Music & Movement
Saturday, December 2
10:15am - 10:45am  &  11:15am - 11:45am
GRB Community Room
Dance, clap and sing along with Ms. Cheryl during this fun, interactive program. Ages: 0-5 years. Registrations opens 4 weeks in advance. Registration required.

Make & Take: Gingerbread House
Monday, December 4 • 4-5pm
GRB Community Room
Wednesday, December 6 • 6-7pm
NPL Meeting Room
Create a “Gingerbread” House using graham crackers and icing and embellish your house with decorative candy. Grades K-5th. Registration required.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten
Ongoing
Enroll your child by signing them up for a Beanstack account or sign up using the app. https://toaks.beanstack.org

Homework Help Center
Mondays • 3:00pm - 5:00pm
NPL Meeting Room
Tuesdays • 2:00pm - 4:00pm
NPL Meeting Room
Wednesdays & Thursdays • 3:00pm - 5:00pm
GRB Community Room
Students K - 8. Need help with homework? Want to improve your math or reading skills? Don’t know much about history? Great news! You can get help with homework from volunteers at the library. (Closed on all CVUSD holidays & breaks.)

Writing Buddies
Tuesday, December 12 • 4:00pm - 5:00pm
NPL Meeting Room
Thursday, December 14 • 4:30pm - 5:30pm
GRB Community Room
Students in grades 2-5. Let’s Roll-a-Story! This activity engages students by providing elements of storytelling while simultaneously supporting skills such as brainstorming and creative writing. Registration required.

Adventure 365
January 1 - December 31, 2023
Sign up for the Adventure 365 Reading Challenge. All ages. Log your reading when you sign into Beanstack at: https://toaks.beanstack.org

Capacity for some programs may be limited.
Check the online calendar for added events and sign up at: https://libcal.tolibrary.org/kids. Capacity for some programs may be limited.

Exploring Our Senses with First 5 Ventura County
Tuesdays: Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13 • 2:00pm - 2:45pm
   GRB Community Room
Wednesdays: Dec. 13 & Jan. 10 • 2:00pm - 2:45pm
   NPL Meeting Room
Join First 5 Ventura County for a variety of hands-on activities that encourage children 12-36 months to explore their senses (hearing, touching, smelling, seeing).

Enrichment Playtime
Join us for 30 minutes of unstructured playtime.

For babies (0-12 months)
Tuesday: Dec 19 • 10:15-10:50am
   GRB Community Room

For toddlers (12-36 months)
Wednesday: Dec 20 • 10:15-10:50am
   GRB Community Room

For preschoolers (ages 3-5 years)
Thursday: Dec 21 • 10:15-10:50am
   GRB Community Room
Check the online calendar for added events and sign up at: www.tolibrary.org/teens
Capacity for some programs may be limited.

Books for Buttons & Boba
For Tweens and Teens, Grades 6-12. Come to the Library and pick-up a "Books for Buttons and Boba" form. Finish a book, get a button, enter for a chance for a Boba gift card.

Make Holiday Cards
Sunday, December 10 – Saturday, December 16
GRB Teen Space
Only for Tweens and Teens Grades 6-12.
Come to the Teen Space from Dec 10-16 to make custom cards for the holidays. Use our coloring supplies, washi tape, sticker templates and other supplies to make a beautiful holiday card for friends or family. Limit 5 cards per person.

Mini Macrame Plant Holder
Monday, December 11
4:00pm - 5:00pm
GRB Teen Space
Wednesday, December 20
4:00pm - 5:00pm
NPL Meeting Room
Only for Tweens and Teens Grades 6-12.
Create a Mini Macrame Plant Holder for yourself or a gift for the holidays. Taught by CReATE STUDIO. Registration required.
www.tolibrary.org/teens

Reading Rocks!
Book Club
Tuesday, December 12
5:30pm - 6:30pm
Grades 4 - 5
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Grades 6 - 8
GRB Children’s Program Room
Join us monthly to discuss books with strong female characters. Registration required.
www.tolibrary.org/readingrocks

Comics, Manga and Graphic Novel Discussion Group
Tuesday, December 12 • 4:00pm - 5:00pm
GRB Tech Training Room
Only for Tweens and Teens Grades 6-12
Read one Graphic Novel, Manga or Comic and share and discuss with other tweens and teens. Learn about new books. Have fun and make friends. Meetings monthly alternate between Thousand Oaks and Newbury Park Library. Registration required.

Volunteer at the Library!
A variety of volunteer opportunities are available for teens throughout the year. Check the website regularly for new postings. Homework Help tutors, special events and programs and Thousand Oaks Teen Advisory League (TOTAL) opportunities available.
ALL AGES

LevelUp Lounge
Fridays - All Day
GRB Teen Space
ALL AGES. Stop by the Teen Space on Fridays for access to all ages gaming with the Library’s xBox Game Pass! Hang out and relax with games like No Man’s Sky, Powerwash Simulator, Forza, Sea of Stars, and over 250 more options! Controllers can be checked out from the Adult Reference Desk.

Family Friendly Comedy with Jason Love
Tuesday, December 5
6:30pm - 7:30pm
GRB Community Room
All Ages. Professional comedian Jason Love will perform a family friendly comedy set at the Thousand Oaks Library.

Peace by Piece Winter Concert
Saturday, December 23 • 2:00pm - 3:00pm
GRB Community Room
All Ages. Student classical music group Peace by Piece will perform a winter and holiday concert at the Thousand Oaks Library.

Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library
“Children of All Ages” Book Sale
Saturday, December 2 • 10:00am - 2:00pm
Newbury Park Library
Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the Thousand Oaks Library. Founded in 1961, it continues to be run exclusively by volunteers, some of whom have been involved for more than twenty years! For more information, please visit: www.ftol.org
FOR ADULTS

Check the online calendar for added events and sign up at: https://libcal.tolibrary.org/adults
Capacity for some programs may be limited.

Movie Matinées
Mondays, December 4 & 18
1:00pm - 3:00pm
GRB Community Room

December 4: **BlackBerry**
Bio Comedy/Drama
IFC Films, Inc.

December 18: **Fisherman’s Friends**
Comedy/Drama
Samuel Goldwyn Films

Mindful Art Studio
Friday, December 8 • 3:30pm - 5:00pm
GRB Community Room
Tap into your artistic spirit and find relaxation and inspiration! Select from an array of relaxing art activities like coloring, dot-to-dot art, sticker-by-numbers, scratch art, and more. All materials provided. Adults only.

Spanish at Your Library
Wednesday, December 13 • 5:30pm - 6:30pm
GRB Technology Training Room
Adults and Teens 14+. Gain a better understanding of how to express yourself in Spanish. Free of charge! All skill levels are welcome. Registration preferred. Walk-ins welcome if space allows.

Conversations with Mom
Tuesdays, December 5, 12 & 19 • 11:00am - 12:00pm
GRB Community Room

This free support group is for moms and their newborns to get together in a relaxed environment to express their joys and concerns. A safe place to ask questions and meet other new moms in the community.

Open Mic Poetry Nights
Wednesday, December 13 • 6:00pm - 7:30pm
NPL Meeting Room
Join us for a joint program between the Library and The Ventura County Poetry Project as we present Open Mic Poetry Nights. Come listen to local poets and share your own work every second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Friendly Book Discussion Group
Year End Party - **ALL WELCOME**
Thursday, December 7 • 6:30pm - 7:30pm
GRB Technology Training Room
The Friends of the Library’s Friendly Book Discussion Group meets on the first Thursday of each month.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Conversation Group
Thursday, December 14 • 6:00pm - 7:00pm
GRB Technology Training Room
Practice speaking English in an informal and friendly group setting. Registration preferred. Walk-ins welcome if space allows.
FOR ADULTS

Check the online calendar for added events and sign up at: https://libcal.tolibrary.org/adults
Capacity for some programs may be limited.

History Book Discussion Group
Thursday, December 14 • 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Goebel Adult Community Center
The Friends of the Library’s History Book Discussion Group meets on the second Thursday of each month.

Crafternoon
Friday, December 15 • 3:30pm - 5:00pm
GRB Community Room
Adults only. This month we will be decorating gift bags. Materials provided.
Registration required.

Many Voices Book Club
Wednesday, December 20 • 6:30pm - 7:30pm
GRB Tech Training Room
Join us in reading and discussing books from various genres by authors from a wide variety of cultures. Our book this month is One for All by Lillie Lainoff.
Registration required.

Voice of the Oaks Podcast
Voice of the Oaks (VOTO) is a Thousand Oaks Library podcast that alternates between three librarians chatting about books, libraries, and everything in between and interviews with members of the Thousand Oaks community. Episodes are available every 3 months. The VOTO podcast can be listened to anywhere podcasts are found.
www.tolibrary.org/services/voice-of-the-oaks

Holiday Hours
Grant R. Brimhall Library & Newbury Park Library

NOTE: GRB will close at 4:00pm on Wednesday, December 6 and open at 12:00pm on Thursday, December 7.

Sunday, December 24
CLOSED

Monday, December 25
CLOSED

Tuesday, December 26
12:00pm - 5:00pm

Wednesday, December 27
12:00pm - 5:00pm

Thursday, December 28
12:00pm - 5:00pm

Friday, December 29
12:00pm - 5:00pm

Saturday, December 30
12:00pm - 5:00pm

Sunday, December 31
CLOSED

Monday, January 1, 2024
CLOSED

Tuesday, January 2
Regular hours resume

OUR VIRTUAL LIBRARY IS OPEN 24/7
www.tolibrary.org
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### Happy Holidays

From all the librarians and staff at the Thousand Oaks Library!

### Libraries

**GRB** = Grant R. Brimhall Library  ·  **NPL** = Newbury Park Library

1. **Friends Book Sale**
   - 10:00am at NPL
   - Music & Movement *
   - 10:15am & 11:15am at GRB

2. **First Day of Hanukkah**
   - Mindful Art Studio

3. **Conversations with Mom**
   - 11:00am at GRB

4. **Movie Matinée**:
   - *BlackBerry*
   - 1:00pm at GRB

5. **Homework Help**
   - 1:00pm at NPL

6. **Conversations with Mom**
   - 2:00pm at NPL

7. **Homework Help**
   - 3:00pm at GRB
   - NOTE: Grant R. Brimhall Library opens late today at 12:00pm

8. **Grant R. Brimhall Library closes early today at 4:00pm**

9. **First Day of Hanukkah**
   - Mindful Art Studio

10. **Crafternoon: Gift Bag Decorating**
    - 3:30pm at GRB

11. **Make & Take: Gingerbread House**
    - 4:00pm at GRB

12. **Conversations with Mom**
    - 11:00am at GRB
    - Homework Help
    - 2:00pm at NPL

13. **Exploring our Senses**
    - 3:00pm at NPL

14. **Conversations with Mom**
    - 2:00pm at NPL
    - Homework Help
    - 3:00pm at NPL

15. **Spanish at Your Library**
    - 5:30pm at GRB

16. **Open Mic Poetry**
    - 6:00pm at NPL

17. **Movie Matinée**:
    - *Fisherman’s Friends*
    - 1:00pm at GRB

18. **Homework Help**
    - 1:00pm at NPL

19. **Enrichment Playtime for Babies**
    - 10:15am at GRB

20. **Enrichment Playtime for Toddlers**
    - 10:15am at GRB

21. **Enrichment Playtime for Preschoolers**
    - 10:15am at GRB

22. **December Solstice**
    - Peace by Piece Winter Concert

23. **Library Holiday Hours:**
    - 12pm-5pm

24. **LIBRARIES CLOSED**

25. **Christmas Day**
    - LIBRARIES CLOSED

26. **First Day of Kwanzaa**
    - Library Holiday Hours: 12pm-5pm

27. **Library Holiday Hours:**
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    - 12pm-5pm

### Additional Events

- **NOTE:** Programs are subject to change. For updated information about Library events, go to: [www.tolibrary.org](http://www.tolibrary.org)

- *= Registration Required*