THE 15TH ANNUAL
CITYWIDE
BOOK CLUB
February 25 - April 16, 2023

For more information visit the Thousand Oaks Library or www.tolibrary.org/ocob

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KICKOFF
FEATURING AQUARIUM ON WHEELS
Saturday, February 25 • 11:00am - 1:00pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room
Kick off this year’s One City, One Book with sea-themed crafts by CReaTE Studios, “underwater” virtual reality, button making, and a special visit from the Aquarium of the Pacific’s Aquarium on Wheels. The Aquarium on Wheels can serve typically serve 20 - 25 guests every 15 minutes with a limit of 200 total visitors. First come, first served.

VIRTUAL UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY
Saturday, March 4 • 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room
A virtual lecture with underwater photographer Josh Musselwhite. Join online or attend the live stream at the library.

CALLUTHERAN FACULTY DISCUSSION PANEL
Wednesday, March 8 • 7:00pm - 8:30pm
California Lutheran University Lundring Events Center
Professors explore unique perspectives and offer thoughtful responses to many of the themes and issues presented in Remarkably Bright Creatures.

CRAFTERNOON FOR ADULTS: STICKER-BY-NUMBERS
Thursday, March 9 • 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Newbury Park Library Meeting Room
Keep your brain engaged while creating fun, beautiful art with Sticker by Numbers. Watch as a full colored image emerges from the original unfinished illustration. Walk-ins welcome.

COLORING FOR ADULTS: OCEAN & MARINE THEME
Friday, March 10 • 1:30pm - 3:00pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room
Relax with friends and other coloring enthusiasts. Materials provided. Walk-ins welcome.

CREATE STUDIO: SEA CRAFTS
Saturday, March 11 • 1:30pm - 3:00pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room
Sea-themed family crafts will be led by Jemma Wildermuth of CReATE Studio. Drop in to create a fun craft project using recycled material. All materials will be provided while supplies last. For school ages and up. Adults are welcome to join.

MORRISON DRIVE CONCERT: SEA SHANTIES
Sunday, March 12 • 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room
Morrison Drive is a primarily acoustic group that plays regularly in Ventura County. Join them for a fun afternoon of “sea shanties” as they recount the adventure, tragedy and romance of life at sea.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
Thursday, March 16 • 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room
COMMUNITY BOOK DISCUSSIONS
Free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Tuesday, March 14
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room

Tuesday, March 28
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Goebel Adult Community Center

Wednesday, March 29 • 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Newbury Park Library Meeting Room

THE PROCESS OF LIFE-REVIEW AS WE AGE. HOW REMINISCENCE CAN BE USED TO RE-TELL OUR OWN STORY
Thursday, March 23 • 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room
Martha Shapiro is the Director of Programs for Senior Concerns. Join her for a discussion on reminiscence – or the recall of past experiences and facts – and how it can be used as an effective tool in understanding the process of living as we age. In partnership with the Thousand Oaks Council on Aging.

CRAFTERNOON FOR ADULTS: OYSTER SHELL TRINKET DISHES
Friday, March 24 • 3:30pm - 5:00pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room
Materials provided. Registration required. Space is limited.

OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT
Wednesday, March 22 • 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room
A joint program between the Thousand Oaks Library and The Ventura County Poetry Project. Listen to local poets present their work inspired by the themes of Remarkably Bright Creatures.

What questions do you have for Shelby Van Pelt?
We will cover as many questions as time allows during the live Q&A on Sunday, April 16, 2023. Submit a question at: www.tolibrary.org/ocob

GET THAT JOB! JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES FOR OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
Thursday, March 30 • 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Newbury Park Library Meeting Room
This workshop is designed to provide helpful information for older adults and people with disabilities seeking employment in today’s job market. Come learn up-to-date job search strategies. The workshop will be led by Monique Nowlin, Deputy Director of Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) and Dr. Karen Gorback, Chair of the Advisory Council of the VCAAA. In partnership with the Thousand Oaks Council on Aging.

CINEMA & CEPHALOPODS

MY OCTOPUS TEACHER
Friday, March 17 • 7pm - 8:30pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room
A filmmaker forges an unusual friendship with an octopus living in a South African kelp forest, learning as the animal shares the mysteries of her world. Join us for an after-hours screening of this Oscar winning documentary. Light refreshments will be served. Netflix, 85 minutes, 2020.

FINDING DORY
Wednesday, April 12
10:30am - 12:10pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room
Bring the whole family for a spring break movie at the library! Pixar Animation Studios/Walt Disney Pictures, Rated PG, 97 minutes, 2016.
AN AFTERNOON WITH
SHELBY V AN PELT
AUTHOR OF REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES

Sunday, April 16, 2023 • 2:00pm
Bank of America Performing Arts Center – Fred Kavli Theatre


A luminous debut novel about a widow's unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus reluctantly residing at the local aquarium—and the truths she finally uncovers about her son's disappearance 30 years ago.

After Tova Sullivan’s husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope. As she works, Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine, but wouldn’t dream of lifting one of his eight tentacles for his human captors—until he forms an unlikely friendship with Tova.

Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova’s son disappeared. As his affection for Tova grows, Marcellus must use every trick his old, invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it’s too late.

Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, Shelby Van Pelt lives in the suburbs of Chicago with her family. Remarkably Bright Creatures is her first novel.

Tickets are required for this event and will be available at both the Newbury Park and Grant R. Brimhall Libraries beginning February 25, 2023. 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.