

The Oakleaf

The Official Newsletter of the Thousand Oaks Library

August 2025



LIBCON 2025



AUGUST 9-10



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

www.tolibrary.org



ALL AGES

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LIBCON

Thousand Oaks Library Pop Culture Convention

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9
10 AM - 4 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
12 PM - 4 PM



Grant R. Brimhall
Library
1401 E. Janss Road



Dive into the world of comics, anime, games, and everything fandom-tastic!

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Cosplay Contest

Saturday, August 9 • 10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday, August 10 • 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Show off your cosplay all weekend! Heroes, villains, or unique characters. Visit the photo station to enter and win prizes! For all ages.

Author Talk & Book Signing with Tananarive Due

Saturday, August 9

Talk: 11:00am - 12:00pm • GRB Mural Area

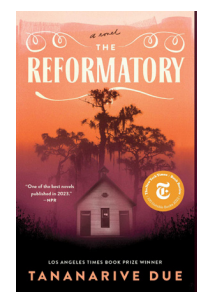
Signing: 12:00pm - 1:00pm • GRB Mural Area

Join Tananarive Due, author of the acclaimed novel *The Reformatory* and winner of the American



Book Award, NAACP Image Award, and British Fantasy Award, as she discusses her writing and explores the genres of Black Horror and Afrofuturism. Recommended for ages 14+. A book signing will follow the

author talk. Bring your own book or purchase one at the Friends of the Library table. Free and open to all.



Artist Alley

Saturday, August 9 • 10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday, August 10 • 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Stroll through a vibrant alley of local artists showcasing their geek-culture-inspired creations! Discover unique treasures like prints, buttons, keychains, comics, and more. Plus, some artists will even offer free portfolio reviews. Don't miss this chance to connect and shop for one-of-a-kind finds.

Comics Drawing Workshop with Kim Dwinell

Saturday, August 9 • 2:00pm - 3:00pm

GRB Community Room

Learn the basics of comics drawing with author and animation artist Kim Dwinell, creator of the *Surfside Girls* series and former Disney animator. Get inspired and create your own characters in this hands-on workshop! For ages 8+. Space is limited.

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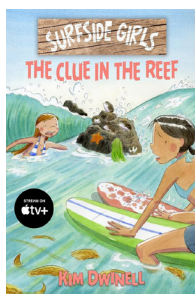
Talk: 1:00pm - 2:00pm • GRB Mural Area

Signing: 2:00pm - 3:00pm • GRB Mural Area



Dive into a world of mystery, friendship, and sunny adventures with Kim Dwinell, author and illustrator of the *Surfside Girls* graphic novel series, now a hit Apple TV+ show! A book signing will follow

the author talk. Bring your own book or purchase one at the Friends of the Library table. Free and open to all.



Tiny Art Show Display

Saturday, Aug. 9 - Tuesday, Sept. 9

Grant R. Brimhall Library

Enjoy a colorful collection of miniature masterpieces created by YOU. Don't miss these small but mighty works of art!



Gosh Yarn It

Friday, August 15 • 3:30pm - 4:30pm *Note date change!*

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+.

LevelUp Lounge

Fridays • All Day

GRB Teen Space

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 Minecraft, Powerwash Simulator, Forza, Overcooked!, and over 250 more options!

Stay & Switch

Newbury Park Library

Try out some games and explore our newest addition to the Library of Things. Swing by the Newbury Park Library Help Desk to check out a Nintendo Switch Lite loaded with awesome digital games to enjoy during your visit!

Summer Reading Club 2025

Summer Reading Club 2025 ends on August 3rd.

Make sure you log all your reading, claim your rewards, and enter into the Grand Prize Opportunity Drawing at the Library by August 3rd.



Summer Reading Club Survey

Did you participate in Summer Reading Club? Tell us what you think! Starting on August 1, please help us evaluate this year's Summer Reading Club by telling us about you and your family's experience. Your feedback will help make next year even better!

To participate in the survey, visit:
www.tolibrary.org/srcsurvey

KIDS & FAMILIES

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Music Time WITH MR. MICHAEL

Music Time with Mr. Michael

Friday, August 1

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

GRB Community Room

A fun-filled, interactive concert, Mr. Michael creates a joyful atmosphere for kids and parents alike. For ages 0-5. *Registration required.*



PACT Light with First 5 Ventura County

Friday, August 15 • 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.



Music & Movement

Saturday, August 23

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

GRB Community Room

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

PLEASE NOTE:

Storytimes, Enrichment Playtimes, Reading Buddies, Writing Buddies, Homework Help, and Dog Days are on break during August and will all resume in September.



TWEENS & TEENS

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Back-to-School Kits for Tweens and Teens

August 1 – August 31, 2025

Visit the Library and ask the Reference Desk for a free back-to-school kit filled with fun supplies, helpful Library resources, and a little encouragement to start the new school year! For ages 11-18. *While supplies last.*

Reading Rocks! Book Club

Tuesday, August 12

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 **Area 51 Interns: Alien Summer** by James S. Murray & Carsen Smith. This month's Boulder's selection is **Hummingbird** by Natalie Lloyd.

Registration required.



Books for Buttons, Boba or Burgers

Visit the Library and pick up a "Books for Buttons, Boba or Burgers" form. Finish reading a book with more than 200 pages, submit to get a pin button and enter for a chance for a Boba or Burger gift card. Read more books for additional chances to win. For ages 11-18.



Teen Volunteers Wanted

The Library is looking for friendly teen volunteers ages 14+ to help with various Library programs throughout the school year. Some include Homework Help tutoring, Reading Buddies programs, the Thousand Oaks Teen Advisory League, one-time events, and many more. Find out more and apply to volunteer on www.tolibrary.org/teens.



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SRC Story Slam: Color Our World

Friday, August 1 • 6:30pm - 8:00pm

GRB Community Room

Celebrate Summer Reading Club with a Story Slam showcasing the top 8 original stories inspired by the theme Color Your World. Enjoy powerful and creative storytelling from local writers!

Movie Matinées

Last Breath (Drama)

Monday, August 4 • 1:00pm

GRB Community Room

Focus Features.,

Rated PG-13, 2014, 1h 33m



The Friend (Comedy Drama)

Monday, August 18 • 1:00pm

GRB Community Room

Bleecker Street Media,

Rated R, 2025, 1h 59m



Conversations with Mom

Tuesdays, August 5, 12, 19, 26* • 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.

LSC Virtual Author Talks

Enjoy a range of talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders.

The Stories, Science, and History of Birds with Smithsonian Biologist Jay Falk

Tuesday, August 5 • 11:00am • Online

Returning to Romance Through Food and Flirty Fun in Fiction with Casey McQuiston

Wednesday, August 20 • 4:00pm • Online

How to Thrive in a World of Constant Chaos with Organizational Psychologist Dr. Tasha Eurich

Thursday, August 28 • 11:00am • Online

For more information and to register visit:
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Many Voices Book Club

Wednesday, August 6 • 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 **When My Ghost Sings** by Tara Sidhoo Fraser. Walk-ins welcome.

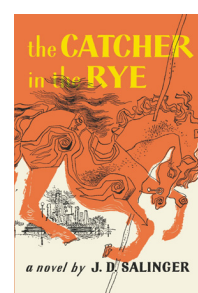


Friendly Book Discussion Group

Thursday, August 7 • 6:30pm - 7:30pm

GRB Tech Training Room and Zoom

First Thursday of every month. This month's book is **The Catcher in the Rye** by J.D. Salinger. Walk-ins welcome.



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Introduction to Hydroponics: Growing More in Less Space

Thursday, August 7 • 5:30pm - 7:00pm

GRB Community Room

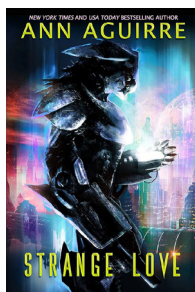
Discover the basics of hydroponic gardening in this class designed for beginners with limited growing space. Taught by certified Master Gardeners Terry Garman and Susan Gooden. *Registration recommended.* Walk-ins welcome.

Happily Ever After Book Club

Monday, August 11 • 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 **Strange Love** by **Ann Aguirre**. *Registration recommended.* Walk-ins welcome.



Open Mic Poetry Nights

Wednesday, August 13 • 6:00pm - 7:30pm

NPL Program Room

Wednesday, August 27 • 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

Thursdays, August 14 & 28 • 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.

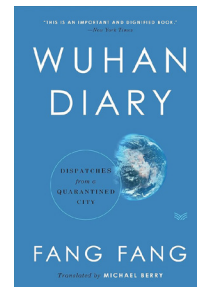
History Book Discussion Group

Thursday, August 14 • 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Goebel Adult Community Center

Second Thursday of every month.

This month's book is **Wuhan Diary** by **Fang Fang**.



Raised Bed Gardening

Wednesday, August 20 • 5:30pm - 7:00pm

NPL Meeting Room

Learn about types of raised beds, how to plant in a raised bed, and important tips on soil and irrigation. Taught by certified Master Gardener Lee Rosenboom. *Registration recommended.* Walk-ins welcome.

Spanish at Your Library

Wednesday, August 27 • 5:30pm - 6:30pm

GRB Tech Training Room

Advanced & intermediate learners can practice speaking Spanish under the guidance of a language-learning professional. *Registration preferred.* Walk-ins accepted if space is available.

Resume Mastery: A Career Development Workshop




Saturday, August 30 • 2:00pm - 3:00pm

NPL Meeting Room

Your resume is your first impression – make it count! In this workshop, dive into resume optimization strategies to grab employers' attention. Hosted by career coach Deanna Gurrola. *Registration recommended.* Walk-ins welcome.

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