



FOCUS

**The Newsletter of the
Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library**
Volume 2015 Issue 6
December 2015

President's Letter



Ed Craven,
FTOL President

Hello Friends!

I hope that by now many of you have taken the opportunity to read this year's One City One Book selection, *The Book of Unknown Americans*. I enjoyed the book quite a lot and attended the author event at the Civic Arts Plaza on November 8th. Cristina Henriquez' presentation was entertaining and enlightening. She described the novel's origins in a short story, her approach to writing the chapters from the perspective

of different characters, and how important the ending was to her. My friend who attended with me, remarked that it was the best author event she had ever attended. If you have not yet read the novel, I encourage you to check out a copy and join the discussion. For, "when we open a book together, we close it in greater harmony."

I'm disappointed that we had to cancel the November 21 Cultural Bus Tour to the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art. The reasons were low interest level and a pricing error by the museum for the in-

cluded lunch. Ruth Dods is working on re-scheduling the trip after the holidays.

I'm also disappointed that no one called me out on my error in the last Focus. In the answers to my literary references, I attributed authorship to *The Book of Unknown Americans* to Christina Hendricks rather than Cristina Henriquez. My sincere apologies to the author.

I wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season.

And thanks for your ongoing support of the Thousand Oaks Library!

Ed Craven, President

New Library Document Stations!

The Thousand Oaks Library announces the opening of the Library Document Station at the Grant R. Brimhall Library. *EnvisionWare's Library Document Station* is the first full self-service document solution designed specifically for public libraries. The Library document Station allows patrons to copy, email, scan, fax, upload to Google, and send to a smart phone or iPad. The unit is located across from the Information Desk.

"Whether you're a small-business owner, student, or retiree, almost everyone needs to transfer materials digitally," said Division Manager Samantha Yeung. "The Library Document Station enables patrons to scan and transfer all types of documents,



photos, and materials to their email, smart phone, tablet, fax, Google drive, MS OneDrive, print, Family Search, or USB.

Plans are in the works to provide a Library Document Station for

the Newbury Park Branch as well in the near future.

FOCUS: Print versus Online?

Owing to the cost of mailing hard copies of the FTOL FOCUS, the FTOL Board of Directors is considering eliminating the printed version and going online-only. If you would like to be heard on this question, please email the editor at drutheditor@gmail.com. Remember that if you would like to change from print to online, just email our Membership Vice President David Moutrie at membership@FTOL.org.

The VISION Workshop

Tuesday, Jan 26, 2016, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Grant R. Brimhall Library

The Vision Workshop is a 1 1/2 hour event that gets you involved in understanding the power of a clear vision and the opportunity to begin creating a vision. You will learn:

- Two essential keys for tuning into your purpose.
- A 5-point test for determining whether your dream is right for you.
- Simple thinking-strategies that guard you from fear, doubt and worry.

- The number one factor that causes people to lose steam when going after their dream, and how to stay motivated and override it.
- A proven method for dissolving resistance to prosperity so you can attract higher levels of results and abundance.
- The 1 critical thing you must give up in order to reach your dream.

Presented by Tracy Williams, a success coach, who will help you manifest your goals and dreams.

HOUR OF CODE



Monday, December 7, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. - Grant R. Brimhall Community Meeting Room

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 -5:00 p.m. and Friday, December 11, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. - Grant R. Brimhall Library Technology Training Room

Thursday, December 10, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. - Newbury Park Library Meeting Room

During Computer Science Education Week, December 7-13, 2015

A one-hour activity to spark learning in computer science. Students of all ages can choose from a variety of self-guided tutorials, for kindergarten and up. Tutorials work on any modern browser, tablet, smartphone, or even with no computer at all. Code.org's own tutorials feature Disney's *Frozen*, *Scrat* from *Ice Age*, *Angry Birds*, and *Plants vs. Zombies*. Once students see what they create right before their eyes, they're empowered to keep going. **No experience needed.**

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



2015-2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President — Ed Craven
 First Vice President — Geri Trail
 Membership VP — David Moutrie
 Book Sales VP — Bob Coffey
 Treasurer — Ken Fidyk
 Secretary — Ruth Dods
 Past President & Special Events Chairperson — Jim Neilson
 Members-at-Large — Sue Driver, Carol Weiner, and Kirt Sarvaiya
 Cultural Events Coordinator — Open
 Publicity Chairperson / FOCUS Editor — Dan Ruth
 History Book Discussion Leader — Jack Heller
 Friendly Book Discussion Leader — Sai Chandavarkar

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: Editor: Dan Ruth
 Email: drutheditor@gmail.com
 Circulation: 600

Conejo Valley Harmony Oaks Chorus Holiday Concert!

Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015, 3:00 -4:00 p.m., Grant R. Brimhall Library

This holiday concert will feature the Conejo Valley Harmony Oaks Chorus (CVHOC) and quartets singing a variety of winter seasonal favorites such as "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and "Feast of Lights" medley, all sung in the style of barbershop. Be sure to mark your calendar! You won't want to miss this special holiday event!

For over 40 years the award-winning CVHOC has shared their love of barbershop singing with the community. CVHOC, based in Newbury Park, is the local men's chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. In keeping with their vision and mission, for over 10 years CVHOC sponsored an annual High School Benefit Show at the Fred Kavli Theatre, hosted by legendary star Dick Van Dyke. In addition to a capella singing and fundraising, CVHOC has introduced barbershop harmony to music teachers, students, and the local community. Free and open to the public courtesy of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library. For more information, visit www.toaks.org/library or call 805-381-7358.



New and Renewed Members

New Members

Life Member

Susan Poulson

Individual

Frank Gargano

Senior

David Green

Renewals

Sponsor

John & Jean Bardgette
 Joe & Charlotte Gelfond
 Margaret Johnson
 Marshall Knowlton
 Barbara Minkoff
 Betty Nealis

Patron

Bob & Donna Coffey
 Tracey Hannel
 Laura Joseph
 Keith & Donna Langley
 Charles & Carrol Lucas
 Matt McGee
 Mel & Carol Weiner

Contributor

Robert Charnas
 Narda & Paul Fargotstein
 Mark Kajiwara
 Sylvia Lieberman
 Anne Reddy
 Joyce Wiechert
 Mark & Barbara Wolff

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 10—*Those Angry Days*, by Lynne Olson

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 3*—*Guest Speaker* (TBA)

January 7th—*Once We Were Brothers*, by Ronald Balson

February 4th—*Time of Our Lives*, by Tom Brokaw

March 3rd—*Go Set a Watchman*, by Harper Lee

April 7th—*The Wise Heart*, by Jack Kornfield

May 5th—*A Fighting Chance*, by Elizabeth Warren

June 2nd—*Being Mortal*,

NEWBURY PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

Tuesday, December 8, 2015: Through the Looking Glass: A Chemist's Perspective on Lewis Carroll by Dr. Philip Hampton.

Brought to you by the Thousand Oaks Library and California State University Channel Islands as a way for the public to engage in discussions with professors on a variety of thought-provoking and regionally relevant topics. For more information call 805-381-7358 or visit www.toaks.org/library.

STAR WARS DAY

Dec. 5, 2015, 2-4 pm, Grant R. Brimhall Library

In celebration of the new Star Wars film coming out later this month, the Library is planning a Star Wars Day for families. Come do some crafts, play games, see costumed characters, photo booth and more.

Mark your calendar and dust off your Darth Vader or Princess Leah costume and we will see you here!

DECEMBER MOVIES

Dec 7 - 1:00pm at Grant R. Brimhall Library - *Unbroken* (PG-13)

Dec. 14 - 1:00pm at Grant R. Brimhall Library - *The Holiday* (PG-13)

Dec. 14 - 7:00 pm at Newbury Park Branch - *Love Actually* (R-no one under 17 permitted without a parent or guardian)

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.

Cultural Bus Tour Cancellation

Due to the nearness of the holidays, which caused a lack of response, the cultural trip which was scheduled for November 21 has been cancelled. We are rescheduling the same trip with different lunch options for the end of January. Flyers with more information will be distributed to the library shortly. We will reschedule the trip after the first of the year.



2331 Borchard Road
Newbury Park, CA 91320
Return Service Requested

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
THOUSAND OAKS CA
PERMIT #14

Current Resident or

COMPLIMENTARY COPY
To join the Friends and receive this newsletter, please complete the membership form inside.

Is it time to renew? Your membership expiration date is printed on your mailing label.

Volunteers Needed!

The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library (FTOL) is seeking volunteers to assist with the online sale of donated CDs, DVDs, and books which are not needed as additions to the Library's collection. Training for the assignment will be provided by an FTOL online sales volunteer.



Volunteer requirements include some degree of computer familiarity, strong attention to detail, good organizational skills, reliability and trustworthiness. Volunteers should have the availability to package and ship sold items within a short time period.

Benefits of the position include learning and/or enhancing skills for online selling, developing positive customer relations, and working with a dedicated and enjoyable group of Library volunteers.



If interested, please contact Judi Bumstead at jbumstead@tolibrary.org or (805) 381-7325.

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