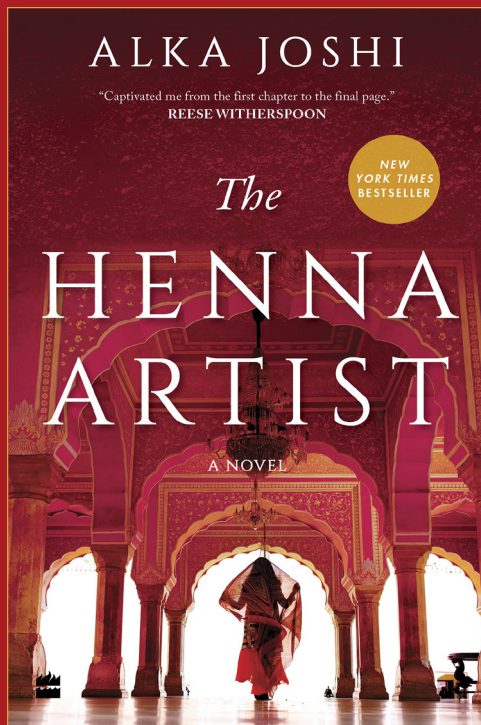


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ONE CITY ONE BOOK KICKOFF

Saturday, March 30 • 7:00pm - 8:00pm

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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

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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

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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

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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.

CAL LUTHERAN FACULTY PANEL DISCUSSION

Wednesday, April 17 • 6:30pm - 8:00pm

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.

STORY SLAM: INSPIRED BY THE HENNA ARTIST

Friday, April 26 • 7:00pm - 8:30pm

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Marvin E. Smith Community Room

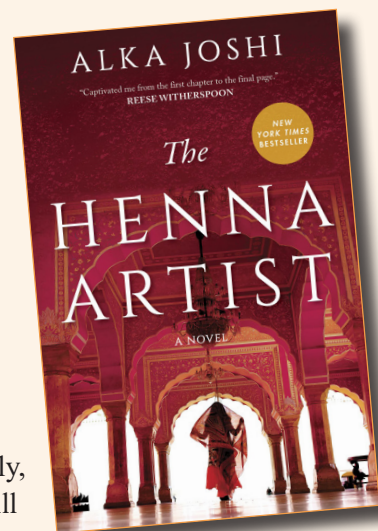
Writers of all ages are invited to submit a story based on the themes of family, found family, culture, tradition, new starts, unexpected change, or independence. Eight selected stories will be read on stage by the authors. Audience favorite will win a \$50 gift card.

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.



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.

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.



AN AFTERNOON WITH ALKA JOSHI

AUTHOR OF *THE HENNA ARTIST*

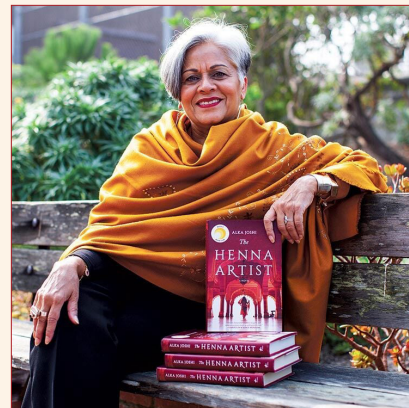
Sunday, April 28 • 2:00pm

Bank of America Performing Arts Center

Fred Kavli Theatre

The 2024 Thousand Oaks Reads: One City One Book selection is *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi. An Afternoon with Alka Joshi is the culminating author talk, discussion, and book signing.

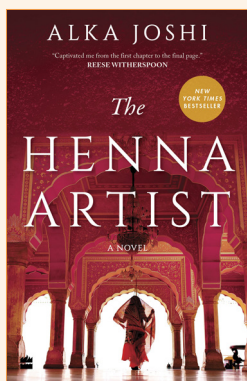
Alka Joshi was born in the desert state of Rajasthan in India. In 1967, her family immigrated to America. She earned a BA from Stanford University and an MFA from California College of Arts in San Francisco. Prior to writing *The Henna Artist*, Alka ran an advertising and marketing agency for 30 years. She has spent time in France and Italy and currently lives with her husband on the Northern California Coast.



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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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.



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