## Schedule of Events

**A CITYWIDE BOOK CLUB**  
**October 4 - November 1, 2014**

**For more information, go to www.thousandoaksreads.org or call 805-449-2660, option 5.**

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**Join us for community book discussions and other free events.**

MARY COIN

* a novel by Marisa Silver

For more information, please 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 to the eighth annual Thousand Oaks Reads: One City, One Book. Our 2014 selection is Mary Coin by Marisa Silver, a work of fiction centered on one of the most compelling photographs in American history.

I encourage you to read the book, join in a book discussion meeting, attend events, come create your own digital family history photo album, and spend an afternoon with our 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
Deputy Library Director, 1990 - 2000
Library Director, 2000 - 2014

About the Book

In 1936, a young mother resting by the side of a dusty road in Central California is spontaneously photographed by a woman documenting the lives of the migrant farm laborers. Little personal information is exchanged, and neither woman realizes yet that they have created what will become the most iconic image of the Great Depression.

Three vibrant characters anchor the narrative of Mary Coin. Mary is the migrant mother, an impoverished woman with deep reserves of courage and nerve, private passions and carefully-guarded secrets; Vera Dare, the ambitious photographer making wrenching personal choices in order to pursue her work; and Walker Dodge, a present-day professor of cultural history, who discovers a family mystery embedded in the legendary image of Mary Coin.

Writing in luminously rendered prose, author Marisa Silver creates an extraordinary tale from a brief moment in history, and reminds us that although a great photograph can capture the essence of a moment, it only scratches the surface of a life.

About the Author

Marisa Silver was born in Ohio, in 1960, and raised in New York City; both her parents were filmmakers. She directed her first film while a student at Harvard University, and went on to direct three feature films. Her first story collection, Babe in Paradise, was named a Notable Book of 2001 by both the New York Times and the Los Angeles Times. Her second novel, The God of War (2008), was a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize.

About the Dorothea Lange photograph on which Mary Coin is based, she says "To me, the picture is an artifact. I'm interested in history. How it is made, how it is told, and how it is interpreted."

She and her husband live in Los Angeles with their two sons.

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Community Book Discussions

Free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Monday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. • Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Saturday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m. • Grant R. Brimhall Library
Saturday, October 25 at 11:00 a.m. • Newbury Park Branch
Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. • Grant R. Brimhall Library

Tuesday, October 7: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Grant R. Brimhall Library
An Evening with George Burns... and pie! Enjoy dessert and coffee, and watch actor, director and writer Duffy Hudson bring to life an American comic legend.

Saturday, October 11: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Grant R. Brimhall Library
Join performance artist Martha Abbey Miller. Her one-woman show presents a unique look at author Margaret Mitchell, who, at the height of the Great Depression, penned one of the great American novels, Gone with the Wind.

Sunday, October 12: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Grant R. Brimhall Library
Ed Lawrence shares his historic collection of antique cameras, and recalls his decades-long career as the area’s pre-eminent photographer.

Wednesday, October 15: 7:00 p.m. Lundring Events Center at California Lutheran University
CLU Faculty Panel Discussion. Professors from CLU offer unique perspectives and thoughtful responses to many of the issues in Mary Coin. Hosted by Dr. Jim Bond, Associate Professor of English and Dr. Michaela Reaves, Professor of History.

Saturday, October 18: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Grant R. Brimhall Library
Art and Architecture in the Farmlands. Norma Fullkerson does the costume and personality of Miriam Knox Dudley, whose 1892 Victorian farmhouse is now a Ventura landmark; followed at 1:30 p.m. by Ventura painter and artist Gail Pidduck, who’ll talk about the California rural landscapes and farm scenes that have inspired so much of her work.

Sunday, October 19: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Grant R. Brimhall Library
Music from Jeni and Billy. Their acoustic music program draws from the tradition of Appalachian farm folk and American roots music.

Saturday, November 1: 1:00 p.m. Civic Arts Plaza Fred Kavli Theatre
An Afternoon with Marisa Silver. A conversation with the author of Mary Coin followed by a book signing. Free tickets are required; available beginning October 4.

One City, One Book

Monday Matinee Movie Series

Monday, October 6: 1:00 p.m. The Grapes of Wrath (NR, 20th Century Fox) Forced off their farm, an impoverished Oklahoma family travels to California looking for work during the Great Depression.

Monday, October 13: 1:00 p.m. Bound for Glory (PG, MGM) David Carradine plays celebrated folk singer and social activist Woody Guthrie, whose Dust Bowl experiences became central to his music. Special guest: musician, actor and co-star Ronny Cox will be on hand to introduce the film, and share his experiences making the movie.

Monday, October 20: 1:00 p.m. Places in the Heart (PG, Columbia) A young widow takes over her debt-ridden family farm during the Great Depression. Starring Academy Award Best Actress Sally Field.

Monday, October 27: 1:00 p.m. They Shoot Horses Don’t They? (PG, Disney) Contestants in a Depression-era marathon dance contest. With Jane Fonda, Michael Sarrazin and Academy Award Best Supporting Actor Gig Young.

The Dust Bowl: A Film by Ken Burns

Celebrated documentary filmmaker Ken Burns chronicles the legacy of a Depression-era ecological calamity, and brings to vibrant life stories of human suffering, loss and perseverance.

Tuesdays, October 14 (Part One) & October 21 (Part Two) at 2:00 p.m. - Newbury Park Branch Library
Wednesdays, October 15 (Part One) & October 22 (Part Two) at 1:00 p.m. - Grant R. Brimhall Library

All One City, One Book events are free and open to the public.

Saturday, October 4: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Grant R. Brimhall Library
Folk Legacy: Music from Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Ison. Sarah Lee, a third-generation singer-songwriter and the granddaughter of folk icon Woody Guthrie, is joined by her husband Johnny Ison.

Sunday, October 5: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Grant R. Brimhall Library
Family Farming in Ventura County. The McGrath Family has farmed Ventura County since 1868; fourth-generation farmer Phil McGrath will share stories and experiences of life on a family farm.

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