



FOCUS

The Newsletter of the
Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library
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Friends,

As the new president of the FTOL I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the leadership and contributions of the previous president, Geri Trail. Under

Geris leadership
the friends and
volunteers just

completed the most successful year of fundraising in FTOL history. I also must acknowledge the contributions of Carol Weiner for her years as Cultural Tours coordinator and board member. Finally, I thank departing board member Audrey Helix for her service and welcome new member Caryl Piernot.



A new membership brochure has been developed and with it a change to the number of membership levels (see the new levels under the Membership Application Form in this newsletter). The

new designations (advocate, booster) were selected to better represent member commitment to the library instead of member status (e.g., student). Member benefits at all levels remain unchanged.

Due to renovations at the TO library to support the new teen center and to provide FTOL digital signage, plaques honoring life members have been removed. The FTOL board and library representatives are considering alternative types of public display to acknowledge FTOL life members for installation after the current renovations are completed.

Our first pop-up sale of the new fiscal year will be at the Newbury Park library lobby and community room on Saturday, August 17th from 10 AM to 2 PM. FTOL Members get early access (9:30 AM). Thank you all for supporting the mission of the FTOL, and with your support I know that we can continue to keep our library awesome!

—Dick Piernot

FTOL BACK TO SCHOOL Pop-Up Sale!



Finish up your summer reading and begin getting ready for school with the Friends of the Library's Back to School Pop-Up Sale on Saturday, August 17th from 10 till 2 in the Newbury Park Library lobby and community room.

The sale features children's books; titles for parenting, teaching, and learning; adult fiction and nonfiction; entertainment / Hollywood and history books, and DVDs. We'll also have our very popular \$5 Bag-of-Books sale, where you can choose from over a thousand adult and children's paperback books. For the first time, we'll be offering \$5 Bag-of-CDs as well!

For this sale, we're featuring 9:30 **early access for Friends' members and educators with ID**. Teachers, para-educators, homeschooling community—arrive at 9:30 for best access to our incredible array of books.

All proceeds benefit the library, so get an early start on the academic year!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARIES

Summer Concert at the Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room

August 4, 2:00pm—Marc Berger country folk, bluegrass & Cajun music

August 10, 2:00pm—hONEyhoUse R&B and blues

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

August 12—Holmes & Watson, August 26—Alpha

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

August 6—August Rush, August 13—Whiplash, August 20—Green Book

August 27—O Brother, Where Art Thou?

Open Mic Poetry Night!

Bring your poetry and join us, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, August 14 at the NP Branch Meeting Room,
August 28 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



Ed Craven,
FTOL Treasurer

At our July meeting, the newly elected Board of Directors approved an annual Budget for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year. Our projected income for the year is \$224,800 of which we expect to grant the library \$193,740 for programs and materials.

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 our financial support of the Library possible!

Regards, Ed Craven, FTOL Treasurer

New and Renewed Members

New Members

Sponsor

S.B. Altabel

Senior

Kristen Toscano

Renewals

Life

Bob & Patty Biery

Contributor

Gina Valo

Sponsor

Margaret & Jerry Miller

Kathy Leslie

Hugh & Linda Nelson

Ron & Jackie Pizitz

Loren & Joanne Stone

Kathleen & Robert Vieth

Patron

Bill & Marilyn Cole

Ed & Candy Craven

Joan Fare

Robert & Margie Fisher

Pat & Ron Grant

Jeffrey Greenberg

Ed & Susan Holt

Jeanette Hosek

Kevin & Donna Kelly

Jerry & Diane Mitcham

Caryl Piernot

Dick Piernot

Mary Williford

Gina Valo



A non-profit organization of library supporters dedicated to promoting and enhancing the

Thousand Oaks Library System

2019-2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Heller

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Chandavarkar

Library Advisors:

Heather Cousin, Library Services Director

Judi Bumstead, TO Library Volunteer Coordinator

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
Circulation: 450
Friends' website: www.ftol.org

Library Closures

September 2—GRB & NP closed for Labor Day

New Membership Levels



David Moutrie
Membership VP

The FTOL Board has decided to simplify renewable memberships. Soon we will only offer four renewal levels. The change in membership levels will take effect with each member's annual renewal. Prior to your membership expiry date, you will receive a letter with the five levels possible, providing you (as usual) the current levels for your renewal. The new levels will be:

Life (\$500+) - never renew again!

Contributor (\$25)

Sponsor (\$100)

Advocate (\$10)

Patron (\$50)

Members are free to contribute any amount, regardless of the level chosen in the past. The Friends appreciates your support in helping us advocate and raise funds for the library. If you have an earlier version of our brochure or renewal notice, we will still accept the gift.

We hope you will take advantage of the Friends benefit of early entry at our upcoming Back to School Used Book Sale on Saturday, August 17th at the Newbury Park Library.

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 or jheller14@roadrunner.com. **Books are available for checkout.**

August 8, 2019--*Personal Memoirs of Ulysses Grant* by Ulysses S. Grant
September 12, 2019--*The Rational Optimist: How Prosperity Evolves* by Matt Ridley

October 10, 2019--*The Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

November 14, 2019--*Enlightenment Now* by Steven Pinker

December 12, 2019 *An Empire of their Own: How the Jews Invented Hollywood* by Neal Gabler

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.**

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

October 3, 2019--*Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Harari

November 7, 2019--*A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies, and Leadership* by James Comey

December 5, 2019 Annual Year-End Event

BACK TO SCHOOL Pop-Up Sale!

On Saturday, August 17th, 10am-2pm, in the NP Library Lobby and Meeting Room, the Friends will have a lobby book sale. **FTOL Members will have early access.** Details will appear in the next issue of FOCUS.



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 \$25 Advocate \$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>.



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.

Donations are accepted at the Grant R. Brimhall Library and the Newbury Park Branch Library during regular library hours.

If you have questions or need help regarding donations, please contact Kate O'Brien, VP Book Sales, at sales@ftol.org

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