A CITYWIDE BOOK CLUB
October 1 - 29, 2017

Join us for community book discussions and other free events.

For more information, visit the Thousand Oaks Library or www.thousandoaksreads.org

Thousand Oaks Reads is a citywide program sponsored by the City of Thousand Oaks Library and many generous community partners.
Welcome
For the past decade, our community has joined together to share not just outstanding literature, but great ideas. The incredible roster of authors and topics through the years is proof that our Library serves as a dynamic public space in which the community can come to share a common conversation and, hopefully, come away entertained, informed and enlightened.

*News of the World* continues this tradition of offering selections which challenge how we think about the world around us. Whether it’s the idea of personal reinvention or simply seeing life through a different lens, we hope this title will foster meaningful discussions and an enhanced sense of community.

It is as true today as when it was first said ten years ago, “When we open a book together, we close it in greater harmony.”

Heather J. Cousin
Library Services Director
City of Thousand Oaks

About the Book
A National Book Award Finalist for fiction, *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles is a brilliant work exploring the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor and trust. It is 1870 and Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through Texas, giving live readings to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. In Wichita Falls, he is offered a $50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan to her relatives in San Antonio. Their 400-mile journey south through unsettled territory proves difficult and at times dangerous. As the miles pass, the two lonely survivors tentatively begin to trust each other, forging a bond that marks the difference between life and death in this treacherous land.

About the Author
Acclaimed poet, memoirist and novelist, Paulette Jiles was born in Salem, Missouri in the Missouri Ozarks, and raised in small towns around the state. After attending three different high schools, she graduated from the University of Missouri (KC), specializing in Romance Languages.

After graduation, she worked for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Canada, primarily in the far north of Ontario and in the Quebec Arctic. There she lived among the indigenous people for ten years, establishing village FM radio stations broadcasting in the their native languages and becoming conversant in some of them. Her book *North Spirit* chronicles those experiences.

She also taught at David Thompson University in British Columbia and spent a year as writer-in-residence at Philips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts.

Jiles returned permanently to the United States when she married a Texan, Jim Johnson. She has lived in Texas since 1995. Divorced in 2003, she now lives on a 32 acre rancho in Utopia, Texas, along with horses and a donkey. She plays Irish tin whistle with a bluegrass group, sings alto in a choir and rides remote trails in Texas with friends. It is here in a cabin on the rancho that she wrote *News of the World*.

Meet the Author
**Sunday October 29, 3:00 – 4:30pm** • Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, Fred Kavli Theatre

*An Afternoon with Paulette Jiles*, author of *News of the World*. Thousand Oaks Reads: One City, One Book 2017 culminates with the appearance of Paulette Jiles. She will discuss her book, answer readers’ questions and sign books. Free tickets are required for this event. Tickets are available at the Grant R. Brimhall Library and the Newbury Park Branch Library beginning Monday, September 25.

Community Book Discussions
Free and open to the public. No registration is required.

- **Saturday, October 7, 11am-12pm** • Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 160 S. Westlake Blvd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
- **Tuesday, October 10, 7-8pm** • Grant R. Brimhall Library, 1401 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
- **Monday, October 23, 7-8pm** • Newbury Park Branch Library, 2331 Borchard Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320

2017 Acorn Journalism Contest
**Sunday, October 1 - Saturday, October 14**

As part of our 2017 One City One Book Program, and in partnership with the Thousand Oaks Acorn, write and submit a factual article about a post-civil war era event. *The top three winners will be published in the Thousand Oaks Acorn!* For contest rules, instructions and more information, go to: http://www.tolibrary.org/readers-corner/ocob/newscontest or visit the Library. Deadline for submissions is October 14th.
**Special Events**

**Sunday, October 1, 2:00 – 4:00pm • Grant R. Brimhall Library**

**Kickoff Event - Ponderosa Aces**

Enjoy the fantastic sounds of the Ponderosa Aces. Then join dance instructor Kathy Bailey who will show you how to Country Line Dance like a pro. You can also take a ride in a Wells Fargo Stagecoach and experience what it felt like to travel in America more than 160 years ago. Join us for a wonderful afternoon of sight, sound and experiences of the old west, Thousand Oaks style.

**Tuesday, October 3, 7:00pm • California Lutheran University**

**Drawing the News: Winslow Homer, Race and the Civil War**

In this illustrated presentation, renowned art historian Frances Pohl of Pomona College, investigates several paintings by Winslow Homer in which he attempts to represent the complex roles played by African Americans during the Civil War. Dr. Pohl has written two books and several essays on American artist Ben Shahn.

**Thursday, October 5, 7:00-8:30pm • Grant R. Brimhall Library**

**Dr. Roger McGrath Lecture**

Join renowned historian and frequent contributor to The History Channel as he discusses life in the western United States, post Civil War.

**Saturday, October 7, 11:00-11:45am • Grant R. Brimhall Library & 2:00-2:45pm • Newbury Park Library**

**Cowboy Ken Frawley**

Cowboy Ken brings to life the Old West art of trick roping, cowboy songs, pioneer stories, and lots of opportunities for his “partners” to join in the fun!

**October 7, 8, 14 and 15 • Stagecoach Inn Museum**

**Voices of Old Conejo**

Explore the history of the Conejo Valley through the voices of the people who once lived here. Meet “Mr. Thousand Oaks”, Alex Fiore; actress Frances Dee (wife of Joel McCrea); Frances Newbury, one of the area’s first pioneers; Frank Crowley, who built the Crowley House (still standing on Pleasant Avenue) for his bride Mae in 1910; Guy Runnion, and many other notable residents of our past who helped to develop the Conejo Valley into the beautiful community it is today. Tickets can be purchased on the Stagecoach Inn and Museum website, www.stagecoachinnmuseum.com.

**Sunday, October 8, 2:00 – 3:30pm • Grant R. Brimhall Library**

**Buckles and Bows Square Dance Club**

Experience the enjoyment of square dancing with Buckles and Bows Square Dance Club! Local members will provide live square dance demonstration featuring caller Dale Hoppers, followed by instruction for audience participants.

**Thursday, October 12, 6:30pm • Grant R. Brimhall Library**

**News Panel**

Join a distinguished panel of current and former journalists as they discuss the challenges and complexities of delivering the news in a 24-hour, social media driven environment. Former journalist and current Thousand Oaks Mayor Claudia Bill-de la Pena will moderate this timely discussion.

**Saturday, October 14, 9:15am – approximately 5:00pm • Bus leaves from the Grant R. Brimhall Library**

**Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library Cultural Bus Tour to the Gene Autry National Center of the American West**

Enjoy a docent led tour of one of the foremost museums of Western heritage. The cost of $33.00 for Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library members or $38.00 for non-members includes roundtrip transportation, admission to the Autry, the docent led tour and driver gratuity. Lunch is on your own at The Golden Spur Cafe. For information and reservations, call Carol 805-480-1450.

**Thursday, October 19, 7:00pm • California Lutheran University**

**California Lutheran University Faculty Panel Discussion**

Professors explore unique perspectives and offer thoughtful responses to many of the themes and issues presented in News of the World.

**Saturday, October 21, 6:30pm • Newbury Park Library Parking Lot**

**Outdoor Movie Night: Tombstone**


**Sunday, October 22, 1:00pm – 2:00pm • Stagecoach Inn Museum, Anderson Hall**

**Dr. Susan Kinkella**

Moorpark College instructor discusses cultural disruption and assimilation and the impact on women in the American West.

**Thursday, October 26, 6:30 – 7:30pm • Grant R. Brimhall Library**

**Speak Up!: Teen Public Speaking Workshop**

Interested in becoming a better speaker? Join Distinguished Toastmaster Liz Brenner to discuss the skills needed to ace the art of public speaking. Learn why public speaking is important and become a better communicator in your everyday life with these confidence building techniques. (Recommended 6th-12th Grade)

**One City, One Book Movie Series**

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