THE 16TH ANNUAL
CITYWIDE
BOOK CLUB
March 30 - April 28, 2024

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ONE CITY ONE BOOK KICKOFF
Saturday, March 30 • 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library

CHILI BEATZ AFTER HOURS CONCERT
Kick off this year’s One City, One Book with Southern California’s premier Bollywood band. Experience the excitement of live Bollywood music with Chili Beatz members Niranjan Kanaglekar, Manoj Khatore, Tom Scharf, Swamy, Jimmy Lakhia, Justin James, Swati Kanaglekar, Vini Gora, Sabah Rahman, Sriram Murthy, Chandra Mohan, & Jairam.

BEAUTIFUL HENNA WITH SUCHITA
Meet Suchita, a seasoned henna artist with over 20 years of self-taught expertise. In 2010, she founded Beautiful Henna. Suchita weaves her creativity into unique designs, inviting others to experience the beauty and tradition of henna art. Suchita will be offering small henna designs during the Chili Beatz concert.

HENNA 101 WITH HENNA ME BEAUTIFUL
Saturday, April 6 • 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library
Marvin E. Smith Community Room
Learn about the history of henna, and the basics of how to create simple design elements. Henna Me Beautiful’s lead artist, Afshan Khan, is certified through ICNHA (International Certification of Natural Henna Arts). With her guidance you will learn how to create beautiful henna designs. Best suited for teens and adults. Materials and supplies provided. Registration required. Space is limited.

TEA TASTING WORKSHOP WITH ALAYA TEA
Sunday, April 7 • 3:00pm - 4:30pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library
Marvin E. Smith Community Room
Join us to try a variety of teas! Alaya is an Indian, women-owned tea company. Their name comes from “Himalaya,” a region where some of the finest teas grow and thus, inspired the founders Esha Chhabra and Smita Satiani to build a tea company. Space is limited. Registration required.

DOT MANDALA ART
Saturday, April 13 • 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Newbury Park Library
Art Galley
Sunday, April 21 • 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library
Marvin E. Smith Community Room
Transform a compact mirror into a vibrant mandala masterpiece. Materials provided. Registration required.
**KATHAK DANCE DEMO & FOLLOW ALONG WITH SONA LEWIS**

Sunday, April 14 • 12:15pm - 1:30pm  
Grant R. Brimhall Library  
Marvin E. Smith Community Room  
Indian classical “Kathak” dance artiste and performer Sona Lewis will present Kathak dance. There will be a “follow-along” segment for anyone who wants to learn more about Kathak. No prior dance knowledge is needed. Ages 11-Adult.

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**CAL LUTHERAN FACULTY PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Thursday, April 18 • 6:30pm - 7:30pm**  
Grant R. Brimhall Library  
Marvin E. Smith Community Room  
Professors explore unique perspectives and offer thoughtful responses to many of the themes and issues presented in *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi. Sponsored by University Relations.

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**STORY SLAM: INSPIRED BY THE HENNA ARTIST**

**Friday, April 26 • 7:00pm - 8:30pm**  
Grant R. Brimhall Library  
Marvin E. Smith Community Room  
Writers of all ages are invited to submit a story based on the themes of family, found family, culture, tradition, new starts, unexpected change, or independence. Eight selected stories will be read on stage by the authors. Audience favorite will win a $50 gift card.  
**Submission guidelines:** Stories must be able to be read in under 7 minutes and be between 1,000-2000 words. Story content must be library appropriate.  
   
   **Email to:** info@tolibrary.org with the subject heading “Story Slam.”  
   **Print:** Submit entry in-person at the Information Desk. Entries must include your name and contact information.  
**Submission Deadline:** April 12. Selected authors will be notified on April 19.

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**PAINT & SIP: ELEPHANT ART CLASS**

**Saturday, April 27 • 1:00pm - 4:00pm**  
Newbury Park Library  
Art Gallery  
Paint, snack, and socialize as you are taught step by step how to create this painting inspired by the Munnar Tea Plantations in Kerala, India. Painting will be done on a 16”x20” canvas using acrylic paints. Painting can sometimes be messy, so we recommend that you keep that in mind when selecting your outfit for the afternoon. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited. Registration required.

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**TEA KIT**

Starting Saturday, March 30  
Experience the rich flavors of India! Each kit includes a tea bag and one of the following loose-leaf teas: Darjeeling First Flush, Darjeeling Second Flush, Masala Chai, or CTC Assam. Please check the ingredients if you have any dietary restrictions or concerns. Kits available at both libraries. While supplies last.  
*Tea sourced from The Healing Tree. The Healing Tree is a local small business with a vast selection of over 1,000 bulk exotic teas and traditional herbs from around the globe.*
Escaping from an abusive marriage, seventeen-year-old Lakshmi makes her way alone to the vibrant 1950s pink city of Jaipur. There she becomes the most highly requested henna artist—and confidante—to the wealthy women of the upper class. But trusted with the secrets of the wealthy, she can never reveal her own…

Known for her original designs and sage advice, Lakshmi must tread carefully to avoid the jealous gossips who could ruin her reputation and her livelihood. As she pursues her dream of an independent life, she is startled one day when she is confronted by her husband, who has tracked her down these many years later with a high-spirited young girl in tow—a sister Lakshmi never knew she had. Suddenly the caution that she has carefully cultivated as protection is threatened. Still she perseveres, applying her talents and lifting up those that surround her.

FREE TICKETS are required for this event. Digital tickets are now available via Ticketmaster. Paper tickets will be available starting April 1, 2024 at both libraries. Members of the Friends of the Library will be given priority admission 30 minutes before the event. Membership details can be obtained at the library information desks. For more details, visit www.tolibrary.org/ocob

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