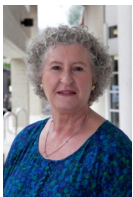


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The Newsletter of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library
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Hello to all!

Exciting things are happening at the Friends Daily Used Book Sale area at the main library.

The selection of books has doubled in size. The Friends were given extra shelves on which to display many more books.

Geri Trail
FTOL President

We have expanded almost every category and added some new ones. The older books featuring ones from the 1880s-1980s, special collections, special priced books including coffee table books of art and photography and of course, our children's section, one of our most popular categories, have all been given additional shelf space.

Fiction had not been neglected. We are now able to keep many

older books and add them to our shelves. We have a special mystery section as well as books by the same author displayed together.

To the non-fiction area, we have added sections for music, crafts and history, biographies as well as memoirs.

Come in and browse and surely you will find something you like.

Remember all the money from your purchases go directly to the Library.

What is more important to a library than anything else, than everything else, is the fact that it exists.—Archibald MacLeish

—Geri Trail

Treasurer's Report

December and January were banner months for Endowment Fund contributions. We received \$10 monthly donations from Kathleen Sullivan, \$200 from the Smalling Family Foundation, \$100 from Robert Wahl, and \$100 from Karen Sekeres in memory of Paul and Trudy Sekeres. Longtime member Laurie Berg included a significant bequest to the Friends in her will (please see following article). THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Regards, Ed Craven, FTOL Treasurer

Laurie Berg: An Appreciation

Kathy Leslie, FTOL Publicity Coordinator

The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library are pleased and honored to announce a generous bequest from the estate of Laurie Berg, a longtime member of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library. The bequest will be used to fund the ongoing acquisition of materials, technology, and programming for both libraries.



Ms. Berg grew up in Loma Portal, a suburb of San Diego, and after her education at Stanford and UCLA, moved to Thousand Oaks, where she enjoyed a 28-year career with Tom Anderson Guitarworks, and reconnected with her love of choral

singing through One Voice and the Santa Barbara Choral Society. Ms. Berg was also a member of the Church of the Epiphany in Oak Park, CA.

An avid lifelong reader, Ms. Berg was a member of the Stanford Book Club, with a special love for mysteries. "Laurie was the very greatest resource for good book recommendations," said Berg's sister Libby Levine, who remembers that all her car travels invariably included a book on tape as well.

Ms. Berg is remembered for her longstanding friendships and commitment to causes she cared about, and the Friends of the Library are grateful for her friendship and support of the Thousand Oaks Library through the Friends. Geri Trail, President of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library, said, "We are very thankful that there are special people like Laurie, who demonstrated her love for our library with her very generous bequest. We will use it wisely, to continue to support the library's role as an intellectual and cultural center of the community."

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARIES

Monday Movie Matinee at 1:00pm at the GRB Library Conference Room

Feb 5—*Dunkirk*, Feb 26—*Victoria and Abdul*,

Tuesday Night Is Movie Night at NP Library!

All films are free and open to the public. Showtime is 7:00 PM at the Newbury Park Library.
Feb 6—*La Dolce Vita*, Feb 13—*Amelie*, Feb 20—*El Jeremias*, Feb 27—*Bang Bang!*

CSUCI Lecture Series: Cannabis & Commerce in Ventura County

On Wednesday, February 21, 6:30-7:30pm, Panda Kroll, Esq., will discuss the newly formed Bureau of Cannabis Control and ways Ventura County is implementing new regulations enacted by the California legislature and the passage of Proposition 62.

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: February 7—Sam Claussen, PhD: *The Fall of Rome*; March 7—Michaela Reaves, PhD: *The Black Plague*; April 11—Chris Kimball, PhD: *The End of the European Order*.

Author! Author!

On February 11th, two featured authors offer book discussions and book signings at the GRB Library Community room from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.

Maryann Ridini Spencer, *Lady in the Window*—An award-winning inspirational novel of hope and healing.

Linda Ballou, *Wai-nani: A Voice from Old Hawaii*—Told through the eyes of free-spirited Wai-nani, old Hawai'i is woven into a story rich with vivid imagery, historical detail, and emotional impact.

Open Mic Poetry Night!

Bring your poetry and join us, 6:00 to 8:00 PM Feb 14 at the Newbury Park Library Meeting Room and Feb 28 at the Grant R. Brimhall Library. Free to the public!

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:
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**Happy President's Day
 February 19th from the
 Friends!
 Libraries will be closed in
 observance.**

Mark Your Calendar!

Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library Spring Used Book Sale

Friday, April 20, FTOL Members 3:00-5:00, General Public 6:00-8:30

Saturday, April 21, 10:00 am—3:00 pm

Interested in volunteering? Contact Max at 805-341-0439

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.**

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

April 12—*Big History and the Future of Humanity (Revised)* by Fred Spier

May 10—*History of Empires: The Rise and Fall of the Greatest Empires in History* by Robert Dean

June—*Lords of Finance: The Bankers Who Broke the World* by Liaquat Ahamed

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.**

February 1—*The Road to Character* by David Brooks

March 1—*Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance

April 5—*Thinking, Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman

May 3—*Buddhism Plain and Simple* by Steve Hagen

June 7—Dinner with the Book Group

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)

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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

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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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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