

## Welcome

Welcome to the seventh annual Thousand Oaks Reads: One City, One Book. Our 2013 selection is *The Art of Fielding*, a compelling story about baseball, friendship, ambition and destiny, by first-time novelist Chad Harbach.

I encourage all to read the book, join in a book discussion meeting, attend events, enter the Sports Photography Contest and spend an afternoon with the author. Enjoy the rich sense of connection and affirmation we all gain from sharing a common literary experience.

And remember: "When we open a book together,  
we close it in greater harmony."

  
Stephen R. Brogden, Library Director



## About the Book

At Westish College, a small Division III school on the shore of Lake Michigan, the scrawny but preternaturally gifted shortstop Henry Skrimshander seems destined for the MLB draft. When a routine throw goes disastrously off course, his destiny, and the fate of his friends and teammates, is upended. As the season accelerates towards its climactic final game, Harbach's characters are compelled to confront their deepest anxieties, and secret hopes. In the process, they forge bonds and find their true paths. Written with intelligence and filled with humor and tenderness, *The Art of Fielding* is a story about ambition and its limits, about family and friendship and love, and about commitment — to oneself and to others.

## About the Author

Chad Harbach grew up in Racine, Wisconsin, the son of an accountant and a Montessori School preschool teacher. He read avidly as a child; in high school, his writing was eclipsed by an interest in baseball and other sports. A graduate of Harvard University, Mr. Harbach is a co-founder of *n + 1*, an influential literary magazine based in New York City. "What fascinates me about baseball is that although it's a team game, and a team becomes a kind of family, the players on the field are each very much alone," he says. "Your teammates depend on you and support you, but at the moments that count, they can't bail you out." This is his first novel.

## Photography Contest

**A Kind of Grace.** The disciplined strength of all athletes is "a kind of grace" according to Olympic legend Jackie Joyner Kersee. Submit your memorable photograph of a sports moment; subject can be athletes participating in an activity, observers watching an event from the sidelines, even a sports still-life. Just give it your best shot. And vote for your favorite! Please visit [www.thousandoaksreads.org](http://www.thousandoaksreads.org) for complete information, contest rules and entry instructions.

**Sports Photography Exhibit at the Grant R. Brimhall Library in October and November.** This display features photos from the library's Special Collections Local History Collection, and includes images from the 1960s through the 1990s.

## Community Book Discussions

**Monday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.** • Barnes & Noble at the Westlake Promenade

**Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m.** • Newbury Park Branch Library

**Saturday, October 19 at 11:00 a.m.** • Grant R. Brimhall Library

**Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m.** • Grant R. Brimhall Library

## Special Events

• Sunday, October 6: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Grant R. Brimhall Library

**Who's on First? An Afternoon of Improv Comedy and Music.** The hilarious comedy team, The Crackerjacks, hits it out of the park with their improv skills; they'll share the day with The Dixie Dazzlers, whose barbershop vocals have entertained for more than two decades.

• Saturday, October 12: 12:30 to 5:00 p.m., Grant R. Brimhall Library

**Game Day for Teens.** Enjoy baseball electronic and board games, hot dogs and more; stay for a free Baseball Hall of Fame podcast, "Joy in Mudville: Baseball and Pop Culture" at 2:00 p.m.

• Monday, October 14, 21 and 28: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Newbury Park Branch

**Monday Evenings with "30 for 30."** In the acclaimed ESPN documentary film series, gifted filmmakers bring their passion and POV to the issues, trends and personalities in sports.

• Saturday, October 19: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., Grant R. Brimhall Library

**Heart of a Tiger: Growing Up with My Grandfather, Ty Cobb.** Author Herschel Cobb discusses growing up in an abusive household, yet finding support and love with his granddaddy, who was also history's most aggressive, controversial ballplayer. Book signing to follow the author's talk.

• Friday October 25: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Grant R. Brimhall Library

**Hot dogs and a Movie.** Enjoy an all-American supper and stay for a screening of *42: The Jackie Robinson Story* (Warner Bros., Rated PG-13) starring Harrison Ford, with Chadwick Boseman as the iconic ball player.

• Saturday, October 26: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Grant R. Brimhall Library

**Tour of Dodger Stadium and the Los Angeles Sports Museum.** \$55 per person includes roundtrip transportation and tours of the stadium and the museum; lunch at Philippe's The Original paid separately. Registration and payment is required by October 1, 2013. For information, call 805-449-2660, option 5. Sponsored by the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library.

• Sunday, October 27: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Grant R. Brimhall Library

**Baseball: More Than a Game.** A discussion with sports columnist and author Ron Rapoport, along with Terry Cannon, executive director of the Baseball Reliquary.

• Wednesday, October 30: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Lundrign Events Center, CLU

**Panel Discussion of The Art of Fielding.** Faculty from California Lutheran University offer unique perspectives and thoughtful responses to many of the issues in *The Art of Fielding*. Hosted by CLU President Christopher Kimball.

• Saturday, November 2: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Civic Arts Plaza Fred Kavli Theatre

**An Afternoon with Chad Harbach.** A conversation with the author of *The Art of Fielding* followed by a book signing. Free tickets are required and will be available beginning October 6, as well as at the box office on the day of the event.

## Movie Series

1:00 p.m., Grant R. Brimhall Library. Enjoy these classic baseball inspired films.

**Monday, October 7: Eight Men Out** (Orion Pictures, Rated PG) Eight members of the 1919 Chicago White Sox conspired to throw the World Series. Stars John Cusack and Charlie Sheen.

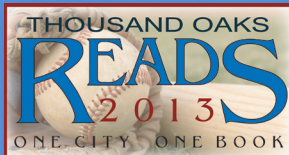
**Monday, October 14: Trouble with the Curve** (Warner Bros., Rated PG-13) An ailing baseball scout takes his daughter along for one last recruiting trip. Stars Clint Eastwood and Amy Adams.

**Thursday, October 17: (1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.) Cobb** (Warner Bros., Rated R) Oscar winner Tommy Lee Jones brings to life baseball's most controversial legend, Ty Cobb.

**Monday, October 21: Take Me Out to the Ball Game** (MGM/UA) Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Esther Williams star in this classic musical revolving around a baseball team.

**Monday, October 28: The Babe** (Universal Pictures, Rated PG) John Goodman gives an outstanding performance as the baseball legend Babe Ruth.





## Schedule of Events

For more information, go to [www.thousandoaksreads.org](http://www.thousandoaksreads.org) or call 805-449-2660, option 5.

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<b>OCTOBER</b>						
6 <b>Crackerjacks Comedy Team &amp; Dixie Dazzlers.</b> 1:00pm, GRB Library.	7 <b>Movie Series:</b> <i>Eight Men Out.</i> 1:00pm, GRB Library. <b>Book Discussion.</b> 7:00pm, Barnes & Noble.	8	9	10	11	12 <b>Teen Game Day.</b> 12:30pm, GRB Library.
13	14 <b>Movie Series:</b> <i>Trouble with the Curve.</i> 1:00pm, GRB Library. <b>30 for 30 Film Series.</b> 7:00pm, NPB Library.	15 <b>Book Discussion.</b> 7:00pm, NPB Library.	16	17 <b>Movie Series:</b> <i>Cobb.</i> 1:00pm AND 6:00pm, GRB Library.	18	19 <b>Book Discussion.</b> 11:00am, GRB Library. <b>Heart of a Tiger.</b> 2:00pm, GRB Library.
20	21 <b>Movie Series:</b> <i>Take Me Out to the Ball Game.</i> 1:00pm, GRB <b>30 for 30 Film Series.</b> 7:00pm, NPB Library.	22 <b>Book Discussion.</b> 7:00pm, GRB Library.	23	24	25 <b>Hot dogs &amp; a Movie.</b> 42: <i>The Jackie Robinson Story.</i> 6:30pm, GRB Library.	★ 26 <b>Tour of Dodger Stadium &amp; L.A. Sports Museum.</b> Leaving GRB at 9:00am.
27 <b>Baseball: More Than a Game.</b> With Ron Rapoport & guests. 2:00pm, GRB Library.	28 <b>Movie Series:</b> <i>The Babe.</i> 1:00pm, GRB Library. <b>30 for 30 Film Series.</b> 7:00pm, NPB Library.	30	31	1	★ 2 <b>Afternoon with Chad Harbach.</b> 1:00pm at Civic Arts Plaza. Free tickets are required.	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						

★ Advance registration is required. Register for this event at the Grant R. Brimhall Library or the Newbury Park Branch Library.

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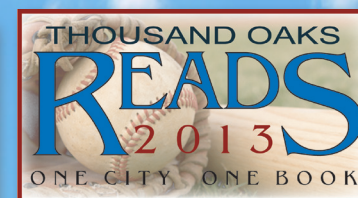
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## A CITYWIDE BOOK CLUB

October 6 - November 2, 2013



## The Art of Fielding



Join us for community book discussions and other free events.



by Chad Harbach

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