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Director's Message



Gyms are filled, organizational supplies are in demand and friends and family are vowing to change every aspect of their lives to achieve some lofty goals... it must be the beginning of

the new year. While vitally important to look forward and see how we can make things better, it's just as essential that we take a moment to reflect on how much we have accomplished and achieved over the past year. This is no less valuable for each of us as it is for our Library. And 2016 truly was a year of new adventures and milestone celebrations:



 The Thousand Oaks Library Foundation received a grant from the Ahmanson Foundation to support the further inventorying of their vast American Radio Archives collection.



 The Library hosted school family nights for Lang Ranch, Conejo and Acacia Elementary Schools, provided technology demonstrations at Conejo Recreation and Parks District's Touch-A-Truck event, Senior Wellness Fair, the Memorial Day Concert in the Park and Conejo Valley Days.



Our Children's and Youth Services team
partnered with libraries in Ventura and Los
Angeles counties to implement the Makerbox Collective, a STEM and STEAM based
programming series featuring 3D printing,
circuitry, coding, and other science, technology, engineering and math concepts.



- With the support and assistance of our Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library, we hosted our first Halloween Program at the Brimhall Library.
- Again, with the support of the Friends, our Newbury Park Library celebrated the first Dia de los Muertos event with music and more from several community partners.
- Working with the Conejo Recreation and Parks District and the Thousand Oaks Police Department, the Brimhall Library was the first field trip site for the Safe Passages program.

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New Arrivals

New Arrivals focus on **Mysteries**

All the Little Liars by Charlaine Harris

Anatomy of Evil by Will Thomas

Ash Island by Barry Maitland

<u>Bad Country</u> by CB McKenzie

<u>Beignets, Brides and</u> <u>Bodies</u> by J.R. Ripley

Better Late Than Never by Jenn McKinlay

Black and Blueberry Die: A Fresh-Baked Mystery by Livia J. Washburn

Black Hammock by Michael Wiley

Blind Sight by Carol O'Connell

Brazen by Loren D. Estleman



<u>Cancelled by Murder</u> by lean Flowers

<u>The Candidate</u> by Lis Wiehl with Sebastian Stuart

<u>Chaos</u> by Patricia Cornwell

Escape Clause by John Sandford

A Grave Prediction by Victoria Laurie

Night School (Jack Reacher series) by Lee Child

<u>Precious and Grace</u> by Alexander McCall Smith

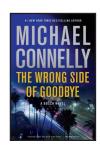
Say No More by Hank Phillippi Ryan

Sex, Lies & Serious Money by Stuart Woods

<u>The Trespasser</u> by Tana French

<u>Turbo Twenty-Three</u> by Janet Evanovich

The Wrong Side of Goodbye by Michael Connelly



Director's Message

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- We lent our support to the Conejo Valley Unified School District, as they launched their first Back to School Book Club.
- Working with the Conejo Las Virgines Future Foundation, cohosted their second 10x10 event.



- Our flagship adult program, One City, One Book, turned 10.
- We partnered with our Thousand Oaks Library Foundation to dedicate a statue honoring founding member, Dr. J. Michael Hagopian, and commemorate the 10th anniversary of our Children's Library Expansion.

 Along with our Friends and Library Foundation, we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Newbury Park Library.



Looking ahead to 2017, we know it will be a time of great promise as we enhance our existing programs and seek your guidance to provide you with even more.

No matter how we grow and change next year or in the years to come, one constant remains: For each of us, it is a privilege to engage, inform, and enrich our community — every day, one person at a time.

Heather J. Cousin
Library Services Director 👻

New Feature Films

- Anne of Green Gables TV Series
- The BFG Disney / Children
- Blood Father Action
- Café Society Comedy
- Captain Fantastic Drama
- Code Documentary
- Finding Dory Disney / Chidren
- Free State of Jones Drama
- Genius by Stephen Hawking
 Non-Fiction
- Ghostbusters Comedy

- Independence Day: Resurgence Sci-Fi/Fantasy
- The Legend of Tarzan Action
- Lights Out Horror
- Lo and Behold Documentary
- Neighbors 2 Comedy
- Nerve Action
- Pete's Dragon Disney / Children
- Shout Gladi Gladi Non-fiction
- Star Trek Beyond Sci-Fi/Fantasy
- War Dogs Comedy
- X-men: Apocalypse Sci-Fi/Fantasy



Adults

Social Security Workshop

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 1:00-3:00pm Grant R. Brimhall Library

What do you need to know about Social Security? When to sign up? Where to sign up? Find out the answers to all your questions from Essie Landry, the Social Security Los Angeles Office's Public Affairs Specialist. The following topics will be covered:

- Overview of Social Security Benefits
- How You Qualify for Benefits
- Who Can Receive Benefits
- Factors to Consider
- How Your Age Affects the Amount
- How Social Security Determines Benefits and lots more! **♥**

Alzheimer's Workshop

Thursday, February 23, 2017 I:00-3:00pm Grant R. Brimhall Library

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TOPIC:

Early Stages I - Understanding the Disease, Symptoms, Communication and Intimacy.

This workshop, presented by the Alzheimer's Association, will help family caregivers learn about resources and strategies to help them provide quality care for their loved ones.

For more information, and to RSVP to ALZ, call 800-272-3900. €

Sisters in Crime Panel

Wednesday, Feb 15, 2017 6:30-8:00pm Grant R. Brimhall Library

Gary Phillips has published various novels, novellas, comics, short stories and edited or co-edited several anthologies. Désirée Zamorano is a Pushcart prize nominee novelist and award-winning short story writer. Rachel Howzell Hall is the author of seven novels, including the critically-acclaimed Detective Elouise Norton series. This program is free and open to the public.

For more information, please call 805-381-7358. €

American Heart Month Allen Callaci Heart Like a Starfish

Thursday, February 23, 2017 7:00-8:00pm Grant R. Brimhall Library

Allen Callaci's debut novel is the frenetic account of his death-defying heart transplant and the healing that follows for both himself and those around him. Callaci is the lead singer for the band Refrigerator, an adjunct professor, and a librarian whose work has appeared in MungBeing, BK Nation, the Poly Post, The Huffington Post, Cinefantastique, Crump Comics, and various magazines. He lives in Southern California. Copies of the book will be for sale and the author will sign them following his talk.

Trials of the Century

A Decade-by-Decade Look at Ten of America's Most Sensational Crimes

Thursday, January 26, 2017 7:00-8:00pm Grant R. Brimhall Library

In every decade of the 20th century, there was one sensational murder trial that riveted public attention and at the time was called "the trial of the century." This book tells the story of each case and the dramatic trial and media coverage that followed.



Written by an Oak Park-based father-daughter team, this riveting new book has received rave reviews. Mark J. Phillips is with the Law Offices of Goldfarb, Sturman & Averbach in Encino. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of West Los Angeles College of Law. Aryn Z. Phillips holds degrees in history and international relations from Emory University and a Masters from Harvard. She currently is pursuing her Ph.D. in public health at the University of California at Berkeley.



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 • **NPK** = Newbury Park Library

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Special Programs

A STEAM Program: Recycled Words

Saturday, January 21, 2017 2:00pm-3:00pm Grant R. Brimhall Library

Ages 6-13 can attend this artsy program from Art Trek. Come make fantastic art projects out of old books on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the Grant R. Brimhall Library. Bring your friends and select a book or a page and then create your own "masterpiece" from a word, a paragraph, or a theme. It's all up to you! Art Trek staff will be here to lend you a hand.

This program is free and open to the public, courtesy of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library. 👻

A STEAM Program: Forensic Science

Saturday, February 4, 2017 2:00pm-3:15pm Grant R. Brimhall Library

Teens and pre-teens, ages II & up, are invited to learn about the exciting field of Forensic Sciences from Christina Tokatlian, MS, MBA, Forensic Scientist - Forensic Biology/DNA, Ventura County Sherriff's Office. Forensic Services Bureau.

Ms. Tokatlian will discuss what forensic science is, careers in the field, as well as her job, and share some real case studies.

Mike Della Penna Magician

Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:00am-11:45am Grant R. Brimhall Library

A magic show inspired by the most magical season of the year, a time of shorter days, colder nights, and annual celebrations of light. Come warm yourself this season with a little fun and a whole lot of wonder! All ages are welcome to come laugh, smile, and participate in this very special magic show. This event is free and open to the public courtesy of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library.

For more information, please call 805-381-7358. €



Friday, January 13, 2017 Friday, February 10, 2017

3:30pm-4:30pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library Technology Training Room

Relax by coloring with your friends at the Library. Bring your own coloring book, or use one of our coloring sheets. Crayons and markers provided. For more information, please call 805-381-7358.



Black History Month Michael McCarty

Saturday, February 18, 2017

I I:00am-I I:45am Grant R. Brimhall Library

2:00pm-2:45pm Newbury Park Library

Michael D. McCarty is a multicultural storyteller of African, African-American, and International folktales, as well as historical tales, spiritual stories, and stories of things he has done in his life. His stories inform, educate, inspire, and amuse.

Michael has traveled to many countries including: South Africa, Zimbabwe, India, China, Jamaica... and his travels have reaped a harvest of tales that testify to the unity within the diversity of the human spirit.

This program is free and open to the public, courtesy of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library.

For more information, please call 805-381-7358. ♥

Children & Families



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

Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Meeting Room

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

Baby Play & Learn Storytime

Ages: 0-12 months (Lapsit for Pre-walkers)
Tuesdays: *NEW DAY! 10:30 — 11:15am
January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14,
21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28

Introduce babies to rhymes, songs and stories during these engaging LAPSIT programs followed by 30 minutes of interactive play time.

Toddler Play & Learn Classes Ages: I-3 years (Walkers)

Wednesdays: ***NEW DAY!**Session 1: 10:00am - 10:50am
Session 2: 11:15am - 12:05pm

January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22

CVNfL staff will lead these dynamic 20minute classes with energetic stories, fingerplays, and more for toddlers, followed by 30 minutes of play activities.

Preschool Play & Learn Storytime

Ages: 3-5 years

Thursdays: 10:30am - 11:30am

January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23

An hour of fun for adventurous preschoolers with 30 minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays. Each class is followed by 30 minutes of free play and exploration of preschool-level concepts.

Newbury Park Library Meeting Room

Baby/Toddler Play & Learn Storytime

Ages: 0-3

Thursdays: 10:30am - 11:15am

February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23

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

Kindermusik @ Your Library

Grant R. Brimhall Library

Fri., Jan. 13 • 10:00am – 10:30am, Ages 0-2 Fri., Jan. 13 • 10:45am – 11:15am, Ages 3-5 Fri., Feb. 10 • 10:00am – 10:30am, Ages 0-2 Fri., Feb. 10 • 10:45am – 11:15am, Ages 3-5

Newbury Park Library

Fri., Jan. 6 • 10:30am – 11:00am, Ages 0-5 Fri., Feb. 3 • 10:30am – 11:00am, Ages 0-5

Join Katie Shinden, Teacher Angie and other Kindermusik instructors for these delightful monthly musical programs.



Pajama Storytime!!

For children ages 3 - 6 and their families.

Grant R. Brimhall Library

Monday, January 23 • 7:00pm – 7:40pm Monday, February 13 • 7:00pm – 7:40pm

Newbury Park Library

Monday, January 9 • 7:00pm – 7:40pm Monday, February 6 • 7:00pm – 7:40pm



Join us for monthly evening storytimes for children and their families featuring stories, songs, and a simple craft activity. These programs combine the pleasure of a shared experience for parents and children with early literacy skills.



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*!

Tuesdays, 3:30pm - 4:30pm January 17, 2017 through May 30, 2017 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 its owner. (*One book per person, while supplies last.)



Support Organizations

Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library

Love your library? Of course you do! We have one of the greatest libraries of all time! Show your love, and help us keep the Library great by becoming a Friend of the Library. The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library raise funds through memberships and used book sales to support programs and collections.

Books, e-books, technology, audiovisual equipment, materials, programs, guest authors, concerts, and classes are just a few of the areas funded by the Friends; the 3-D printer and a new outdoor movie screen are two recent acquisitions sponsored by the Friends.

We need your help! Please consider joining the Friends today; memberships start at just \$10/year for seniors. Pick up a membership brochure in the Library, or visit http://ftol.org/membership/ for more information.

If your New Year's resolution included cleaning, organizing, or downsizing, bring us your used books! We depend on your donations for our daily and biannual book sales, which help us ensure that we can fund every item on the library's



Bring Back the Past: Ed Lawrence Historical Photos & Local Items Available at the Library Gift Store

How does the Thousand Oaks Library provide so many great and wonderful resources? Many help make these purchases happen. You can be a part of it too! One of the ways you can help is to check out the Thousand Oaks Library Foundation Gift Store located within the Grant R. Brimhall Library, 1401 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks. All of the proceeds from the gift store go to support many of the Library's amazing resources. Run by volunteers, the gift store sells wonderful items including jewelry, cards, toys and local and library themed gifts. Recently added to the gift store is merchandise with images from photographer Ed Lawrence. These images are part of the Special Collections department at the Library.

Established in 1983, the Thousand Oaks Library Foundation is a non-profit organization, which supports special projects in the Thousand Oaks Library. Since its beginning, the Thousand Oaks Library Foundation has raised over \$1.5



million in support of the Library. Serving as the recipient for major monetary donations to the Library, the Foundation has provided funding for hard-to-find or costly materials and equipment.

If you would like to learn more about the Thousand Oaks Library Foundation and how to get involved, please contact Lisa Rogers, Thousand Oaks Library Foundation (Phone: 805-381-7361; Email: lrogerstolf@yahoo.com).



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 5, 2017: Video Night in Kathmandu by Pico lyer

Thursday, February 2, 2017: Voluntary Simplicity: Toward a Way of Life That is Outwardly Simple, Inwardly Rich by Duane Elgin

History Book Discussion Group

The History Book Discussion Group meets from 7:00 to 9:00pm on the second Thursday of the month in the Goebel Adult Community Center, 1385 E. Janss Road. For more information, contact Jack Heller at 805-341-7585.

Thursday, January 12, 2017: The Secret History of the Mongol Queens by Jack Weatherford

Thursday, February 9, 2017: American Plague by Molly Caldwell Crosby ♥