



FOCUS

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Geri Trail
FTOL President

I hope you all have had a chance to visit our FTOL pop-up sales at the Newbury Park Library. Lots of bargains can be found and we have a new feature—a bag of paperbacks of your choice for \$5.00. We supply the bag. Our next pop-up is on May 11, 2019.

Please consider supporting the FTOL and therefore the library by becoming a Board member. The Board meets once a month for about two hours and the position is for a one-year term. All positions including mine as president are available.

If this does not suit you and you wish to do more for our library, there are other opportunities including sorting of donated books

for on-line and daily sales.

We are blessed with a wealth of donations and we are thankful! This photo shows one day's donations to be processed for sale to benefit our library. Come and help us!



I love people who read. I think it screams humility. When someone reads, they are essentially admitting they want more, that the world is not enough for them. They want more knowledge, more experience. Whatever this life is, they want more of it. —Nicholas Browne

—Geri Trail

Cultural Bus Tour—Sunday, April 14th, 2019, 9:00 AM—6:00 PM The LA Festival of Books

Let the Friends' Bus Trip Take You to the LA Festival of Books in Style!



Carol Weiner
Cultural Events Coordinator

For book lovers, there's no place like the LA Times Festival of Books. It's one of the most significant literary events in the country—two days of celebrity authors, publishers, poetry readings, panel discussions, cooking demos, children's activities, and a variety of food vendors. But if you've attended before, you know that driving, parking, and departing are a nightmare. 150,000 people?

All arriving at the USC campus at once? PLEASE. But what's a book lover to do?

Let us ferry you to and from the festival in a cushy bus--all you have to do is show up at the Newbury Park Library, ready to rock and roll and read! The trip will take place on **Sunday, April 14th**; the bus will depart from the Newbury Park



Library at 9 am and return at approximately 6 pm. Cost is \$41 for members, \$46 for non-members, which includes the round-trip bus fare and driver gratuity.

Make the trip in sublime comfort and alight from the bus refreshed and ready for a day of literary abundance. At the end of the day, when your feet are tired, your arms full of new books and your head spinning from new ideas, all you have to do is step onto the bus and sink back with a happy sigh—no parking lot chaos, no freeway, no traffic congestion.



Call Carol at 805-480-1450 for reservations and details—this is a popular festival, seats will fill fast, and there will be only one bus. For more information about the Festival go to <https://events.latimes.com/festivalofbooks/schedule>. See you there!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARIES

Ventura County Master Gardeners Share Their Secrets

April 8 and May 13, 6:30 PM at the Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room.

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

April 8—Can You Ever Forgive Me, April 22—Green Book

Tuesday Night Is Free Movie Night at 6:30 PM at NP Library!

April 2—Bohemian Rhapsody, April 9—Aquaman, April 16—Unbreakable, April 23—Split, April 30—Split

Meet The Author

An Afternoon with Robert Kurson, author of *Rocket Men*, 2019 One City One Book selection—Sunday, April 7, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, TO Civic Arts Plaza Fred Kavli Theater

Open Mic Poetry Night!

Bring your poetry and join us, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, April 19 at the NP Branch Meeting Room, April 24 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.

Treasurer's Report



This month we made our second half funding advance of \$106,140 to the Library for the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year. In addition to providing the wealth of materials and top notch programming we've come to expect every day at the library, these funds will support the Thousand Oaks Reads events (I'm looking forward to the author event on April 7).

Many thanks to those who donated books and supported our Pop Up sales and especially to our sorters and online sales team for turning them into cash and making it all possible!

Regards, Ed Craven, FTOL Treasurer

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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 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 to the email address that follows: Editor: Dan Ruth
 Email: drutheditor@gmail.com
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 Friends' website: www.ftol.org

Library Closures

April 21—GRB

May 5—GRB (NP Open)

May 27—GRB & NP for Memorial Day

Get Ready for Summer with our Friends SUMMER READING Pop-Up Sale!

Summertime is just around the corner, and it's not too early to scope out books for you and your family. A great place to start will be the Friends Summer Reading Pop-Up Sale on Saturday, May 11th, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Newbury Park Library (9:30 early entry for Friends members!). We'll have an extensive selection of adult fiction, classics /literature, crafts books, cookbooks, humor books, and children's and young adult books. We're also having the popular "Bag-O'-Books" for just \$5! Fill your bag with your selections from over 1000 paperback books (we furnish the bag). No matter where your summer takes you, you'll be stocked up with good reading for the months ahead! Hope to see you there!



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.**

April 11, 2019--*The Storm before the Storm* by Mike Duncan

May 9, 2019--*Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell* by Janet Wallach

June 13, 2019--*Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of his Time* by Dava Sobel

July 11, 2019--*How Everything Became War and the Military Became Everything: Tales from the Pentagon* by Rosa Brooks

August 8, 2019--*Personal Memoirs of Ulysses Grant* by Ulysses S. Grant

September 12, 2019--*The Rational Optimist: How Prosperity Evolves* by Matt Ridley

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.**

April 4, 2019--*Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil deGrasse Tyson

May 2, 2019--*The Bridge on the Drina* by Ivo Andric

June 6, 2019--*Neither Wolf nor Dog* by Kent Nerburn

July 11, 2019--*The Merry Wives of Windsor* by William Shakespeare

August 1, 2019--*Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy* by Sheryl Sandberg

September 5, 2019--*The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner

Visit Our SUMMER READING Pop-Up Sale!

On Saturday, May 11th, 10am-2pm, in the NP Library Lobby and Meeting Room, the Friends will have a lobby book sale. For details, see article on opposite page.

Come—browse—buy!



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>.

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 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>.



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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

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