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FTOL President

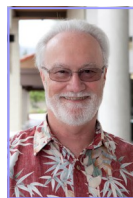
Hello from the president.

I just checked out my copy of the One City One Book selection, "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. As you may or may not know, Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library provide the books and sponsor many OCOB related events. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to support your Library and the Friends by participating. More details are available in this Focus as well as at the library and on-line at the FTOL and Library websites.

Libraries are about freedom. Freedom to read, freedom of ideas, freedom of communication. They are about education (which is not a process that finishes the day we leave school or university), about entertainment, about making safe spaces and about access to information. — Neil Gaiman

*What is a bookshelf other than a treasure chest for a curious mind?
— Unknown*

— Geri Trail



Ed Craven,
FTOL Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Financial activity has been less than usual during the summer and as the Library starts up the new fiscal year.

The bulk of Friends' expenditures have been for Summer Reading Club and Read To Succeed.

Cultural Bus Tour—Saturday, October 14, 2017 The Autry National Center of the American West!

The Friends of the TO Library presents a cultural bus tour in connection with the 2017 One City One Book selection, *News of the World*, by Paulette Jiles, to The Autry National Center of the American West, Saturday, October 14th, from 9:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (approximately).

The tour includes the bus fare, gratuity, admission and private docent. Lunch is on your own at the Golden Spur Café, which offers sandwiches, salads, soups, and chili (priced from \$8.00 to \$12.00).

The Autry is the perfect place to learn about the American West. Permanent displays include California Continued Art of the West ; Western Frontiers: Stories of fact and fiction; a journal gallery; The Colt Revolver in the American West; and four centuries of Pueblo Pottery. Special exhibits include:

More than 200 historic games and toys
Standing Rock: Art and solidarity recording what happened in North Dakota

La Raza: The importance of the La Raza newspaper to the Chicano Movement in Los Angeles.

We will board the bus at the GRB Library at 1401 E. Janss Road at 9:30. Our return time is approximately 5:00 p.m. The cost for this trip is \$33.00 for Friends members and \$38.00 for non-members. Call Carol at 805-480-1450 and leave a message with your telephone number. Your call will be returned.

Meet Your New FTOL Board!



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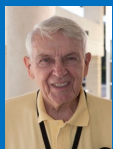


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FTOL Biannual Used Book Sale—October 20-21!

Mark your calendars now for the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library's biannual blow-out used book sale! In addition to our usual array of fiction, nonfiction, how-to, and collectible books, we are particularly excited this year to showcase our selection of international language books for adults and children, puzzles, games, crafting books, CDs, DVDs, sheet music, holiday books, and more. Teachers and homeschooling parents, you won't want to miss our fine selection of books and instructional materials, so save the date!



- Members-only admission: 3:00-5:00pm Friday, October 20th (you may purchase membership at the door)

- Regular used book sale hours: 6:00-8:30 pm Friday and 10:00-3:00 Saturday, October 21st.

If you're interested in volunteering for the sale, please contact Max Honigsberg at 805-341-0439.

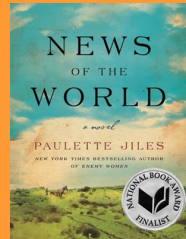
All proceeds support materials for the library, so come early, stay late, and load up on bargain-priced books!

One City One Book

The 2017 One City One Book selection is *News of the World*, a National Book Award Finalist for fiction by Paulette Jiles. It is 1870 and Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through Texas, giving live readings to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. In Wichita Falls, Kidd is offered a reward for delivering a young orphan to her relatives in San Antonio, a 400-mile trek through unsettled territory. This is their story.

OCOB kicks off Saturday, October 1 at the GRB Library with a musical performance by **Ponderosa Acres**, accompanied by lessons in line dancing and a ride in a Wells Fargo Stagecoach. A number of events follow throughout the month of October, featuring:

- An illustrated presentation by art historian Frances Pohl, *Drawing the News: Winslow Homer, Race and the Civil War* (10/3, 7:00 p.m. at California Lutheran University)
- **Historian Dr. Roger McGrath** lectures on post-Civil War life in the western U.S. (10/5, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at GRB Library)
- **Cowboy Ken Frawley** brings life to the Old West art of trick roping, cowboy songs, and pioneer stories (10/7, 11:00-11:45 a.m. at GRB Library)
- **Voices of Old Conejo** presents the history of the Conejo Valley through voices of people who once lived here. (10/7, 8, 14, 15 at Stagecoach Inn Museum; tickets purchasable through www.stagecoachinnmuseum.com)
- **Buckles and Bows Square Dance Club** members will provide live square dance demonstrations, followed by instruction for audience participants. (10/8, 2:00-3:30 p.m., GRB Library)
- **News Panel**—A distinguished panel of journalists discuss the challenges of delivering news in a 24-hour, social media-driven environment; moderated by TO Mayor Claudia Bill de la Pena (10/12, 6:30 p.m., GRB Library)
- **Cultural Bus Tour of the Gene Autry National Center of the American West**—see article in this issue of Focus (10/14, 9:15 a.m.—5:00 p.m.; call Carol 805-480-1450) for reservation)
- **CLU Faculty Discussion**—CLU professors explore themes and issues of *News of the World* (10/19, 7:30 p.m. at Lundring Events Center, California Lutheran University)
- **Outdoor Movie Night**—*Tombstone*, with Kurt Russel & Val Kilmer (10/21, 6:30, Newbury Park Library Parking Lot; free—bring your own chairs and snacks)
- **Stagecoach Inn Museum**—Moorpark College instructor Dr. Susan Kinkella discusses cultural disruption and assimilation and the impact on women in the American West (10/22, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Stagecoach Inn Museum, Anderson Hall)
- **Speak Up!: Teen Public Speaking Workshop**—Distinguished Toastmaster Liz Brenner discusses importance of and skills needed in public speaking (10/26, 6:30-7:30 p.m., GRB Library)



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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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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.**

October 12—*The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown
November 9—*Commander in Chief: FDR's Battle with Churchill, 1943* by Nigel Hamilton

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.**

October 5— Thousand Oaks One City One Book Selection
November 2— *The Gene: An Intimate History* by Siddharth Mukherjee
December 7—Thousand Oaks Library Speaker

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!



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! Register at <http://www.ralphs.com>.

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>.

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OR

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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

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

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.

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.

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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.

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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