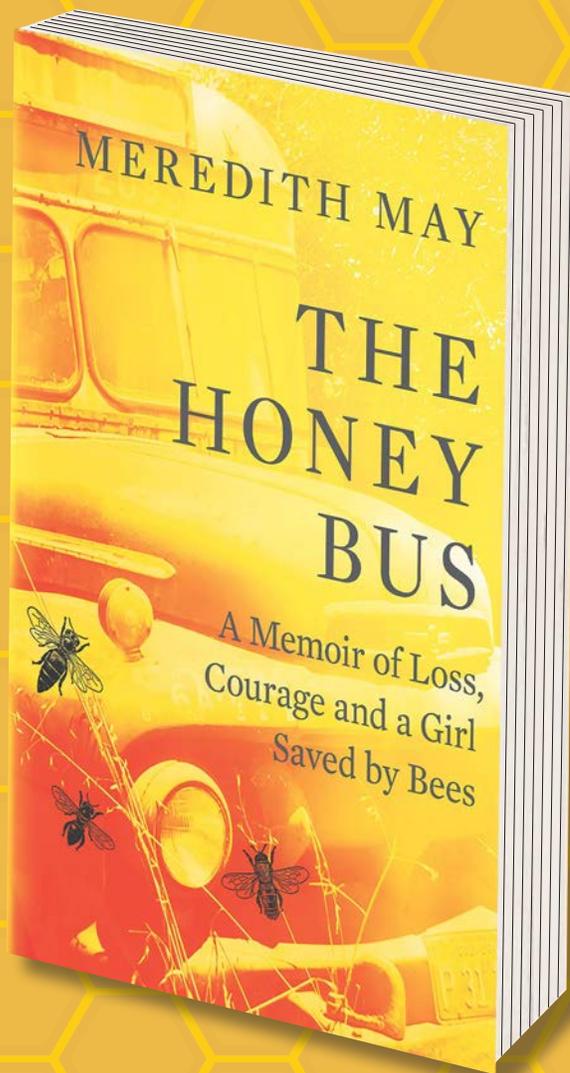


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# PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## *The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees* by Meredith May

Part memoir, part beekeeping odyssey, *The Honey Bus* is an unforgettable story about finding home in the most unusual of places, and how a tiny, little-understood insect could save a life. In the care of her grandfather, an eccentric beekeeper who made honey in a rusty old military bus in the yard, she discovered the secret world of bees, teaching her about family and community, loyalty and survival. She forged an unbreakable bond with her grandfather and opened her eyes to the magic and wisdom of nature. A profound story that highlights how our relationships shape our lives, and the importance of our relationship with nature.

### Kickoff

**Saturday, February 29 • 1:00pm - 4:00pm**

Grant R. Brimhall Library

Marvin E. Smith Community Room

The Thousand Oaks Library is excited to kick off this year's One City, One Book program with bee-themed crafts, "inside the hive" virtual reality, a special visit from the L.A. Beekeepers Association, and a performance by the Newbury Park High School Orchestra. All ages welcome.

### Newbury Park High School Orchestra 2-3 pm

Performance of *Flight of the Bumblebee* written by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov for his opera *The Tale of Tsar Saltan*. Other pieces include *Appalachian Sunrise* by Doris Gazdal, *Pastorale Symphony (movement 4)* by Beethoven, *Brandenburg Concerto No. 5* by J.S. Bach, and *Spring* by Vivaldi.

The Newbury Park High School Orchestra has over fifty students and four ensembles that has consistently earned Superior ratings at the Southern California Band and Orchestra Festival and has received two first place finishes at the World Strides Heritage Festival.

### Book Discussions

**Thursday, March 5 • 6:30pm - 8:00pm**

Grant R. Brimhall Library

Technical Training Room

**Saturday, April 4 • 11:00am - 12:00pm**

Newbury Park Library

Meeting Room

### Film: *The Biggest Little Farm*

**Special Guest: Director John Chester**

**Friday, March 6 • 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

Grant R. Brimhall Library

Marvin E. Smith Community Room

Apricot Lane Farms is a traditional foods farm started by John and Molly Chester who left their jobs in Los Angeles to pursue their dreams of becoming farmers. Located in Moorpark, CA, the farm is dedicated to a well-balanced eco-system and treating the environment and animals with respect. Featuring breathtaking cinematography, captivating animals,



and an urgent message to heed Mother Nature's call, *The Biggest Little Farm* provides us all a vital blueprint for better living and a healthier planet.

Special Guest John Chester, the filmmaker and director of *The Biggest Little Farm*, will introduce the film and do some Q&A. The film premiered at the 2018 Telluride Film Festival, the 2019 Sundance Film Festival, and was the winner of the 2019 International Boulder Film Festival for best documentary.

### Blue Ridge Honey Speaker

**Saturday, March 7 • 11:00am - 12:00pm**

Grant R. Brimhall Library

Marvin E. Smith Community Room

**Saturday, March 7 • 2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Newbury Park Library

Meeting Room

Beekeeper Donovan Mitchell will talk about the life of the honeybee and the beekeepers who tend them. Blue Ridge Honey in Ventura County, California is a small family business that began beekeeping in the 1970's. The catalyst for the business was Ventura College which used to offer an array of classes catering to our local agricultural and farming community, including Beekeeping.

### Cal Lutheran Faculty Panel Discussion

**Wednesday, March 11 • 7:00pm - 8:30pm**

California Lutheran University

Lundring Events Center

Scholars analyze the extraordinary story of how bees become a guiding force in author Meredith May's life, the unequivocal relationship between a mother and child, and the art of turning memory into memoir. Admission is free; sponsored by University Relations.

### SEEd Tour

**Saturday, March 14 • 9:00am - 11:00am**

California Lutheran University

SEEd Project Garden

In September 2010, Cal Lutheran established the SEEd Project Garden as part of the SEEd Project (Sustainable Education, Education). The garden is open to the public and directly engage in Cal Lutheran's mission and supports the nation-wide SEEd Project that encourages people to grow and purchase local produce. Free tour.

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### Honey Whiskey Trio

Sunday, March 15 • 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library  
Marvin E. Smith Community Room

Los Angeles based Honey Whiskey Trio tells stories through song.



Members of the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at California State University, Long Beach, Courtney, Ann Louise & Christina have a strong passion for music education and community outreach. They create, arrange, and explore music from the front porches, music halls, and hymn books of early America, sharing it with students, adults, and life-long music lovers across the United States.

### Springtime Photo Contest

Thursday, March 19 - Friday, April 17

Submit your photo with the theme of *Springtime*. Selected images will be displayed at the library. The community will vote for their favorite. The winner will be announced on Friday, April 24. The photographer of the winning photo will win a prize. Submit your photo, phone number and artist statement by Friday, April 17 to: [library@toaks.org](mailto:library@toaks.org)

### Story Slam

Friday, March 20 • 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library  
Marvin E. Smith Community Room

Join us for an evening of people who Shape our Lives. An hour of hours reading of selected stories read on stage by the authors. They are funny, poignant or compelling and all true! Selected storytellers open their hearts for a

glimpse into their world. Audience favorite will win a prize! Interested in submitting a story? Find details at [www.tolibrary.org/adults/story-slam](http://www.tolibrary.org/adults/story-slam)

### Bees in the Garden

Ventura County Master Gardeners

Tuesday, March 24 • 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library  
Marvin E. Smith Community Room

Learn the importance of bees in our world. In a special talk, Master Gardeners Susan and Gus will talk about how to keep the bees in your garden happy, and the plants that attract them.

### Bee Crafty

Sunday, April 5 • 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library  
Marvin E. Smith Community Room

Three garden themed projects led by Jemma Wilder. Join in and learn how to create your own bee garden. All materials will be provided. For school age and up.



## MOVIES

### Movie Matinées

Mondays • 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library  
Marvin E. Smith Community Room

- March 9 Secret Life of Bees
- March 23 Ulee's Gold
- April 13 The Bee Movie

### Movie Nights

Tuesdays • 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Newbury Park Library

- March 3 Microcosmos
- March 10 The Biggest Little Farm
- March 17 Ulee's Gold
- March 24 The Bee Movie
- March 31 More Than Honey
- April 7 The Secret Life of Bees
- April 14 Queen of the Sun
- April 21 The Last Beekeeper

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# ENGAGE

## The Buzz about Bees and Climate Change: Why You Should Care

Wednesday, April 8 • 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library

Marvin E. Smith Community Room

People are often surprised to learn how important bees are in their lives. In fact, it is estimated that 75% of global crops are dependent on bees. The more than 30,000 bee species on Earth make up the most important group of pollinators for farming and wild plants. But the world's honeybees are in steep decline. While scientists aren't clear on exactly what factors are behind the decline, what is known is that climate change and shifting temperatures are having a negative impact on the life of bees.

A panel discussion will explore the effect of climate change on the bee populations, and how the public can help sustain them. Panelists include Sharon Markson of The Climate Reality Project, Dr. Ruben Alarcon, Assistant Professor of Biology, California State University, Channel Islands.

## Film: Honeyland

Saturday, April 18 • 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library

Marvin E. Smith Community Room

Stevan Mešterović's film *Honeyland* follows a young girl who is the last in a long line of wild beekeepers in north Macedonia, who dig out honey from trees and mountainside crevices. When another family moves in nearby, who are using more modern methods of honey production, it becomes a threat to her family and way of life. Filmmakers Ljubomir Stefanov and Tamara Kotevska film explores thought-provoking questions about honey, the environment, family, and greed.



## Lifting The Stigma: A Mental Health Awareness Expo

Saturday, April 25 • 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library

Marvin E. Smith Community Room

Join us for an information expo with local mental health professionals. Learn about services and participate in mental health activities. Together we can give the gift of change and emotional well-being.

## An Afternoon with Meredith May Author of *The Honey Bus*

Sunday, April 26 • 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Bank of America Performing Arts Center

Thousand Oaks – Fred Kavli Theatre

“So work the rule by a people kingdom.” Shakespeare, Henry V

The 2020 Thousand Oaks Reads: One City One Book is *The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees* by Meredith May. Ms. May's inspiration for her memoir came from the time she was living with her grandfather, a beekeeper.



Meredith May recalls the first time a honeybee crawled on her arm. She was five years old, her parents had recently split, her mother was dealing with depression, and suddenly she found herself in the care of her grandfather, an eccentric beekeeper who made honey in a rusty old military bus in the yard. That first close encounter was at once terrifying and exhilarating for May, and in that moment she discovered that everything she needed to know about life and family was right before her eyes, in the secret world of bees.

Tickets are required for this event and are available at both the Newbury Park and Grant R. Brimhall Libraries beginning March 15, 2020. Members of the Friends of the Library will be given priority admission 30 minutes before the event. Membership details can be obtained at the Information Desks.



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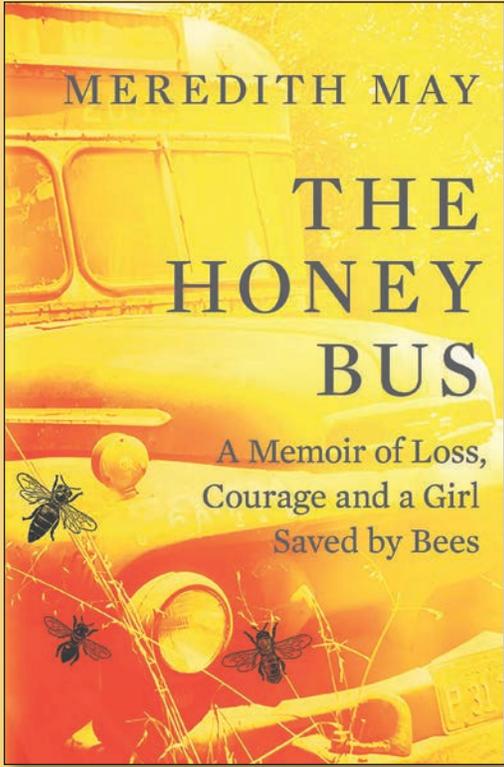
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