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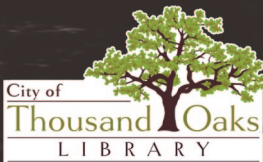
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## Thousand Oaks Library: We Are Education.

The Thousand Oaks Library serves as a key agency in supporting the educational and learning needs of our community. The Library is a vital resource for helping young children learn to read and for providing homework help for all grade levels – including homeschooling families or adult learners preparing to take the GED. With a wealth of resources, the Library also aids those seeking to continue their education. Through special events, programs, lectures and other activities, library customers may pursue life-long learning.

Library programs and materials provide opportunities for early childhood development and exposure to important early literacy skills that help children prepare for school and for reading. Thousand Oaks Library Play & Learn Storytimes and other programs for early learners are aimed at developing the individual capacity of young children, teaching early literacy skills and providing information to help parents and caregivers lend vital support.

The Library offers free online homework resources which support CCSS (Common Core State Standards). Students can receive live, online homework help and writing assistance from specialized tutors and utilize skills-building services to help master concepts and build proficiency. Use of the Thousand Oaks Library can impact achievement for students by furnishing them with information and important digital literacy skills.

While public libraries are known as great places to study and a complement to libraries in schools, universities and colleges, the role of technology in our library supporting education is less well-known. In fact, with more and more school libraries and librarian positions being reduced or completely eliminated, students, parents and teachers are relying even more on the public library.



Competitiveness in the 21st century demands that people not stop learning when they leave the classroom. Staying relevant in a rapidly changing workforce will require familiarity with technology, as well as increased skills in successfully navigating information online. The Thousand Oaks Library is part of a seamless web of educational opportunities that brings together trained information professionals and an array of resources that can be utilized inside the library or online 24/7.

The Thousand Oaks Library serves as a location that community members can use to their advantage, regardless of economic or social status or demographic background. The Library helps close the digital divide not only by providing free internet access but also by providing technology classes given by library staff members. The Library also serves the educational needs of the community by providing meeting spaces for special interest groups, students, and community organizations, and acts as a hub for job seekers, business professionals and/or entrepreneurs.

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# Featured Resources & New Arrivals

## New Arrivals focus on **Mysteries**

The Accidental Alchemist by Gigi Pandian

All The Old Knives by Olen Steinhauer

The Angel Court Affair: A Charlotte and Thomas Pitt Novel by Anne Perry

Asylum by Jeannette de Beauvoir

Blue Avenue by Michael Wiley

The Burning Gates by Parker Bilal

The Carrier by Sophie Hannah

The Cat, The Devil, The Last Escape by Shirley Rousseau Murphy and Pat J.J. Murphy

Cold Betrayal by J.A. Jance

Criminal Confections by Colette London

Cry Uncle by Russel D. McLean

Cuba Straits by Randy Wayne White

A Dancer in the Dust by Thomas H. Cook

Dead On Cue by Deryn Lake

Disclosures by Bill James

Done In One by Grant

Jerkins and Jan Thomas

Double Fudge Brownie Murder by Joanne Fluke

Endangered by C.J. Box

False Impression by Veronica Heley

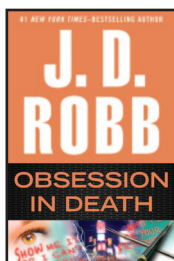
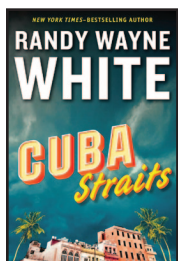
The Fateful Day by Rosemary Rowe

A Fine Summer's Day by Charles Todd

A High-end Finish by Kate Carlisle

Motive by Jonathan Kellerman

Obsession In Death by J. D. Robb



## Learning @ Your Library Spring 2015 Free Classes

The spring 2015 **Learning @ Your Library** classes are here. The classes are: *Ready, Set, Compute!*, *Surfing the Web*, *Easy Word Processing*, *Creating a Newsletter in Word*, and *Getting Started with Email*. Classes start in May and registration is now open.

The classes are free. Due to limitations in class size and popular demand, registration is required. You can register by calling either Library location: Grant R. Brimhall Library at 805-449-2660, option 5, or the Newbury Park Branch Library at 805-498-2139, option 5. You also can register in person at the reference desks at both locations.

The *Book a Librarian* program also continues this spring. This is an opportunity to make a free appointment for a one-on-one tutoring session with a librarian. Appointments are for a half



hour. You can get help on the topic of your choice: e-books, journal articles, Internet use, etc.

Classes are open to ages 14 and up. Please check the calendar on the Library's website for more information about classes and other special events.

The Library is a shared community resource, open to all. 📖

## New Feature Films

- Annabelle - Horror
- Annie - Children
- The Best Of Me - Drama
- Big Hero 6 - Children
- Birdman Or, (The Unexpected Virtue Of Ignorance) - Comedy
- Book Of Life - Children
- Dumb And Dumber To - Comedy
- Exodus: Gods And Kings - Action
- Foxcatcher - Drama
- Fury - Action
- Gone Girl - Drama
- Horrible Bosses 2 - Comedy
- The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part I - Action
- John Wick - Action
- The Judge - Drama

## Want Some Entertainment Tonight or a Gift For Someone Special?

You can do both at the Grant R. Brimhall Library. Check out a DVD for only \$1 per day. You can choose from new releases, classic films and your favorite stars.

Browse the Foundation Gift Store, conveniently located in the library, for a special gift. You'll find greeting cards, distinctive jewelry, books, gifts for the home and a selection of unique items for children.

The best part of all? All proceeds from DVD sales and the gift store go right back to support our library. 📺



# Adults



## Checklist for My Family is May 6

Join us for a special program, **CHECK LIST FOR MY FAMILY**, to be presented by Sally Balch Hurme, a Project Advisor with AARP Health Education. She will help us know what we need and why we need all our information in one place for our families in case something happens to us.

The program is on Wednesday, May 6th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Grant R. Brimhall Library and is free to the public. 🍀



## Westlake Symphony to Perform May 6



A wonderful program coming up is a musical concert for the whole family to be presented by the **Westlake Village Symphony** on Wednesday, **May 6**, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Grant R. Brimhall Library. The Symphony is under the direction of Michael Ryan Armstrong and is a community orchestra which is part of the Pacific Pearl Music Association (PPMA), a non-profit organization. 🍀

## Silver Strings Return on June 24

The wonderful **Silver Strings Orchestra** will return to the Grant R. Brimhall Library on Wednesday, June 24 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. for a lovely afternoon of music as part of our Summer Adult Reading Club programs. 🍀

## Master Gardeners Begin Series of Programs at Libraries

Master Gardeners of Ventura County will begin a series of water-wise landscaping programs at the **Newbury Park Branch Library** on **May 30** at 1:30 p.m. – **Waterwise 101** – will be a general overview of water-saving techniques for your home landscape. Then on **June 6** – **Garden Design** – will help you improve your home's curb appeal. And on **June 13** – **Home Landscape Plant Selection and Maintenance** – learn how to design a water-saving landscape that works in a changing environment.

Programs are free and open to the public but require registration. Jessica Craven will be the presenter.

**Grant R. Brimhall Library:** Master Gardeners will begin a summer-long series of programs on draught tolerant landscaping on Saturday, **June 27** from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker is to be announced. Other sessions in the series will be July 25, August 22 and September 26, 2015. The programs are free and open to the public. 🍀

## How To Turn Your Story into a Novel

Have an interesting story in your life that would make a good novel? This program is for you. Join us on Wednesday, **May 13** when **Diane Haithman** (*Dark Lady of Hollywood*) and **Charles Degelman** (*A Bowl Full of Nails*) will discuss their books and how to turn your personal experience into fiction.

Ms. Haithman, a former Arts Staff Writer for the Los Angeles Times, is an adjunct faculty member of USC's Annenberg School of Journalism, teaching Feature Writing.



Mr. Degelman's book, *A Bowl Full of Nails*, is set in the counterculture of the 1970s, and was a finalist in the Bellwether Competition, sponsored by Barbara Kingsolver and was published by Harvard Square Editions in February, 2015. He currently teaches writing and media studies at CSU, Los Angeles.



The program is from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Grant R. Brimhall Library and is free to the public. 🍀

### Support Your Library

• Unique Gifts •

**Library Foundation  
Gift Store**



# Calendar of Events — May

GRB = Grant R. Brimhall Library • NPB = Newbury Park Branch Library

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						<b>1</b> <b>Kindermusik with Katie.</b> Ages 0-5 yrs. 10:30am at <b>NPB</b> .
						<b>2</b> Friends of the Library Cultural Bus Trip to <b>Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens</b> 9am-5pm
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> <i>Cinco de Mayo</i> <b>Parent and Child - Baby Play &amp; Learn Classes.</b> Conejo Valley Neighborhood For Learning. Ages 0-24 mos. 10:30am at <b>GRB</b> . <b>Dog Days.</b> 3:30pm at <b>GRB</b> . <b>Free Movie Night.</b> <i>Hellboy 2</i> 7:00pm at <b>NPB</b> .	<b>6</b> <b>Toddler Play &amp; Learn Storytime.</b> Ages 2-3 yrs. 10:30am at <b>GRB</b> . <b>Checklist For My Family.</b> 4:00pm at <b>GRB</b> . <b>Westlake Village Symphony.</b> 7:00pm at <b>GRB</b> .	<b>7</b> <b>Preschool Play &amp; Learn Storytime.</b> Ages 3-5 yrs. 10:30am at <b>GRB</b> . <b>Ready, Set, Compute!</b> 11:00am at <b>GRB</b> . <b>Friendly Book Discussion Group.</b> 6:30pm at <b>GRB</b> .	<b>8</b> <b>Kindermusik with Katie.</b> Ages 0-5 yrs. 10:30am at <b>GRB</b> . <b>Music and Movement.</b> Conejo Valley Neighborhood For Learning. Ages 0-3 yrs. 11:00am at <b>NPB</b> .	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <i>Mothers Day</i>  <i>Mothers Day</i>	<b>11</b> <b>Free Movie Matinee.</b> <i>Million Dollar Arm</i> 1:00pm at <b>GRB</b> . 	<b>12</b> <b>Parent and Child - Baby Play &amp; Learn Classes.</b> Conejo Valley Neighborhood For Learning. Ages 0-24 mos. 10:30am at <b>GRB</b> . <b>Dog Days.</b> 3:30pm at <b>GRB</b> .	<b>13</b> <b>Toddler Play &amp; Learn Storytime.</b> Ages 2-3 yrs. 10:30am at <b>GRB</b> . <b>Surfing the Web.</b> 6:00pm at <b>GRB</b> . <b>Writing Your Novel</b> with Diane Haithman and Charles Degelman 7:00pm at <b>GRB</b> .	<b>14</b> <b>Preschool Play &amp; Learn Storytime.</b> Ages 3-5 yrs. 10:30am at <b>GRB</b> . <b>Easy Word Processing.</b> 5:30pm at <b>GRB</b> . <b>CSU Channel Islands Lecture.</b> 7:00pm at <b>GRB</b> . <b>History Book Discussion Group.</b> 7:00pm at Goebel Adult Center.	<b>15</b> <b>Music and Movement.</b> Conejo Valley Neighborhood For Learning. Ages 0-3 yrs. 11:00am at <b>NPB</b> .	<b>16</b> <i>Armed Forces Day</i>  <b>Tracy Newman</b> 11:00am at <b>GRB</b> .
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Dog Days.</b> 3:30pm at <b>GRB</b> . <b>Free Movie Night.</b> <i>Spawn</i> 7:00pm at <b>NPB</b> .	<b>20</b>  <b>Gift Store 20/20 Sale.</b> 11:00am - 5:00pm Get 20% off on the 20th of every month!	<b>21</b> <b>Creating a Newsletter in Word.</b> 5:30pm at <b>GRB</b> .	<b>22</b> <b>Music and Movement.</b> Conejo Valley Neighborhood For Learning. Ages 0-3 yrs. 11:00am at <b>NPB</b> .	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> <b>LIBRARIES CLOSED</b>  <i>Memorial Day</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Master Gardener's Program: <b>Waterwise 101</b> 1:30pm at <b>NPB</b> .
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NOTE: Additional programs may be scheduled. For more information about Library events, go to [www.toaks.org/library](http://www.toaks.org/library).



# Calendar of Events

## — June



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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2 Free Movie Night. <i>The Usual Suspects</i> 7:00pm at NPB.	3 Getting Started with Email. 6:00pm at GRB.	4  Friendly Book Discussion Group. 6:30pm at GRB.	5 World Environment Day Kindermusik with Katie. Ages 0-5 yrs. 10:30am at NPB.	6 Master Gardener's Program: Garden Design 1:30pm at NPB.
7	8 Free Movie Matinee. <i>About Time</i> 1:00pm at GRB.	9 Free Movie Night. <i>LA Confidential</i> 7:00pm at NPB.	10	11  History Book Discussion Group. 7:00pm at Goebel Adult Center.	12 Kindermusik with Katie. Ages 0-5 yrs. 10:30am at GRB.	13 Master Gardener's Program: Home Landscape Plant Selection and Maintenance 1:30pm at NPB.
14 Flag Day  FLAG DAY	15 Summer Reading Club Starts 	16 Free Movie Night. <i>The Dark Knight</i> 7:00pm at NPB.	17 The Nick & Jen Show. 11:00am at GRB. 2:00pm at NPB.	18 	19	20 Gift Store 20/20 Sale. 11:00am - 5:00pm Get 20% off on the 20th of every month! Teen Super Hero & Comic Book Party. Grades 6-12 2pm at NPB.
21 Fathers' Day  First Day of Summer	22 Free Movie Matinee. <i>Guardians of the Galaxy</i> 1:00pm at GRB.	23 Super Hero Academy. Grades: K-5 11:00am at GRB. Free Movie Night. <i>The Dark Knight Rises</i> 7:00pm at NPB.	24 Local Heroes Day. 11:00am at GRB. 2:00pm at NPB. Silver Strings. 2:00pm at GRB.	25	26	27 Master Gardener's Program. 10:00am at GRB. Teen Super Hero & Comic Book Party. Grades 6-12 2pm at GRB.
28	29	30 Super Hero Academy. Grades: K-5 2:00pm at NPB.				

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# Teens & Children

## ♪ SINGING ♪

Every **CHILD**  
Ready to **READ**  
@ your library\*

Singing is an incredible tool to teach early language skills needed for future reading abilities. Songs are a wonderful and natural way for children to learn about language and pick up new words. Singing also slows down language so they can hear the different sounds that make up words. This helps when children begin to read printed language. Singing also helps children learn new words and adds to their general knowledge.

Singing (and rhyming) increases children's awareness of and sensitivity to the sounds in words and helps to hear the different sounds that letters can make, slows language down for better comprehension, illustrates the rhythms of reading, and can even teach concepts of development! Think of all of the songs you learned as a child that you still remember as an adult, such as "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" or the "Itsy Bitsy Spider." Now you can share these with your own children. You may have learned colors, numbers, and other learning concepts through song. The Alphabet song teaches letters. Nursery rhymes are rich in language. Silly songs show kids that language is fun! Your child doesn't care if you can't carry a tune, just sing!

There are some easy and fun things you can do with your child with songs and music. So get singing and help your child get ready to read with these simple SINGING activities!

## "Every Hero Has a Story" for Summer Reading Clubs

This summer, we encourage you to participate in Thousand Oaks Library's Summer Reading Clubs by reading, book reviews or attending fun programs from June 15 – August 9. Our theme this year is "EVERY HERO HAS A STORY!"

**EVERY  
HERO  
HAS A STORY**

All children ages 0-5th grade may sign up for Children's Club at either library. By tracking the time or number of books they read, they can return to the Library weekly and receive incentives beginning June 22 and continuing through August 9.

Teens (6th – 12th grade) are invited to join the Teen Club and can sign up online or in the libraries.

Once you sign up, you then submit book-rating forms online for gift card prize drawings. Adults also can participate by filling in book rating forms in the Library or online beginning June 15 and continuing through August 9.

Many special events will be provided during the summer through the generosity of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library. These fun and informative programs will feature Local Heroes, Superheroes, Comics, performers, musicians, movies, and more for all ages. Find out about these programs by picking up a brochure in either library or going online to the library website, [www.toaks.org/library](http://www.toaks.org/library)

or "friend" the Library on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

In addition to fun incentives and prizes, the Library will take part in statewide challenges to see how many of our reading club members read FIVE books or more, or the equivalent, during the summer and also to reach one million readers this summer statewide. In 2014, over 700,000 Californians signed up for summer reading and over 1.3 million took part in summer-reading activities. The California Summer Reading Challenge seeks to build on this and keep children, teens, and adults reading all summer long. Help us meet our goal of one million summer readers in 2015! **#onemillionreaders**

The reading clubs can provide lifelong learning habits and foster an appreciation of all the services and resources provided by your local library. So beat boredom this summer and BE A SUPER READER @ YOUR LIBRARY! 📖

- Sing the alphabet song to learn about letters.
- Sing nursery rhymes so children hear the different sounds in words.
- Clap along to the rhythm in songs so children hear the syllables in words.
- Sing your own favorite songs so your child can share your passions.
- You can also take simple rhymes and

sing them to a familiar tune.

- Have fun by changing the lyrics to songs or making up your own songs.
- Play children's music at home or in the car.

The Library also has a wonderful collection of children's music that can be checked out too and that you can listen and explore with your child. 🎵

**Talking** | **Singing** | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Playing**



# Children & Families



## Tracy Newman to Kick Off 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program

Studies have shown that families who start reading aloud to their children at birth help to strengthen their language and listening skills, build and improve their vocabulary, and have increased attention spans — important tools for beginning to learn to read when they enter kindergarten. If you read three books a day to your child, in just one year you'll have read 1,095 books!

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** is a new Library program that encourages all Thousand Oaks families and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten.

Learn more about this new program at our **1000 Books Before Kindergarten Kickoff event on Saturday, May 16 at 11:00 a.m.** Musician Tracy Newman will perform selections from her album "I Can Swing for Ever" which she collaborated on with her daughter, Charlotte Dean who designed an accompanying coloring book!

**Tracy Newman** is a television producer, writer and musician. Newman is a founding member of the improvisational theater troupe The Groundlings (as is her sister, Laraine Newman). She was co-creator and executive producer of the 2001-09 sitcom *According to Jim*. Tracy's writing credits include *Cheers*, *The Nanny*, *The Drew Carey Show* and *Ellen* for which she won an Emmy Award® for the, now famous, "Coming Out" episode.



She also is a singer-songwriter, as well as an original member of The New Christy Minstrels and lead singer of Tracy Newman and The Reinforcements. She is the mother of artist/writer Charlotte Dean, with whom she co-directs the live comedy show *Charlotte's Shorts*. 🐾



On June 23, 2014, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a policy statement that promotes reading aloud to children daily, beginning in infancy. The policy statement recommends that pediatric providers promote early literacy development by: (1) advising parents of the benefits of reading aloud with young children; (2) counseling all parents about shared-reading activities; (3) providing developmentally appropriate books during their visits for all high-risk, low-income young children; (4) using different options to support and promote these efforts; and (5) partnering with other child advocates that support and promote these key early shared-reading experiences.

## Dog Days!

**Readers of all levels and abilities are invited to come and read to a certified therapy dog!**

Each reader will receive a free book provided by a grant from SAGE Publications, while supplies last.

**Every Tuesday, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.**  
Grant R. Brimhall Library Children's Library Program Room **through May 26th.**

No advance registration. Participants will sign up for a brief 10-15 minute session with one of the therapy dogs and their owner. 🐾



## Kindermusik @ your library!

**Ages 0-5**

Join Katie Shinden, and other Kindermusik teachers, for these delightful monthly musical programs at both libraries! Music and fun for little ones, their parents and caregivers!

**Newbury Park Branch Library**  
**Meeting Room 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.**  
Friday, March 6 & Friday, April 3

**Grant R. Brimhall Library**  
**Community Room 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.**  
Friday, March 13 &  
Friday, April 10 🐾



# Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library

## Book Sale Chairperson Needed

The Friends are looking for a new Book Sale Chairperson to organize, schedule, coordinate and supervise the biannual book sales. Skills required include working with recruiter and volunteer coordinator to ensure an adequate number of volunteers, advertising and promotion including purchasing of signs and posters, book selection and inventory, availability on sale days, managing set-up, and clean-up, submitting articles to FOCUS and related items. For additional information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Judi Bumstead at 805-381-7325 or email [jbumstead@tolibrary.org](mailto:jbumstead@tolibrary.org). 🍷

## Friendly Book Discussion Group

The Friendly Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 p.m. 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.

**May 7, 2015:**

*Snow Leopard* by Peter Mathiesen

**June 4, 2015:**

*Saint Joan: A Chronicle Play in Six Scenes* by George Bernard Shaw 🍷

## History Book Discussion Group

The History Book Discussion Group meets from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. 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.

**May 14, 2015:**

*The Dance of the Furies* by Michael Neiborg

**June 11, 2015:**

*No Ordinary Time* by Doris Kearns Goodwin 🍷

## Support the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library

Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library provides financial support for enhancements to library collections, sponsors special educational and cultural programs, and provides volunteer assistance where needed. The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library is a non-profit organization, made up entirely of volunteers who are committed to promoting and enhancing the Thousand Oaks Library System.

One of the most important roles of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library is to raise funds in support of the Library's cultural programs. A wide variety of cultural programs are held at the Library throughout the year for people of all ages.

If you enjoy attending these programs, please consider contributing to the Friends to continue to support these wonderful cultural events. Please pick up a membership form at the Library or visit [www.ftol.org](http://www.ftol.org) for more information about contributing to the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library. 🍷



## Wonders of the Aquarium



Photos from the April 8th presentation by Aquatic Contractors. 🍷

## Thousand Oaks Library: We Are Education.

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The Thousand Oaks Library provides vital and vibrant learning resources for the community. Learners of any age can explore new interests by using the Library. Staff members ensure free access to computers and the Internet, select and provide trustworthy print and online research resources, and teach the searching and technology skills necessary to compete in the Digital Age. Your local public library serves as both an access point and a learning place. Thousand Oaks Library: We ARE Education! 🍷