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The Newsletter of the
Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library
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Dick Piernot,
FTOL President

Thank you to the many FTOL volunteers who worked to make our August pop-up sale a great success. This sale was much larger than our previous pop-up sales with the \$5/bag portion including CDs and DVDs as well as paperback books. The community response was excellent thanks to the publicity on our website, Facebook, NextDoor and the Acorn newspaper.

Despite a year of many changes including the expanded daily book sale spaces in both libraries, the relocation of TO sorting and searching spaces and the introduction of pop-up sales in place of the semi-annual "big" sales, the coming year is shaping up to be more of the same. For example, the TO library daily sales area is being revamped to increase the children's book area, increase and alphabetize the DVD area, reorganize the fiction and non-fiction areas, and generally increase the inventory of items available to the public. The FTOL and the Library are also working on plans to relocate the FTOL sorting and searching space currently upstairs at the NP library to a section

of the old technical services area downstairs.

All of these changes demand large commitments of time and energy by FTOL volunteers. Consequently, the final pop-up sale for 2019 originally scheduled for November 9th is cancelled to allow our volunteers time to focus on completing and adapting to these changes. Going forward we shall be looking for opportunities to stage "flash" sales in conjunction with events or programs at the libraries. These sales will be of limited size and narrowly focused consistent with the events/programs to which they are linked. The Children's Overstock Sale that was held at the Thousand Oaks Library on September 21st was one such sale. We will have a booth at the Rotary Club Street Fair on Sunday October 20th to promote the FTOL to the community and to recruit new members and volunteers.

Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities. —R. David Lankes

—Dick Piernot

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make our recent book sales successful!
Next Sale: Art, Craft & Quilt Sale, October 12, 11:00am - 1:00pm, Newbury Park Library Lobby
PLEASE NOTE: The November 9 Pop-Up Sale has been CANCELLED!



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARIES

CSUCI Lecture: On and Available—Everyone and Everywhere: The New World of Work Created with Technology

Speaker: Dr. Parul Malik, Professor of Communication
October 10, 6:30-7:30pm, GRB Library Community Room

Sundays on Stage: Billy Kemp

Billy Kemp: "A collection of down-to-earth tales punctuated by vivid lyrics and crisp guitar playing" - October 20, 2:00-3:00pm, GRB Library Community Room

Violinist Paul Stein and pianist Bridget Haugh: The Exotic Music of French, Spanish, and Jewish Composers—November 10, 2:00-3:00pm, GRB Library Community Room

Pianist Cliff Retallick: The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Experience the restored silent film classic "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" with Lon Chaney as it was originally viewed with live piano accompaniment. October 27, 2:00pm-3:00pm, GRB Library Community Room

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

October 14—A Dog's Journey, October 28—Avengers Endgame

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

October 1—Us, October 8—Pet Sematary, October 15—Hellboy, October 22—The Dead Don't Die, October 29—Ready or Not

Open Mic Poetry Night!

Bring your poetry and join us, 6:00-8:00pm October 9, and November 13 at the NP Branch Meeting Room, Free to the public!

For more events and information updates, visit the online Thousand Oaks Library Event Calendar at www.tolibrary.org.



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:
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Treasurer's Report



Ed Craven,
FTOL Treasurer

We have migrated to a new funding schedule for our grants to the library. In July, I delivered a check for \$92,000 to the City representing 50% of our fiscal year 2019/2020 library grant budget. In January 2020, the remainder will be funded. It's a record year, thanks to those of you 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

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Library Closures

Veterans Day, November 11

Thanksgiving, November 28-29

Quilting Pop-Up Sale

Newbury Park Library Lobby, Saturday, October 12, 11:00am—1:00pm

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.**

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.**

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

QUILTING Pop-Up Sale!

On Saturday, October 12, 11am-1pm, in the NP Library Lobby and Meeting Room, the Friends will have a book sale featuring quilting and crafts books.

FTOL Members will have early access.

Come—browse—buy!

Love our sales? 'Like' the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library on Facebook for advance notice of sales, events, and programs!



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

Booster \$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>.

Book Sales Updates

Where Does the Money Go?



Kate O'Brien
VP Book Sales

Some of you may wonder what happens to the money that FTOL earns through their online sales or daily sales. At the Friend's September Board meeting earlier this week, Charlotte Burrows, the Children's Library Supervisor gave us a presentation of all the Children's programs that made use of FTOL funds. The summer program is always a big success and this year was no different with over 3,700 kids signed up for the program. The Library reported over 5,560 community members attended their summer events at the Library and over 1,200 at various out-reach events in the community. FTOL is a major contributor to that success.

Two other recent innovations at the Library include the newly created Teen Space. If you haven't seen it yet, you should stop by and check it out – it's a great hang-out, do homework, socialize in a safe place for our community teens and FTOL makes regular contributions to Teen programs that will be held there. The second cool addition, in part thanks to FTOL funds, is the new podcast room at the library that can be used by patrons interested in creating their own podcasts!

You can see the funds FTOL donates are used in a variety of ways at the Library to help serve our community and foster literacy. You should all be proud as members of the Friends to be a part of it!

News from Daily Sales and A Call for Volunteers

As some of you are aware, we've been going through some reorganization at the Thousand Oaks Library over the last few months. The end is in sight thanks to the tireless efforts of Jessie Fowler and her team. The Fiction hardcovers, paperbacks and trades are all interfiled, the non-fiction have been reworked adding several new categories and subcategories to make it eas-

ier for our patrons to find things. The Children's area, DVDs and Bargain Books have also been expanded and many other sections reorganized and improved with subcategories and shelf labels. Thanks to all who helped. We aren't quite done, but we've gotten plenty of positive reviews from patrons. We also have some new signage to help direct people and a new price list.

Newbury Park Library is starting their own reorganization due to a move of their sorting room. The team is taking full advantage of it to reorganize their shelves, prioritize their backlog and purge some older stuff that just doesn't sell. They will have bargain shelves for hard cover fiction, trade fiction and paperback fiction as well as bargain non-fiction shelves and a special section for newer non-fiction books. All of the shelves have new shelf labels to make things easier to find. We've just gotten underway with the changes, but everyone is getting behind the effort and hopefully their patrons will appreciate their improved space. Thanks to Susan Bullard and her team at Newbury Park.

And finally, if any you FTOL members are interested in volunteering with us, either at the Library in our Book Sales group, or in other ways, we have several other initiatives the Board wants to undertake, but we need some assistance from our members to make them happen. These initiatives range from:

- making presentations about FTOL at local community groups.
- helping coordinate our cultural bus tours.
- assisting with our new Overstock sales (a mini-book sale).
- coordinating additional awareness efforts to help grow our FTOL group and the services we can offer to our Thousand Oaks community.

If you have any interest, just let us know and we'd be happy to discuss all of the various initiatives with you.

Next Book Sale!

Art, Craft, and Quilt Book Sale

Newbury Park Library Lobby

October 12, 2019, 11 am to 1 pm

This sale will coincide with the Extreme Quilter's Art from Cloth show in the Gallery.

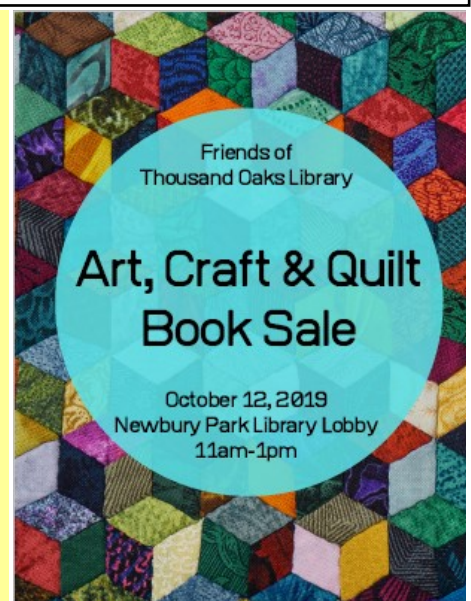
Extreme Quilter's Art From Cloth 2019 Show

When: October 3–15, 2019, open seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Opening reception: Sunday, October 6, 2018 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: [Thousand Oaks Community Gallery](#), 2331 Borchard Road, Newbury Park

Who: Extreme Quilters, a group of twenty-six talented textile artists, is presenting its eighth annual fiber art show, highlighting a range of beautiful and provocative quilted, pieced, embellished and hand-stitched art pieces



Back to School Book Sale a Huge Success



Kathy Leslie
Publicity Coordinator

Thanks to everyone who turned out to support the Friends' Back to School Used Book Sale! The monies raised by these sales support the programs, materials, and technology that the library provides for the community. We couldn't do it without you, and you showed up in droves!

Members of the Friends of the Library and area educators received early preview entrance; by 9:30, a long line of excited shoppers extended out the library door and onto the sidewalk. When the doors opened, the sight of thousands of high-quality books, DVDs, CDs, gifts, puzzles, and stuffed animals and more inspired customers to dive right in, piling their finds into the bags provided.

We are grateful to the library for providing us the space for the sale and the invaluable assistance of the library staff, and of course as always, for the help of our tireless volunteers, a list of which appears below. And to our customers, for supporting the Friends and helping us support the library.

Due to space considerations as the Newbury Park Library expands in new and exciting ways, we'll be moving to smaller, more frequent sales, so keep an eye on our social media and website for upcoming events. Remember, we *always* have a fabulous selection of books at amazing prices in the Daily Sales areas of both libraries—shop early, shop often, and help us #keepthelibraryawesome!

A shout-out of gratitude to our Back to School Sale volunteers:

Hank Apgar	Debbie Boden	Susan Bollard	Shayna & Stu Carter
Yali Chen	Geri Conlan	Maria De-Leon	Janet Doman
Ruth Dods	Carol Eltiste	Jessie Fowler	Bettie Rae Hall
Jean Heimsoth	Audrey Helix	Darrell Jones	Rod Lang
Kathy & Ian Leslie	Carrol & Charlie Lucas	Dave Moutrie	Anh Palmer
Dick & Caryl Piernot	Dan Ruth	Jean Staley	MaryAnn Thomas
Geri Trail	Carol Weiner	Syd & Del Wolken	

What's New at the Thousand Oaks Daily Used Book Sale?

Pretty much everything! If you haven't browsed our expanded shelves in the Thousand Oaks Library lately, you might not know what you're missing. For starters, we've combined fiction into one single fabulous category, so if you're looking, say, for James Patterson, you'll find all his books—mass market, trade paperback, and hardback—in one convenient location. Now it's easy for fans to catch up on any titles they're missing!

If you love shopping for children's books, you'll love how much this section has grown—Children and YA titles now take up the entire back wall of the book sale area. Come and see how much there is to choose from—the section even includes gifts, puzzles, and Children and YA DVDs, sorted into G and PG shelves.

Our DVD collection has been completely refreshed—what's on the shelves now is all brand-new inventory, organized by genre. So whether you love action, drama, or documentary, your favorite films will be easy to find. Also don't miss our enormous collection of TV series—many of them are multi-disc, multi-season packages; for \$1 apiece, you can catch up on all your favorite episodes. While you're there, take a look at the astounding variety of genres and titles in our CD offerings as well.

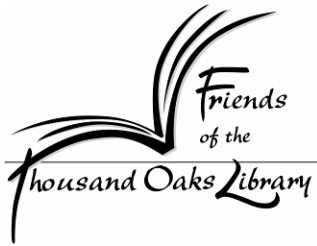
Our nonfiction shelves continue to evolve, to make your browsing experience the best it can be. Come see all the new categories: Foreign language, Crafts (organized by craft!), Spirituality and New Age, Gardening, Politics, Women's Issues, and Govern-

ment, to name just a few. Health and fitness, Hollywood and entertainment, and local interest, to name a few more. Our popular History section is being further refined by type: Military, World, U.S., and more, and our cookbooks are now organized by cuisine for easy browsing. And additional categories are popping up all the time, so come take a look!

For students, parents, and teachers, our new CVUSD section will feature books which are on the district reading list. Also check our Classics section right next to it, for your back-to-school needs!

And finally, whatever you do, do NOT miss our Bargain Shelves. Located next to the tables, this section might be the most fun of all to browse, because you never know what will pop up there next. Vintage books; hardback fiction; collectible magazines on subjects as diverse as cake decorating, tole painting, needlepoint, military history; classics; bestsellers—and more. Lots more. And each item only 25 cents! It's the most fun and rewarding treasure hunt EVER.

So if you haven't visited our Daily Used Book Sale lately, you may be missing out on titles that you want for home or school, or movies that entertain and delight, or on that 25-cent life-changing treasure! Come see how we've changed—we want to make shopping a great experience for you, so we can help keep the library the awesome intellectual and cultural center we know and love. Remember, your purchase of donated books is what helps us to help #keepthelibraryawesome. Come see us—and thanks for your support!



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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.

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

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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