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Brimhall Library Gets a Mini-Makeover Thanks to New Furniture

You may have noticed the Brimhall Library is sporting some new furniture. In December, staff welcomed some new chairs, work stations, lights computer and study desks and more. The new additions replace many well-loved furnishings – some as much as 25 years old! More gently used furniture was transferred to the Newbury Park Library or sold, with proceeds benefiting the Library.

Some of the cool features of the new furniture are built in device charging ports, comfortable chairs with writing desks attached, “reader

chairs” which allow pairs to read side by side in their own chair and new small group study seating. Visitors can still enjoy their food and drinks at the café style seating adjacent to the Foundation’s coffee cart.

Funds for the new furniture came from the Library’s Capital Improvement (CIP) budget. Approved by the City Council, CIP funds can be used for building and grounds improvements and new equipment – like new furniture.

We hope you enjoy our new look! 🌿



Director’s Message

Explore, Learn, Grow @ The Thousand Oaks Library

Why is it the new year makes us so reflective about self-improvement? Considering the Thousand Oaks Library offers thousands of opportunities to explore, learn and grow, you could easily start your journey to a better you any day you wish.

Here’s just a sample of what the Library has to offer:

A friendly, knowledgeable and eager staff, who are ready to help you chart your pathway to the information you seek.

Learning @Your Library classes – designed to provide guidance and support for computer users, from those who are just getting started to more advanced users looking to refine particular skills or learn about specific programs.

Over 90 online database collections – these resources provide access to millions of articles, videos and full text resources to assist with everything from car repair to employment to homework help. Almost all of these resources are available wherever and whenever you have access to the internet and your Thousand Oaks Library card.

Our print, digital and audio collections – with well over half a million items to choose from, you are sure to find just the right to help you explore your world.

If you’re ready to take on the challenge of creating a better you or maybe just finding a better source of information, we’re here to help!

Heather J. Cousin, MLIS
Library Services Director 🌿



Featured Resources & New Arrivals

Credo Reference

New Arrivals focus on Science Fiction

The Aeronaut's Windlass by Jim Butcher

A Call To Arms by David Weber & Timothy Zahn with Thomas Pope

Closer To The Heart by Mercedes Lackey

Death Wave by Ben Bova

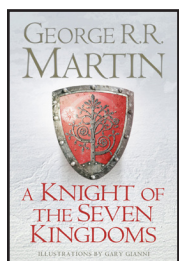
Gatefather by Orson Scott Card

Heir To The Jedi by Kevin Hearne

Hell's Foundations
Quiver by David Weber

Killing Titan by Greg Bear

A Knight of the Seven Kingdom by George R. R. Martin



Not On Fire, But Burning by Greg Hrbek

One Year After
by William R. Forstchen

Saturn Run by John Sandford and Ctein

Shadows of Self by Brandon Sanderson

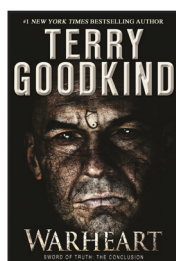
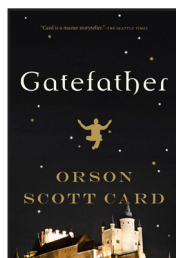
Solar Express by L. E. Modesitt, Jr

Star Wars: Aftermath by Chuck Wendig

The Talon of the Hawk by Jeffe Kennedy

Thunderbird by Jack McDevitt

Warheart by Terry Goodkind



An excellent reference source offered at the Thousand Oaks Library is Credo Reference. Credo Reference is a broad-based reference resource covering subjects including art, business, geography, history, science and much more. It offers full-text and cross reference access to hundreds of reference works and articles.

The Credo Reference database has an A-Z topic listing, advanced search options, and directly links to the library catalog. Credo Reference has more than 10,000 Topic Pages. Topic Pages provide a place where all of the library's e-resources can be found on a specific topic. These specialized Topic Pages provide a pathway to research and include books, full text articles, related images and videos, news summaries, a list of other relevant search topics, and displays search results from the library's other trusted databases such as General OneFile and Opposing Viewpoints in Context. Topic Pages are a good choice



to use when you need a basic overview on your topic.

Another option in Credo Reference is Mind Map which is a search tool that displays the search results in a visual interactive format. It allows you to quickly find information when you're not sure what you are looking for, when you need topic ideas for papers and research projects, or want to expand your knowledge on a specific topic. Credo Reference also offers Image Search which allows you to find images pertaining to your search term.

To access Credo Reference, click on the Online Research & Homework Help icon on the library's website at www.toaks.org/library, then select "Databases A-Z" and choose Credo Reference.

New Feature Films

- Amy - Documentary
- Ant-Man - Action
- Dragon Ball Z. Resurrection - Sci-Fi/Fantasy
- Furious 7 - Action
- The Gift - Suspense
- Inside Out - Disney
- Jurassic World - Sci-Fi/Fantasy
- Magic Mike XXL - Comedy
- The Man From U.N.C.L.E. - Action
- Marvel Avengers: Age of Ultron - Action
- Meru - Documentary
- Monkey Kingdom - Disney
- Mr. Holmes - Drama
- Paper Towns - Drama
- Pitch Perfect 2 - Comedy
- San Andreas - Action
- Shaun The Sheep Movie - Children
- Terminator Genisys - Sci-Fi/Fantasy
- Testament of Youth - Drama
- Tomorrowland - Disney
- Walt Disney Animation Studios Short Films Collection - Disney
- Zafra - Children

Adults



Louie Cruz Beltran presents Drumming Rhythm Evolution

On **Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 3:00 pm** at the Grant R. Brimhall Library in the Marvin E. Smith Community Room, bring the family for this special interactive solo percussion presentation demonstrating world rhythms and their evolution from Africa to today's music with entertainer Louis Cruz Beltran.

Blending Afro-Cuban rhythms with Jazz, Latin Jazz, Pop and R&B influences, Beltran is an entertainer who is also a superbly skilled conguero, timbalero and vocalist. "The beauty of Afro-Cuban music stole my heart," he says. Beltran has performed with musical legends Natalie Cole, Gladys Knight, Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson, Poncho Sanchez and many others. 🌱



The VISION Workshop

3 Keys to Accelerate Your Results

On **Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6:30 pm** at the Grant R. Brimhall Library in the Marvin E. Smith Community Room, the 90-minute Vision Workshop will allow you to experience the power of having a clear vision and the role it plays in navigating change and creating a life you love.

You will learn:

- Two essential tools for tuning into your purpose and passion
- Simple thinking strategies to guard you from fear, doubt and worry
- The number one factor that causes people to lose steam when going after their dream, and how to override it so you can stay the course
- A proven method for achieving the results and higher levels of success that you desire
- The one critical thing you must give up in order to reach your dream

Presented by Tracy Williams, a success coach, who will help you manifest your goals and dreams. 🌱

Drugs, Alcohol & Your Teenager: What Every Parent Needs To Know

Thursday, January 28, 2016

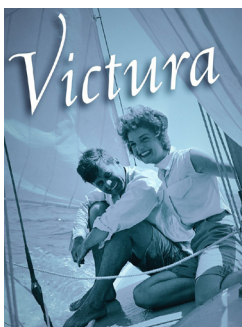
6-7 pm at the Grant R. Brimhall Library

Drug and alcohol use by teens is rampant today. Join us as Dr. David Gunn and his wife, Dr. Nazanin Gunn, discuss ways to identify addiction in your child and how to get help for them and yourself.

Dr. David Gunn decided to pursue medicine after working with refugees from Afghanistan and witnessing the impact medical care can have. He attended the University of Oregon, and after pursuing a technology career in Silicon Valley, Dr. Gunn returned to school to study medicine at UC Davis. He completed his family medicine residency in Redding, California. Dr. Gunn's clinical interests include addiction, buprenorphine maintenance, and minor surgical procedures.

Dr. Nazanin Gunn, attended UCLA studying neuroscience with a minor in English. She earned a Masters of Healthcare Administration degree before attending medical school at UC Davis, where she was a founding member of the quality improvement initiative and worked with AMA and CMA. Her clinical interests include women's health, diabetes and teaching. 🌱

• Two Very Special Author Events •



Acclaimed Historian,
Author and Sailor
James W. Graham

Author of
*Victura: The Kennedys,
A Sailboat And The Sea*

Saturday, January 23, 2016
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
at the Grant R. Brimhall Library

Writer, Literary Critic
and Guggenheim Fellow
David L. Ulin

Author of
*Sidewalking: Coming to
Terms with Los Angeles*

Saturday, February 6, 2016
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
at the Grant R. Brimhall Library





Calendar of Events

— January

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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 New Year's Day LIBRARIES CLOSED 	2
3	4	5 <small>Conejo Valley Neighborhood For Learning.</small> Parent and Child Baby Play & Learn Class Ages 0-12 mos. 10:30am at GRB Free Movie Night <i>The Perfect Storm</i> 7:00pm at NPB	6 Toddler Play & Learn Storytime Ages 1-3 yrs. 10:00am at GRB 11:15am at GRB	7 Preschool Play & Learn Storytime Ages 3-5 yrs. 10:30am at GRB Friendly Book Discussion Group 6:30pm at GRB	8 Kindermusik with Katie Ages 0-5 yrs. 10:30am at NPB 	9
10	11 Free Movie Matinee <i>Interstellar</i> 1:00pm at GRB 	12 <small>Conejo Valley Neighborhood For Learning.</small> Parent and Child Baby Play & Learn Class Ages 0-12 mos. 10:30am at GRB Dog Days 3:30pm at GRB	13 Toddler Play & Learn Storytime Ages 1-3 yrs. 10:00am at GRB 11:15am at GRB	14 Preschool Play & Learn Storytime Ages 3-5 yrs. 10:30am at GRB CLU Lecture Series 7:00pm at GRB History Book Discussion Group. 7:00pm at Goebel Adult Center	15 Kindermusik with Katie Ages 0-5 yrs. 10:00am at GRB 10:45am at GRB 	16 Maker Library STEAM Saturday Program Series: Squishy Circuits For ages 8+ 3:00pm at NPB
17	18 Martin Luther King Day LIBRARIES CLOSED 	19 <small>Conejo Valley Neighborhood For Learning.</small> Parent and Child Baby Play & Learn Class Ages 0-12 mos. 10:30am at GRB Dog Days 3:30pm at GRB Free Movie Night <i>Twister</i> 7:00pm at NPB	20 Gift Store 20/20 Sale 11:00am - 5:00pm Get 20% off!! Toddler Play & Learn Storytime Ages 1-3 yrs. 10:00am at GRB 11:15am at GRB	21 Preschool Play & Learn Storytime Ages 3-5 yrs. 10:30am at GRB Ready, Set, Compute! Learning @ Your Library 7:15pm at GRB	22 Finding Books The Easy Way Learning @ Your Library 10:15am at GRB	23 Author Event: James W. Graham <i>Victoria: The Kennedys, a Sailboat and the Sea</i> 2:00pm at GRB 
24 Louie Cruz Beltran Drumming 3:00pm at GRB	25 Free Movie Matinee <i>Winter's Tale</i> 1:00pm at GRB 	26 <small>Conejo Valley Neighborhood For Learning.</small> Parent and Child Baby Play & Learn Class Ages 0-12 mos. 10:30am at GRB Ready, Set, Compute! 12:15pm at NPB Dog Days 3:30pm at GRB The Vision Workshop 6:30pm at GRB	27 Toddler Play & Learn Storytime Ages 1-3 yrs. 10:00am at GRB 11:15am at GRB	28 Preschool Play & Learn Storytime Ages 3-5 yrs. 10:30am at GRB Drugs, Alcohol & Your Teenager 6:00pm at GRB	29	30 Friends Cultural Bus Tour to Santa Barbara Museum of Art leaves 8:30am from NPB Maker Library STEAM Saturday Program Series: Squishy Circuits For ages 8+ 3:00pm at GRB
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NOTE: Additional programs may be scheduled. For more information about Library events, go to www.toaks.org/library.

Calendar of Events

— February



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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 Free Movie Matinee <i>It Happened One Night</i> 1:00pm at GRB 	2 Groundhog Day <i>Conejo Valley Neighborhood For Learning.</i> Parent and Child Baby Play & Learn Class Ages 0-12 mos. 10:30am at GRB Dog Days 3:30pm at GRB Free Movie Night <i>Groundhog Day</i> 7:00pm at NPB	3 Toddler Play & Learn Storytime Ages 1-3 yrs. 10:00am at GRB 11:15am at GRB Easy Word Processing Learning @ Your Library 10:30am at GRB	4 Preschool Play & Learn Storytime Ages 3-5 yrs. 10:30am at GRB Friendly Book Discussion Group 6:30pm at GRB	5 Kindermusik with Katie Ages 0-5 yrs. 10:30am at NPB 	6 Author Event: <i>Guggenheim Fellow</i> David L. Ulin <i>Sidewalking: Coming to Terms with Los Angeles</i> 2:00pm at GRB
7	8 Chinese New Year Free Movie Matinee <i>Gandhi</i> 1:00pm at GRB Book Folding: Heart! Adults & Teens (14+) 6:30pm at NPB	9 <i>Conejo Valley Neighborhood For Learning.</i> Parent and Child Baby Play & Learn Class Ages 0-12 mos. 10:30am at GRB Easy Word Processing 10:30am at NPB Dog Days 3:30pm at GRB Free Movie Night <i>So I Married an Axe Murderer</i> 7:00pm at NPB	10 Ash Wednesday Toddler Play & Learn Storytime Ages 1-3 yrs. 10:00am at GRB 11:15am at GRB CSUCI Lecture Series 7:00pm at GRB	11 Preschool Play & Learn Storytime Ages 3-5 yrs. 10:30am at GRB History Book Discussion Group 7:00pm at Goebel Adult Center	12 Kindermusik with Katie Ages 0-5 yrs. 10:00am at GRB 10:45am at GRB 	13 Maker Library STEAM Saturday Program Series: LED Conductive Sewing For tweens and teens in 6th-12th grade 3:00pm at GRB
14 Valentine's Day 	15 Presidents' Day LIBRARIES CLOSED 	16 <i>Conejo Valley Neighborhood For Learning.</i> Parent and Child Baby Play & Learn Class Ages 0-12 mos. 10:30am at GRB Dog Days 3:30pm at GRB Free Movie Night <i>Honeymoon In Vegas</i> 7:00pm at NPB	17 Toddler Play & Learn Storytime Ages 1-3 yrs. 10:00am at GRB 11:15am at GRB	18 Preschool Play & Learn Storytime Ages 3-5 yrs. 10:30am at GRB Surfing The Web Learning @ Your Library 5:30pm at GRB CLU Lecture Series 7:00pm at GRB	19 Understanding Spreadsheets Learning @ Your Library 10:15am at GRB	20 Maker Library STEAM Saturday Program Series: LED Conductive Sewing For tweens and teens in 6th-12th grade 3:00pm at NPB
21 Local Author Book Fair 3:00pm at GRB	22 Gift Store 20/20 Sale 11:00am - 5:00pm Get 20% off!! Free Movie Matinee <i>On The Waterfront</i> 1:00pm at GRB	23 <i>Conejo Valley Neighborhood For Learning.</i> Parent and Child Baby Play & Learn Class Ages 0-12 mos. 10:30am at GRB Surfing The Web Learning @ Your Library 10:30am at NPB Dog Days 3:30pm at GRB	24 Toddler Play & Learn Storytime Ages 1-3 yrs. 10:00am at GRB 11:15am at GRB	25 Preschool Play & Learn Storytime Ages 3-5 yrs. 10:30am at GRB	26	27
28	29 Free Movie Matinee <i>Leap Year</i> 1:00pm at GRB 					

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Youth & Family

TumbleBook Library

By Enrique Rivero

Maker Library STEAM Saturday Program series

Thousand Oaks Library is proud to announce our involvement with the Makerbox Collective, a grant-funded project consisting of seven libraries sharing resources to provide Maker and STEAM programs.

Squishy Circuits

For ages 8+

Saturday, January 16, 2016

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Newbury Park Branch Library Meeting Room

Saturday, January 30, 2016

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room

Please join us for a special science workshop as we learn about electricity and circuitry, then use what we've learned to make a squishy circuit that lights up!

LED Conductive Sewing

For tweens and teens in 6th-12th grade

Saturday, February 13, 2016

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room

Saturday, February 20, 2016

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Newbury Park Branch Library Meeting Room

During this technology based craft program, participants will learn about and work with LED lights, conductive thread, batteries and more to create a small piece of wearable technology. 🐞

Do you remember elementary school? Was some of the work at your school less than fun? Outright tedious? I know where you're coming from. It was with those memories that I thought reviewing **TumbleBook Library** would be boring. TumbleBook Library is an educational resource available through the Thousand Oaks Library's website. As it turns out, it is solid and definitely not boring. TumbleBook is actually fun and captivating (and I've been out of elementary school for a number of years).

I started my exploration of TumbleBook by reading an animated book about jelly beans. It had great animation, music and sound effects. I hardly even noticed that I was reviewing essential arithmetic. Then I was on an online jigsaw puzzle. So what if it was teaching me French, I wanted to finish it! It was so much fun that I was barely aware that learning was actually taking place. *Omelette au fromage s'il vous plaît!*

TumbleBook Library helps in building reading, math and multiple literacy skills. It has a collection of nearly 1000 titles, with content most appropriate for students in grades K-6. It includes animated talking picture books, chapter books, videos, non-fiction titles, playlists, books in languages other than English

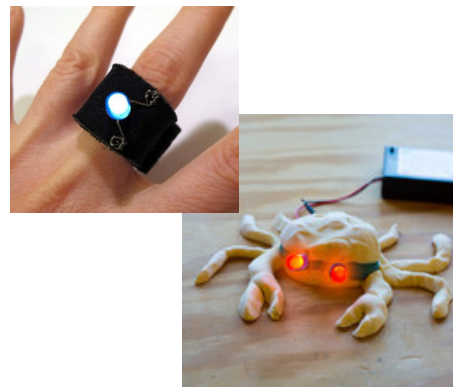


such as French and Spanish, graphic novels and math stories.

TumbleBook Library is rich in educational resources such as lesson plans and quizzes. It includes a common core portal. It has educational games and puzzles related to both math and language skills. TumbleBook Library helps build skills, such as vocabulary building and understanding the elements of a story.

TumbleBook Library is used in schools and is a useful resource for home schoolers. It's also great for giving kids an entertaining activity with a side-effect of strengthening their skills. Like all the Library's online resources, it's free!

To access TumbleBook Library, go to the Thousand Oaks Library's website at <http://www.toaks.org/library>. Go to the box on the bottom right corner with the heading "Info About..." and click on the link to "Homework Help Online Resources". There you will see alphabetical tabs across the top: A, B, C ... etc. Click on the "T" tab to find TumbleBook Library. 🐞



Children & Families



Winter 2016 Play & Learn Storytimes

Enjoy our interactive storytime programs that foster critical early literacy skills. Then stay after for playtime to enhance your child's brainpower. Engage, interact, explore and have fun — playing is learning!

Conejo Valley Neighborhood for Learning: Parent and Child Baby Play & Learn Classes

Ages: 0-12 months ***NEW AGES***

Lapsit for Pre-walkers

Tuesdays: 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23

Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Meeting Room

(Before Library hours – Participants should enter the Main Library entrance)

Introduce babies to rhymes, songs and stories during these engaging programs. CVNfL staff will lead a brief lapsit activity time followed by playtime.

Toddler Play & Learn Storytime

Ages: 1-3 years Walkers

Wednesdays: ***NEW TIMES**

Additional session added*

10:00 – 10:50 a.m. **AND**

11:15 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

January 6, 13, 20, 27,

February 3, 10, 17, 24

Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Meeting Room

(10 a.m. session is before Library hours – Enter through the Main Library entrance)

Enjoy 20 minutes of energetic stories, songs, fingerplays and more for toddlers followed by 30 minutes of play activities.

Preschool Play & Learn Storytime

Ages: 3-5 years

Thursdays: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

January 7, 14, 21, 28,

February 4, 11, 18, 25

Grant R. Brimhall Library

Community Meeting Room

(Before Library hours – Participants should enter the Main Library entrance)

An hour of fun for the adventurous preschooler with 30 minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays followed by 30 minutes of free play and exploration of preschool-level concepts of math, science, art and literacy along with a simple craft.

Baby/Toddler Play & Learn Storytime

Ages: 0-3

Thursdays: 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

February 4, 11, 18, 25

Newbury Park Branch Library Meeting Room

Brief lapsit storytime with entertaining stories, songs, and fingerplays followed by 30 minutes of interactive playtime. 🐾

Kindermusik with Katie @ your Library!

Join Katie Shinden, and other Kindermusik teachers, for these delightful monthly musical programs at both libraries!

Newbury Park Branch Library

January 8, 2016 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. ages 0-5

February 5, 2016 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. ages 0-5

Grant R. Brimhall Library

**additional program added*

January 15, 2016 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. ages 0-2

January 15, 2016 *11:00 – 11:30 a.m. ages 3-5

February 12, 2016 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. ages 0-2

February 12, 2016 *11:00 – 11:30 a.m. ages 3-5



Dog Days!

Readers of all levels and abilities are invited to come and read to a certified therapy dog! Each reader will again receive a free book provided by a grant from SAGE Publications*!

Tuesdays, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Beginning January 12, 2016

Grant R. Brimhall Library Children's Library Program Room

No advance registration. Participants will sign up for a brief 10-15 minute session with one of the therapy dogs and their owner. (*One book per person, while supplies last.) 🐾



Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library

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The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library provide financial support for enhancements to library collections, sponsor special educational and cultural programs, and provide volunteer assistance where needed. The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library is a non-profit organization, made up entirely of volunteers committed to promoting and enhancing the 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 for more information about contributing to the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library. 🍁

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.

Thursday, January 7, 2016:
Once We Were Brothers by Ronald Balson

Thursday, February 4, 2016:
Time of our Lives by Tom Brokaw 🍁

Thousand Oaks Reads: One City One Book 2015

Thousand Oaks Reads Author Event, An Afternoon with Cristina Henriquez, delighted the crowd of 400 plus patrons at the Civic Arts Plaza on Nov. 8. Henriquez also answered questions from the audience with moderator Claire Ihlendorf Burke, Ph.D. from CLU. The author also signed copies of her book following her talk. 🍁



Thousand Oaks Library Collects "Food for Fines"

Thousand Oaks Library held the popular "Food for Fines" program again this year during the first week of December and collected over 1,000 canned goods for donation to the Manna Food Bank. This donation equals approximately 773 pounds of food which will feed about 386 people based on two pounds of food each.

Library patrons who donated one non-perishable canned food item to the Library had \$1 of their outstanding overdue fines waived. Donations were made at both the Grant R. Brimhall Library and Newbury Park Branch Library.

This community food drive is done in partnership with local food bank, Manna, to benefit local families this holiday season. More than 1,400 people are served by Manna each month.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Foods for Fines this year! 🍁

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.

Thursday, January 14, 2016:
Dogs of God by James Reston

Thursday, February 11, 2016:
Devil in the Grove by Gilbert King 🍁



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Check out our website!