



# FOCUS

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library  
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Geri Trail  
FTOL President

Summer greetings from Geri!

Another year has started in my presidency with FTOL. Thank you for all the support in this past year. By the way, our year goes from July 1 to June 30. I look forward to another great year. Most of our Board remains as it was previously but Dick

Piernot has taken on the Vice Presidency with the retirement of longtime supporter Bob Coffey from the Board. Thank you, Bob! We also welcome Audrey Helix and Jane Meade as new Members at Large.

This year is seeing many changes to our used book sales, including the expansion of GRB book sale space, resulting in increased

income that translates directly to more financial support to our library. Internet sales continue to be strong. Patrons of our Newbury Park library shouldn't feel neglected, as we have new projects in the planning stages. If you have not signed on to Facebook, you are missing out on news and wonderful photos. Sign up and "like" us!

*If you are going to get anywhere in life, you have to read a lot of books.—Roald Dahl*

*The library lets you borrow the beauty and keep the knowledge.-Unknown*

*—Geri Trail*

## Cultural Bus Tour—Saturday, August 25, 2018 The Hammer Museum & The Annenberg Space for Photography



Carol Weiner  
Cultural Events

The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library is happy to announce a Cultural Bus Tour to the Hammer Museum in West Los Angeles to view "L.A. Art," an exhibit of works created by artists in the Los Angeles area. Following a tour led by UCLA student art majors and a "brown bag" lunch brought from home in the Hammer Courtyard, we'll go to The Annenberg Space for Photography to see "Not An Ostrich" and Other Images from America's Library.



We'll board the bus at the Newbury Park Library at 2331 Borchart Road at 9:45 A.M. and will leave at 10:00 A.M. The return to Newbury Park will be approximately 4:30 P.M. The cost of this trip is \$25.00 for

members of the Friends and \$30.00 for non-members.8

For information and/or reservations, please call Carol at 805-450-1450 and leave a message. She will return your call. We look forward to seeing YOU on the bus!



**Happy Labor Day from the Friends! — Libraries will be CLOSED September 3rd**

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARIES

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

August 6—Jumanji, August 20—The Hundred Foot Journey

### 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.

August 7—Looper, August 14—The Time Traveler's Wife, August 21—12 Monkeys,  
August 28—Stranger than Fiction

### Outdoor Movie Night—8:00pm at the Newbury Park Parking Lot

August 11—ET: The Extra-Terrestrial

Children's / Sci Fi book sale in the NP Library Lobby before the show!

### Staying Well Series

Supplements 101: Sports Nutritionist Julie Budniak shares her knowledge and insights, Au-  
gust 9, 6:30pm-7:30pm, GRB Library Community Room

### 2018 Summer Concerts—GRB Library Community Room

July 29, 2:00-3:00pm—The Romantic Spirit (Paul Stein, violin, and Bridget Hough, piano)  
August 19, 2:00-3:00pm—New World String Project (Celtic, Nordic, and American folk)

### Open Mic Poetry Night!

Bring your poetry and join us, 6:00 to 8:00 PM June 13 at the Newbury Park Library Meeting  
Room and June 27 at the Grant R. Brimhall Library. Free to the public!

For more events and information updates,  
visit the online Thousand Oaks Library Event Calendar at [www.tolibrary.org](http://www.tolibrary.org).

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



### 2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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dinator

### Board Meetings

Held at 10:30 a.m. the 2nd Monday of each  
month (except August) in the Tech Training  
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  
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Editor: Dan Ruth  
Email: [drutheditor@gmail.com](mailto:drutheditor@gmail.com)  
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### New and Renewed Members

#### New Members

##### Family

Shelly Thees

##### Individual

Jane Meade

##### Renewals

##### Sponsor

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Visit our **E X P A N D E D** Daily Book Sale at the  
Thousand Oaks GRB Library!

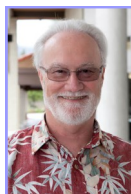
More of everything—fiction, nonfiction (categorized by topic),  
children's and young adult, DVDs, music CDs—

And **BARGAIN BOOKS** for 25¢!

**Look for the blue shelves!**



### Treasurer's Report—Submitted by Ed Craven, Treasurer



Ed Craven,  
FTOL Treasurer

Since the previous Focus, the Friends have reimbursed the Library more than \$38,800 for Materi-  
als, including Electronic Reference, International Language, Spoken Word, E-books, and Playaways.  
Additionally, over \$22,000 was paid for Family, Children's, Teen, Adult, Music, and Read TO Succeed  
programs. We also contributed more than \$10,000 toward Aquarium maintenance and purchased \$10,000 Audio/  
Video Control system upgrades for each library. Thanks to those who donated books and to our sorters and online  
sales team for turning them into cash and making all this possible! Regards, Ed Craven, FTOL Treasurer

### 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.**

August 9—*God's Bankers: A History of Money and Power at the Vatican* by Gerald Posner

September 13—*Floodpath: The Deadliest Man-Made Disaster of 20th-Century America and the Making of Modern Los Angeles* by John Wilman

October 11—*The Corporation that Changed the World: How the East India Company Shaped the Modern Multinational* by Nick Robins

November 8—*Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Haran

December 13—*Hillbilly Elegy* by JD Vance

### 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](mailto:chitra.sai.chandavarkar@hotmail.com). **Books are available for checkout.**

August 2—*The Book of Joy* by Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu

September 6—*The End of White Christian America* by Robert Jones

October 4—*TBA*

November 1—*On the Nature of Things* by Titus Lucretius Carus



### Visit Our Children's & Sci-Fi Pop-Up Sale!

On Saturday, August 11, the Friends will have a mini-book sale featuring children's and Sci-Fi books prior to the Newbury Park Library Outdoor Movie Night (*ET: The Extraterrestrial*).

The sale will take place in the NP Library Lobby from 4:00 to 8:00pm. Join us!

### 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](mailto:treasurer@ftol.org). To download a contribution form, please go to <http://ftol.org/endowment>.

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

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.*

### Shop at Ralphs for the Friends!

Register your Ralphs card at [www.ralphs.com](http://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—at no additional cost to you!

All participants (past and new) must re-register every year at <http://www.ralphs.com>.





2331 Borchard Road  
Newbury Park, CA 91320  
Return Service Requested

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



## 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](http://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