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Geri Trail
FTOL President

A New Year's hello from your FTOL president!

2019 is off to a great start! Thanks to our expanded space the daily book sales continue to set new sales records, meaning more funds for library materials and programs. In the upcoming months we'll be looking ahead to the History Pop-Up Sale on February 9th and to the 2019 One City One Book events—see details in this newsletter. Before we know it, the June Board elections will be upon us. All in all, we're looking forward to a wonderful, busy and successful 2019!

As always, thank you for your continued support!

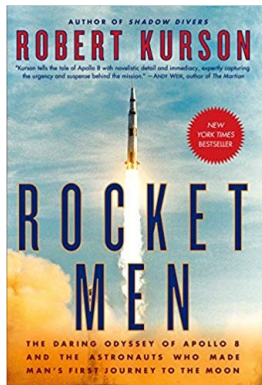
I think the public library system is one of the most amazing American institutions. Free for everybody. If you ever get the blues about the status of the American culture there are still more public libraries than there are McDonald's. During the great Depression not one public library closed their doors.— David McCullough

Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers.— Charles William Eliot

—Geri Trail

Thousand Oaks Reads: One City, One Book

Film Screening and Special Guest Are Out of This World!



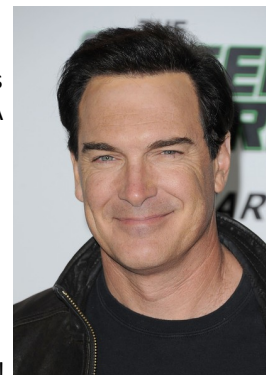
The 2019 *One City, One Book* program is launched! This year's title is Robert Kurson's *Rocket Men*, which tells the story of the people and science behind the Apollo 8 mission, set against the tumultuous cultural and political background of the Sixties.

It's an exciting read, and there's exciting programming to go along with it. One of the big events in February is a special screening of *The Dish*, on Friday, February 8 at 7 pm. Starring Patrick Warburton, *The Dish* is a movie about the Parkes Observatory's role in relaying live television of man's first steps on the moon. The film was universally acclaimed when it was released; one reviewer describing it as "A tender memoir of one of the few occasions when the world united in awe."

Star of the movie Patrick Warburton will be the library's special guest for the screening; he will introduce the film and do a Q&A session afterwards.

Mr. Warburton is an American actor and voice artist who has starred in *Seinfeld*, *Dave's World*, *Rules of Engagement*, *Family Guy*, and *The Tick*. He is currently starring in *Lemony Snicket* on Netflix and appearing on *The Orville* on Fox.

This will be a popular program, and seating is limited. *The Dish* is rated PG-13. Hope to see you there!



Thousand Oaks Reads: One City One Book — Robert Kurson's *Rocket Men*

Thousand Oaks Library will celebrate *Rocket Men* with special programs in March and an author visit at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza on Sunday, April 7, coinciding with National Library Week. The Library will be offering additional programming in the months leading up to the author visit. There will also be film screenings and other space related programming in the weeks and months ahead (see article on front page of this newsletter). For details, visit the Library or its website, <https://www.tolibrary.org/home>.

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



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Treasurer's Report



We recently made our second quarterly funding advance of \$38,800 to the Library for the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year. So far this year, the library has used our funds for purchasing International Language books, Spoken Word, Playaways, and renewing the annual Book Page magazine subscription. Additionally, the funds were used for Summer Reading Club, Dia de Los Muertos, Children's, Teen, and Adult Programming, Read TO Succeed, KinderGrow, and Music programs.

Many 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

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
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Friends Celebrate Fabulous February With a Pop-Up Sale!

February is probably best known for Valentine's Day and winter weather, but it's fabulous for other reasons, too: Black History Month and Presidents' Day, for starters. To commemorate these and in anticipation of the Dr. Seuss Read across America event (on March 2, Dr. Seuss' birthday), we are celebrating with one of our awesome pop-up sales!



The Celebrate February Pop-Up Sale will take place on **Saturday, February 9th, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Newbury Park Library**. We'll have an extensive selection of history books of all kinds, children's books, adult fiction, and Dr. Seuss, and for the first time, we'll have Bag-O'-Books for just \$5! Fill your bag with your selections from over 1000 paperback books; no matter what weather February brings, you'll be stocked up with good reading for the month and more!

Come down and browse our gently loved books at sensational prices, and help us help the library. As always, every penny goes to help the library purchase the programs, material, and technology it needs to stay awesome. Can you think of any better way to celebrate February? 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.**

January 10, 2019--*What You Are Getting Wrong about Appalachia* by Elizabeth Catte

February 14, 2019--*Rise of the Robots* by Martin Ford

March 14, 2019--*A Short History of England* by Simon Jenkins

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

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.**

March 7, 2019--*Rocket Men* by Robert Kurson

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

Visit Our February Pop-Up Sale!

On Saturday, February 9th, 10am-2pm, in the NP Library Lobby, 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

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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

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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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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

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Newbury Park, CA 91320
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SCHEDULE OF HOURS

Grant R. Brimhall Library

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| 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

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| Monday—Wednesday | Noon—8 p.m. |
| Thursday—Friday | 10 a.m.—6 p.m. |
| Saturday | 10 a.m.—5 p.m. |
| Sunday | Closed |