaks.org/library](http://www.toaks.org/library)

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Thousand Oaks, CA 91362  
(805) 449-2660

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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