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Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library
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Holiday greetings from the FTOL president!

Thank you to all our volunteers at the recent biannual book sale. We could not have had the success we had without you. Thank you also to the patrons who attended.

Geri Trail
FTOL President

Speaking of volunteers, it is not just about helping physically with the book sales, sorting donated books at the library or selling books on-line. The FTOL Board is currently in the planning stage of establishing a Membership committee and a Publicity committee. We are hoping to get several volunteers to join and assist the committee heads. The responsibilities should only require a few hours each month and no physical requirements.

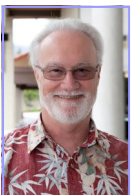
Just a reminder, we welcome any and all FTOL members to attend our monthly Board meetings. They are held the second Monday of the month at 10:30 AM at the Thousand Oaks Library. Come and see what we do. We encourage new ideas and discussions.

When I read about the way in which library funds are being cut and cut, I can only think that American society has found one more way to destroy itself. Isaac Asimov

To acquire the habit of reading is to construct for yourself a refuge from almost all the miseries of life. W. Somerset Maugham

I wish you all the best in the coming holiday season.

—Geri Trail



Ed Craven,
FTOL Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Expenditures since the last Focus consisted primarily of Electronic Reference subscriptions, Summer Reading Club programs, Family Programs, One City/One Book events, Read TO Succeed programs and furnishings, movie and music programs, and the purchase of two additional Early Literacy Workstations. Income was augmented by Endowment Fund contributions, daily book sales, the bi-annual book sale, book rentals, online sales, membership dues, the Autry Museum tour, and the sale of OCOB books at the Author event. Many thanks to our book donors and volunteers, without whom none of this would be possible.

Cultural Bus Tour—Saturday, January 27, 2017 The Peterson Auto Museum!

The Friends of the TO Library presents a cultural bus tour to The Peterson Auto Museum in Los Angeles on January 27th, 2018

Founded in 1994 by Robert and Margie Peterson and housed in a unique structure of stainless steel, the Peterson Auto Museum is among the largest museums of its kind, comprising over



100 vehicles displayed among its 25 galleries. The collection includes such exhibits as Steve McQueen's 1956 Jaguar XKSS, the James Bond *Skyfall* 1964 Aston Martin DB5, the 1992 Batmobile from *Batman Returns* and Elvis Presley's De Tomaso Pantera.

To obtain information about the tour and to make a reservation, please call Carol at (805) 480-1450 and leave a message with your telephone number. Your call will be returned.

Holiday Hours

Dec 25 Christmas Day—Libraries closed

December 26-31—GRBL 12-5pm, NPL closed

January 1 New Years Day—Libraries closed

**Coming Soon!
Enlarged Book Sale Space at the GRB Library!**



Kathy Leslie
Publicity Coordinator

If you've been to the daily used book sales area in the Grant Brimhall Library recently, you may have noticed that the shelves directly opposite the used book sale shelves are empty. Those shelves will soon be filled with even more pre-loved books for your browsing pleasure!

Moving the library's circulating CD collection near the reference desk will free

up space to sell used books and other items. Remember, all book sales proceeds directly benefit the library—for programs and materials and technology.

Check out our daily used book sale shelves by the Special Collections room, and keep an eye on those empty shelves—they won't stay empty for long. And thanks for supporting the Friends and the Thousand Oaks Library—we couldn't #keepthelibraryawesome without you!

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



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Board Meetings

Held at 10:30 a.m. the 2nd Monday of each month (except August) in the small conference room of the Grant R Brimhall 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
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARIES

Tuesday Night Is Movie Night at NP Library!

December is A Hobbit Holiday at the Newbury Park Library. All films are free and open to the public. Showtime is 7:00 PM. December 5—An Unexpected Journey, December 12—The Desolation of Smaug, December 19—The Battle of the Five Armies

CLU 2017-2018 Lecture Series: The End of Civilizations

Presented by Michael Crawford Reaves, PhD and his colleagues, lectures take place at the GRB on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM: December 6—Paul Hanson, January 10—David Nelson. Additional lectures will be presented in the Spring.

Open Mic Poetry Night!

Bring your poetry and join us, 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Newbury Park Library Meeting Room. Free to the public!

New and Renewed Members

New Members

Life Member

Susan Soy & Jack Jordan

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM THE
FRIENDS!**

Thanks to All the Fall Book Sale Volunteers—We Couldn't Have Done It without You!

Hank Apgar, Don Barnett, Olga Berstein, Sue Bosworth, Susan & Don Bullard, Judi Bumstead, Bob Caccavo, Nadeen Charonmat, Natalie Charonmat, Bob & Donna Coffee, Geri Conlan, Dalya Dektor, Ruth Dods, Janet Doman, Sue Driver, Debby Ellis, Carol Eltiste, Jessie Fowler, Vickie Geiger, Steve & Susan Girard, Michael Gollub, Jeff Greenbert, Bettie Rae Hall, Audrey Helix, Navy & Max Hognsberg, Ellen Jackson, Shirley & Steve Kafka, Karan Kyzer, Peg Landon, Rod Lang, Sandy Lauseng, Madeline Libby, Kathie & Ian Leslie, Fabiene Logan, Carol Lucas, David Moutrie, Elizabeth Oetken, Caryl & Richard Piernot, Tom Pizza, Carol Robertson, Sue Rosecrans, Dan Ruth, Donna & Ruben Salas, Joanne Stone, Sherry Stukes, Geri Trail, Sophia Vita, Kent Webster, Carol & Mel Weiner, Carol Weiss, Bruce & Beck Wetzels, Syd & Dell Wolken, Mindy Wright, Ramona (?)

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. **Books are available for checkout.**

December 14 - *Rivers in the Desert* by Margaret Leslie Davis

January 11—*No god but God: The Origins and Evolution of Islam* by Reza Aslan

February 8—*Start-up Nation: The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle* by Dan Senor and Saul Ginger

March 8—*What Kind of Nation: Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall, and the Epic Struggle to Create a United States* by James F. Simon

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 or chitra.sai.chandavarkar@hotmail.com. **Books are available for checkout.**

December 7—Thousand Oaks Library Speaker (to be announce)

LIKE the Friends on Facebook!

The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library has a Facebook page! "Like" it to stay abreast of happenings like special finds on our Daily Used Book Sale shelves, library events, fun things to do with books, and of course our spectacular blow-out book sales. Learn more about the Friends: what we do, who we are, what we sponsor. Check our page early and often, and join the conversation!



FTOL Endowment Fund

In 1995 the Friends established an Endowment Fund as a perpetual resource for the purchase of items for the libraries. All monies deposited in the Fund are kept intact. Only the interest generated annually is used to make such purchases. By contributing to the Fund, you can give a gift to the community that keeps on giving. The Endowment Fund is administered by the Executive Board of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library, in accordance with the organization's bylaws. Once a year the interest earned on the Fund is gifted to the Thousand Oaks Library. Professional library staff members select and order the books and other items to be purchased with these funds. For more information, please contact Ed Craven, Treasurer, Phone: (805) 493-2024, treasurer@ftol.org. To download a contribution form, please go to <http://ftol.org/endowment>.

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 (<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.



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) _____

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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

Contributor \$30 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

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Clean Your Attic and Basement— Donate Your Used Books!

The Thousand Oaks Library welcomes donations of used books, audiobooks, 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

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