

# The Oakleaf

The Official Newsletter of the Thousand Oaks Library

June 2025



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OUR  
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## Summer Reading Club

June 16 - August 3

Free, fun events and activities!

[www.tolibrary.org/src](http://www.tolibrary.org/src)

## LibCon 2025

Save the Dates: August 9 & 10

Annual Pop Culture Convention

[www.tolibrary.org/libcon](http://www.tolibrary.org/libcon)



### Grant R. Brimhall Library

1401 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 • 805-449-2660

### Newbury Park Library

2331 Borchard Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320 • 805-498-2139

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# KIDS & FAMILIES

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

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All Ages  
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## Dog Days

Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17, & 24 • 3:30pm - 4:30pm

GRB Children's Program Room

Thursday, June 5 • 3:30pm - 4:30pm

NPL Meeting Room

Readers of all levels and abilities are invited to come and read to a certified therapy dog! Participants will sign up for a brief 10-minute session with a dog and their owner. Recommended for school-age.

## PACT Light with First 5 Ventura County

Friday, June 13 • 10:30am - 11:15am

NPL Meeting Room

Join First 5 Ventura County for a series of classes that mimic the Parent and Child Together (PACT) classes offered at Neighborhoods for Learning sites for children prenatal to 5 years. Classes include books, songs, music and movement, guided play with open-ended materials, and parent education.

## Parent & Child Class for Toddlers

Mondays: June 16, 23, & 30

GRB: 10:15am - 10:35am & 11:00am - 11:20am

Enjoy 20 minutes of simple stories and songs. For ages 12-36 months. *Registration required.*

## Wonderful Wednesday:

### Best Bubble Party

Wednesday, June 18

GRB: 11:00am - 11:45am

NPL: 2:00pm - 2:45pm

Become entranced by the science and magic of bubbles. For ages 5+.

## Music & Movement

Fridays: June 20 & 27

GRB: 10:15am - 10:45am & 11:15am - 11:45am

Dance, clap and sing along with Ms. Cheryl and her guitar during this fun, interactive program. For ages: 0-5 years. *Registration required.*

## Super Saturday: Ventriloquist Marc Griffiths

Saturday, June 21

GRB: 11:00am - 11:45am

NPL: 2:00pm - 2:45pm

Join the hilarious and inspirational ventriloquist and his cast of puppets! For ages 5+.



## Reading Buddies

Tuesdays starting June 24 • 3:00pm - 3:30pm

NPL Meeting Room

Wednesdays starting June 25

2:45pm - 3:15pm or 3:20pm - 3:50pm

GRB Community Room

A weekly program for students grades 1-4 to practice and gain confidence in their reading with the support of a volunteer. *Registration Required.*

## Wonderful Wednesday:

### Michael Rayner Juggling Show

Wednesday, June 25

GRB: 11:00am - 11:45am

NPL: 2:00pm - 2:45pm

A combination of hilarious tricks and stunts with uproarious stand-up fun. For ages 5+.





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## ENRICHMENT PLAYTIME

Join us for 30 minutes of unstructured playtime.

### For Babies (0-12 months)

Tuesday, June 24 • 10:15am - 10:50am  
GRB Community Room

### For Preschoolers (3-5 years)

Thursday, June 26 • 10:15am - 10:50am  
GRB Community Room

### Newbury Park Toddler Playtime (12-36 mos.)

Thursday, June 26 • 10:15am - 10:50am  
NPL Meeting Room

### Writing Buddies

Thursday, June 26 • 4:30pm - 5:30pm  
GRB Community Room

Students in grades 2-5 are invited to share their  
creativity by writing a short story. *Registration  
required.* Walk-ins welcome if space allows.

### Super Saturday:

#### Make & Take: Alma Thomas Inspired Art

Saturday, June 28

GRB: 11:00am - 11:45am

NPL: 2:00pm - 2:45pm

Learn about the influential artist and create a  
painting inspired by her work. For ages 5+.



## THOUSAND OAKS LIBRARY Summer Reading Club 2025 ALL AGES

### June 16 - August 3

Join • Read • Earn Rewards\*  
Free, fun events & activities!



Preregistration starts June 1.

Track reading on paper  
OR online.

Find out more by  
visiting the library or  
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\*Available while supplies last.

# TWEENS & TEENS

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## Reading Rocks! Book Club

Tuesday, June 10

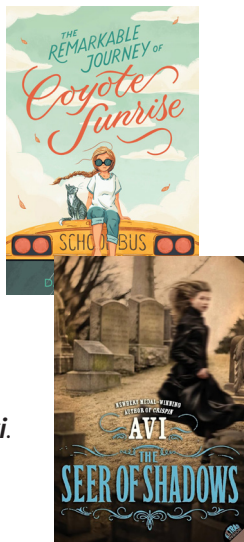
Rocks (Grades 4-5) • 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Boulders (Grades 6-8) • 6:30pm - 7:30pm

GRB Children's Program Room

Join us monthly to discuss books with strong female characters. This month's Rocks selection is **The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise** by **Dan Gemeinhart**. This month's Boulder's selection is **The Seer of Shadows** by **Avi**.

*Registration required.*



## Create Your Own Coloring Page Contest

Monday, June 16 - Sunday, August 3

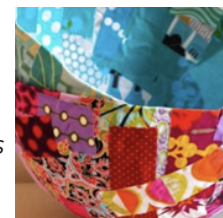
Create a "Color Our World" coloring page for a chance to be featured at the Library and win a \$50 art supply gift card! Get details and entry forms at the Library. For grades 6-12.

## Fabric Mâché Bowls

Tuesday, June 17 • 2:00pm - 3:00pm

GRB Teen Space

Create your own fabric mâché bowls taught by CReATE STUDIO. For grades 6-12. *Registration required.*

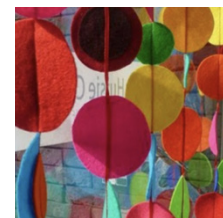


## Wall Hangings

Tuesday, June 24 • 1:00pm - 2:00pm

NPL Meeting Room

CReATE STUDIO will show you how to create colorful wall hangings for decoration. For grades 6-12. *Registration required.*

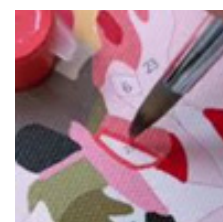


## Paint by Number

Tuesday, July 1 • 2:00pm - 3:00pm

GRB Teen Space

Paint and color in a pre-printed design on canvas and follow the numbers to create a work of art! For grades 6-12. *Registration required.*



## Calling All Teens: Be a Summer Volunteer at the Library!

Volunteer shifts run from June 16 to August 3

Looking for a fun and rewarding way to earn volunteer hours this summer? We're looking for enthusiastic and friendly teens, ages 14-18, to help with our Summer Reading Club and other exciting library programs and activities at the Newbury Park Library or Grant R. Brimhall Library. Orientation sessions start in May. Apply ASAP for the best choice of shifts!. Go to [www.tolibrary.org/teens](http://www.tolibrary.org/teens) for more information and application details.





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## LibCon 2025: Artist Alley Application Now Open!

Calling all artists! The Thousand Oaks Library is accepting applications for LibCon Artist Alley 2025! This is your chance to showcase and sell your artwork at the Library's annual pop culture convention, happening August 9 & 10. Applications due by June 20, 2025. Visit [www.tolibrary.org/libcon](http://www.tolibrary.org/libcon) for more information and application details.

## Pride Month

**Sunday, June 1 – Monday, June 30**

Patrons are invited to visit the Library and pick up their very own pronoun buttons, bookmarks, and a Beginner's Guide to Pronouns information sheet. Explore, learn, and celebrate by exploring our catalog at Readers' Corner.

## Wildlife After The Woolsey Fire Exhibit

**Sunday, June 1 – Sunday, June 29**

**Grant R. Brimhall Library**

**Monday, June 30 – Thursday, July 31**

**Newbury Park Library**

Discover stunning wildlife research images captured by the National Park Service and its partners as they monitor the Santa Monica Mountains' wildlife recovery after the Woolsey Fire. This special display highlights a powerful collaboration between the NPS, Santa Monica Mountains Fund, and dedicated volunteers, showcasing the region's remarkable ecological resilience.

## LibCon Kick Off Book Sale

**Saturday, June 7 • 10:00am - 1:00pm**

**NPL Meeting Room**

This special one-day event features a stellar selection of Science Fiction and Fantasy books for all ages! Browse current and vintage books—hardcovers for \$1, paperbacks for 50¢, and children's books 4 for \$1—just in time for summer reading! Friends of the Library members get early access at 9:30 am! Not a member? Join at the sale or online at [ftol.org/membership](http://ftol.org/membership). Hosted by Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library.



## Agents of Discovery: Conejo Valley Virtual Historical Tour

**Monday, June 16 - Sunday, August 3**

Explore local history and uncover community stories with the Agents of Discovery app — take the virtual tour anytime, from anywhere!



## Gosh Yarn It

**Friday, June 13 • 3:30pm - 4:30pm**

**GRB Community Room**

Relax, crochet, and socialize at our crochet club! Beginners and experts alike are welcome to bring your own supplies and hang out with fellow crocheters as we sip tea and work on our projects. For ages 11+.



## Wildlife After the Woolsey Fire Presentation

**Sunday, June 22 • 2:00pm**

**GRB Community Room**

**Monday, June 30 • 6:00pm**

**NPL Meeting Room**

Join Miroslava Munguia Ramos, Wildlife and Volunteer Program Technician with the Santa Monica Mountains Fund, for an engaging presentation featuring powerful wildlife images from long-term monitoring research after the Woolsey Fire. She'll discuss the scope of the research, explore the collaborative efforts behind the scenes, and share insights into the inspiring recovery of the region's diverse ecosystems.

## Dungeons and Dragons Starter Kit

**Grant R. Brimhall Library**

The Thousand Oaks Library is adding a second Dungeons & Dragons Starter Kit! Each kit includes guides, handbooks, a screen, dice sets, and more for D&D 5th Edition. Find them alongside the Book Club in a Box collection, perfect for your next adventure!

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## Summer Math Fun: Healthy Habits for Summer Math Growth

Monday, June 2 • 6:30pm - 7:30pm

GRB Community Room

This interactive program will provide strategies for parents to strengthen math learning for their K-5th grade children over the summer with Educator Coach, Brian Matthews.

## Conversations with Mom

Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17, & 24 • 11:00am - 12:00pm

GRB Community Room

This free support group is for moms and their newborns to meet other new moms in the community and talk about their joys and concerns. On the last Tuesday of the month other caregivers, including fathers and grandparents, are welcome to attend.

## Many Voices Book Club

Wednesday, June 4 • 6:30pm - 7:30pm

GRB Technology Training Room

Join us in reading and discussing books in a wide variety of genres by authors from a wide variety of cultures. This month's book is **Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow** by **Gabrielle Zevin**. Walk-ins welcome.

## Introduction to Hydroponics: Growing More in Less Space

Thursday, June 5 • 5:30pm - 7:00pm

NPL Meeting Room

Discover the basics of hydroponic gardening in this 90-minute class designed for beginners with limited growing space. *Registration recommended.*

## Movie Matinéés

**Big Eyes** (Drama)

Monday, June 9 • 1:00pm

GRB Community Room

Lions Gate Films, Inc., Rated PG-13, 2014, 1h 46m

**We Live In Time** (Romantic Drama)

Monday, June 23 • 1:00pm

GRB Community Room

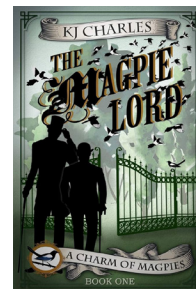
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## Happily Ever After Book Club

Monday, June 9 • 6:30pm - 7:30pm

GRB Technology Training Room

Join the Thousand Oaks Library as we chat about our favorite romance novels, where a Happily Ever After (HEA) - or a Happily For Now (HFN) is always guaranteed. This month's book is **The Magpie Lord** by **KJ Charles**. Walk-ins welcome.



## Spanish at Your Library

Wednesday, June 11 & 25 • 5:30pm - 6:30pm

GRB Technology Training Room

Advanced & intermediate learners can practice speaking Spanish under the guidance of a language-learning professional. *Registration required.* Walk-ins welcome if space allows.

## Open Mic Poetry Nights

Wednesday, June 11 • 6:00pm - 7:30pm

NPL Program Room

Wednesday, June 25 • 6:00pm - 7:30pm

GRB Community Room

Come listen to local poets and share your own work every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, in collaboration with The Ventura County Poetry Project.

## English as a Second Language (ESL) Conversation Group

Thursday, June 12 • 6:00pm - 7:00pm

GRB Technology Training Room

Practice speaking English in an informal and friendly group setting, open to all non-native speakers. *Registration recommended, walk-ins welcome.*

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## Paint & Sip: Adult Take-Home Kit

Monday, June 16 – Sunday, August 3

Relax and get creative at home with a DIY watercolor bookmark kit, complete with summer drink mixes and a fun umbrella straw—available at both libraries while supplies last!

## 'Color Our World' Word Search

Monday, June 16 – Sunday, August 3

Test your book smarts by filling in missing titles and solving a word search! Turn in your completed puzzle by August 3 for a chance to win a gift card.

## Tiny Art Show

Monday, June 16 – Sunday, August 3

Pick up a kit from the library – includes a 4" x 4" canvas, paint, and a paintbrush, while supplies last. Art submissions must be original artwork. AI artwork is not permitted. The library reserves the right to display works at its discretion.

Visit [tolibrary.org/tinyartshow](http://tolibrary.org/tinyartshow) for more details.



## Paint by Numbers

Wednesday, June 25 • 6:00pm - 7:30pm

NPL Meeting Room



Unwind with a paint-by-numbers session—no experience needed! All supplies provided, and you can take your 8"x8" canvas home to finish. *Registration required.*

## Paint Workshops with Art Trek

Saturday, June 28 • 1:00pm - 3:30pm

NPL Art Gallery

Join Art Trek for a guided painting workshop just for adults—no experience needed! All supplies provided. Space is limited. *Registration required.*

## TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

*Registration required: [www.tolibrary.org/classes](http://www.tolibrary.org/classes)*

### Using a PC: Windows 11

Wednesday, June 4 • 3:00pm - 4:30pm

NPL Meeting Room

For those new to using a PC or want to build more confidence using the Windows 11 operating system. *Registration required.*

### Microsoft Word Basics

Tuesday, June 17 • 11:00am - 12:30pm

GRB Technology Training Room

Gain confidence using Microsoft Word to write resumes, lists, stories, etc. by learning the basics. *Registration required.*

### Canva Basics

Wednesday, June 18 • 11:00am - 12:30pm

GRB Technology Training Room

Perfect for beginners, this course will guide you through the essentials of Canva, a free web-based graphic design software. *Registration required.*

### Book a Librarian

Free one-on-one technology help. Please contact the Information Desk to make an appointment.

<b>Grant R. Brimhall Library</b>	<b>Newbury Park Library</b>
805-449-2660, option 4	805-498-2139, option 3
30-min. appointments	45 min. appointments



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<b>1</b>  Kids/Family  Teens & Tweens  All Ages  Adults	<b>2</b> <b>Summer Math Fun with Brian Matthews</b> 6:30pm at GRB	<b>3</b> <b>Conversations with Mom</b> 11:00am at GRB  <b>Dog Days</b> 3:30pm at GRB	<b>4</b> <b>LSC Author Talk: Extinctopedia</b> 11:00am Online  <b>Using a PC: Windows 11*</b> 3:00pm at NPL  <b>Many Voices Book Club</b> 6:30pm at GRB	<b>5</b> <b>Dog Days</b> 3:30pm at NPL  <b>Intro to Hydroponics</b> 5:30pm at NPL  <b>Friendly Book Discussion Group</b> 6:30pm at GRB	<b>6</b> <b>LevelUp Lounge</b> All day at GRB	<b>7</b> <b>Friends Sci-Fi &amp; Fantasy Book Sale</b> 10:00am at NPL
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Movie Matinée: Big Eyes</b> 1:00pm at GRB  <b>Happily Ever After Book Club</b> 6:30pm at GRB	<b>10</b> <b>Conversations with Mom</b> 11:00am at GRB <b>LSC Author Talk: Lisa Jewell</b> 11:00am Online <b>Dog Days</b> 3:30pm at GRB <b>Reading Rocks! Book Club*</b> 5:30pm & 6:30pm at GRB	<b>11</b> <b>Spanish at Your Library*</b> 5:30pm at GRB  <b>Open Mic Poetry</b> 6:00pm at NPL	<b>12</b> <b>ESL Conversation Group</b> 6:00pm at GRB  <b>History Book Discussion Group</b> 7:00pm at Goebel Ctr	<b>13</b> <b>LevelUp Lounge</b> All day at GRB  <b>Pact Light with First 5 Ventura County</b> 10:30am at NPL  <b>Gosh Yarn It! Crochet Club</b> 3:30pm at GRB	<b>14</b> <b>FLAG DAY</b>  
<b>15</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>  	<b>16</b> <b>Parent &amp; Child Class for Toddlers*</b> 10:15am & 11:00am at GRB	<b>17</b> <b>Conversations with Mom</b> 11:00am at GRB <b>MS Word Basics*</b> 11:00am at GRB  <b>Tween &amp; Teen Tuesdays: Fabric Mâché Bowls*</b> 2:00pm at GRB  <b>Dog Days</b> 3:30pm at GRB	<b>18</b> <b>Wonderful Wednesdays: Best Bubble Party</b> 11:00am at GRB 2:00pm at NPL  <b>Canva Basics*</b> 11:00am at GRB	<b>19</b> <b>JUNETEENTH</b>  	<b>20</b> <b>JUNE SOLSTICE</b>  <b>LevelUp Lounge</b> All day at GRB  <b>Music &amp; Movement*</b> 10:15am & 11:15am at GRB	<b>21</b> <b>Super Saturdays: Ventriloquist Marc Griffiths</b> 11:00am at GRB 2:00pm at NPL
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