

The Oakleaf

The Official Newsletter of the Thousand Oaks Library

October 2025



LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR

Saturday, October 25

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library



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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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CHILDREN

Check the online calendar for added events and sign up at: libcal.tolibrary.org/kids
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Kids/Family ●
Teens & Tweens ●
All Ages ●
Adults ●



Homework Help

Mondays • 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Tuesdays • 2:30pm - 4:30pm

NPL Meeting Room

Wednesdays & Thursdays • 3:00pm - 5:00pm

GRB Community Room *No session on Oct. 2nd*

Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Struggling with challenging school assignments?

*Our volunteers are here to help! **Closed on all CVUSD holidays & breaks.***

In-N-Out Cover to Cover Club

Saturday, October 4 - Saturday, November 15

Read 5 books or 300 minutes and earn a coupon for a free hamburger or cheeseburger at In-N-Out.

For ages 4 - 12 only. *To sign up, please speak with a librarian. **While supplies last.***

Dog Days

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28 • 3:30pm - 4:30pm

GRB Children's Program Room

Thursday, October 2 • 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.

Reading Buddies

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28 • 4:00pm - 4:30pm

NPL Meeting Room

Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

3:10pm - 3:40pm or 3:45pm - 4:15pm

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.***

Music & Movement

Saturday, October 11

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

GRB Community Room

Dance, clap and sing along with Ms. Cheryl during this fun, interactive program. For ages 0-5 years.

Registration required.

Future Einsteins

Friday, October 17 • 4:30pm - 5:15pm

GRB Community Room

*Learn about the center of gravity and more by creating your own balancing creatures! Led by a teen volunteer. Grades 1-5. **Registration Required.***

PACT with First 5 Ventura County

Friday, October 24 • 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.

Pathways to Science:

Mechanics – Robotic Hand

Friday, October 24 • 3:30pm - 4:30pm

NPL Meeting Room

*Join us to build a robotic hand and learn how mechanics makes the world work! Led by a teen volunteer. Grades 1-5. **Registration Required.***

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ENRICHMENT PLAYTIME

Join us for 30 minutes of unstructured playtime.

For Babies (0-12 months)

Tuesday, October 7 • 10:15am - 10:50am
GRB Community Room

For toddlers (12-36 months)

Wednesday, October 8 • 10:15am - 10:50am
GRB Community Room

For preschoolers (ages 3-5 years)

Thursday, October 9 • 10:15am - 10:50am
GRB Community Room



Craft Table: Jack-o-Lantern

October 29, 30, 31

Stop by either library to decorate a paper Jack-o-Lantern. While supplies last. For ages 3+.



STORYTIMES

Baby Storytime

Tuesdays, October 14, 21, & 28 • 10:15am - 10:35am
GRB Community Room

A lapsit storytime for babies 0-12 months.
Walk-ins welcome!

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays, October 1, 15, 22, & 29
10:15am - 10:35am & 11:00am - 11:20am
GRB Community Room

For ages 12-36 months. *Registration required.*

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, October 2, 23, & 30 • 10:15am - 11:00am
GRB Community Room

This is a storytime & craft for ages 3-5 years.
Walk-ins welcome!

Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Monday, October 27 • 6:15pm - 7:00pm
GRB Community Room

A bilingual (English/Spanish) storytime & craft for ages 3-5 years. Walk-ins welcome!

Newbury Park Toddler Storytime

Thursday, October 30 • 10:15am - 10:35am
NPL Meeting Room

For ages 12-36 months. Walk-ins welcome!

TWEENS & TEENS

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Coding Contest: Light Quest

October 1 - November 30

Create a video game that guides the robots on their quest to reignite the light of Planet Fiero! Prizes for select winners! Log into your Fiero Code account or set up a free coding account through the library for details to participate. **Ages 8-18.**

Financing and Preparing for College Workshop

Friday, October 10 • 4:30pm - 5:30pm

GRB Technology Training Room

Career & Education Path: Identify skills, explore salaries and careers, determine educational requirements and research schools. Taught by Financial Beginnings. Recommended ages 15+ or families preparing for college.

Reading Rocks! Book Club

Tuesday, October 14

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 Carrefour Curse** by **Dianne K. Salerni**. This month's Boulder's selection is **The Appearing House** by **Ally Malinenko**. **Registration required.**



Animal Portraits

Thursday, October 16 • 3:30pm-5:30pm

NPL Meeting Room

Create a 3D animal portrait out of egg carton and recycled crafts with CREATE STUDIO. Just for tweens and teens ages 11-18, grades 6-12.

Registration recommended.



Applying for College Information Session

Thursday, October 23 • 5:30pm-6:30pm

GRB Technology Training Room

Thursday, October 30 • 5:30pm-6:30pm

NPL Meeting Room

Get important information about preparing for college. Learn about applying to a community college, various programs offered, financial aid (FAFSA and CA Dream Act), and student support programs. Ask your questions to a Ventura College outreach specialist. For students or parents getting ready for college. **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 more chances to win. Just for tweens and teens ages 11-18, grades 6-12.

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Live Classical Guitar with Andre Giraldo

Saturday, October 4 • 2:00pm - 3:00pm

GRB Community Room

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of solo classical guitar, showcasing the rich music of Spain across the ages. Whether you're a classical music aficionado or a casual listener, enjoy this celebration of Spanish art and culture. **For all ages.**



Board Game Club

Tuesday, October 7 • 5:30pm - 7:30pm

GRB Teen Space

Love strategy board games but have a difficult time finding a consistent group to play with? Us too! Ages 14+ are invited to join us monthly to play games like Forbidden Island, Dungeon Mayhem, and Wingspan, or bring your own games to share with others!

Gosh Yarn It! Crochet Club

Friday, October 10 • 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+.**

Sound Bath Healing with Raising Mami Alchemy

Saturday, October 11 • 11:00am - 12:00pm

NPL Art Gallery

A sound bath is a meditative experience where participants relax while listening to soothing, resonant sounds created by instruments like sound bowls, gongs, and chimes. Bring a yoga mat or blanket. **Registration required. For teens 16+ and adults.**

Maker Mondays: Halloween

Monday, October 20 • 5:00pm - 7:00pm

GRB Teen Space

Stop by and choose a Fall-inspired design/experience using one or all of our 'maker' machines: Button maker, VR headset, 3D printer, and Cricut machine. **For ages 11+.**

Diwali Celebration: Festival of Lights

Sunday, October 12 • 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library

Join India Friends Association and the Thousand Oaks Library in this cultural celebration!

Beautiful Henna with Suchita

12:30pm - 3:30pm

A henna artist with over 20 years of experience, 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 Diwali Celebration.

The Significance of Diwali

1:00pm - 1:30pm

Enjoy an interactive skit by children and a short film on the Ramayana, the epic tale of King Rama, Queen Sita, and Hanuman, whose triumph over evil is celebrated during Diwali. Meet costumed characters for photos and questions. (Ages 4+)

Bollywood Dance Class

2:00pm - 2:45pm

Fun dance tutorial for all ages and skill levels with Monica Sarin of DanceBollywoodDance.

Local Author Fair

Saturday, October 25 • 1:00pm - 4:00pm

GRB Community Room

Meet and celebrate local authors from the Conejo Valley, Ventura County, and the L.A. area! Browse books, get them signed, and connect with fellow readers and writers. This year, a selection of participating authors will also share their work through live readings and discussions, giving you a unique chance to hear the stories behind the stories.

SCLU Mariachi Ensemble

Sunday, October 26 • 2:00pm - 3:00pm

GRB Community Room

The Cal Lutheran Mariachi Ensemble, directed by Rocio Marron, will perform a selection of vibrant and emotive pieces that showcase the depth and energy of this beloved genre. **For all ages.**

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New West Symphony Meet the Artist With Inna Faliks

Wednesday, October 1 • 6:30pm - 7:30pm

GRB Community Room

New West Symphony provides a unique 'behind the scenes' experience with Maestro Michael Christie. Learn about the artist's musical insights, illustrious careers, and fascinating beginnings, and enjoy an intimate musical performance.



Many Voices Book Club

Wednesday, October 1 • 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 **Long After We are Gone** by **Terah Shelton Harris**. Walk-ins welcome.

Friendly Book Discussion Group

Thursday, October 2 • 6:30pm - 7:30pm

GRB Tech Training Room and Zoom

First Thursday of every month. This month's book is **21 Lessons for the 21st Century** by Yuval Noah Harari. Walk-ins welcome.

Movie Matinéés

The Man Who Knew Infinity (Drama)

Monday, October 6 • 1:00pm

GRB Community Room

IFC Films, Rate PG-13, 2015, 1hr 48m

The Return (Drama)

Monday, October 20 • 1:00pm

GRB Community Room

Bleecker Street Media, Rated R, 2024, 1hr 56m



Conversations with Mom

Tuesdays, October 7, 21, 28* • 11:00am - 12:00pm

GRB Community Room *No session 10/14.*

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.

Spanish at Your Library

Wednesday, October 8 • 5:30pm - 6:30pm

GRB Technology Training Room

Advanced & intermediate learners are invited to join our informal Spanish conversation group to practice and improve with fellow language lovers, guided by a native speaker! *Registration recommended.* Walk-ins welcome.

Open Mic Poetry Nights

Wednesday, October 8 • 6:00pm - 7:30pm

NPL Program Room

Wednesday, October 22 • 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, October 9 • 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, October 9 • 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Goebel Adult Community Center

Second Thursday of every month. This month's book is **Battleground Ukraine** by **Adrian Karatnycky**.

Building Connections and Achieving Career Goals: A Career Development Workshop

Monday, October 13 • 6:00pm - 7:00pm

NPL Meeting Room

Learn how to build meaningful relationships, expand your network, and set career goals that drive success. Hosted by Career Coach Deanna Gurrola. *Registration recommended.* Walk-ins welcome.

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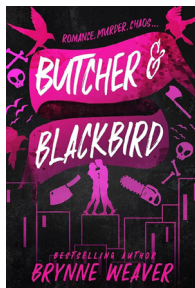


Happily Ever After Book Club

Monday, October 13 • 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 **Butcher & Blackbird** by **Brynn Weaver**.
Registration recommended. Walk-ins welcome.



What Can We Do To Protect, Improve, and Nurture our Soils?

Tuesday, October 14 • 6:00pm - 7:00pm

GRB Community Room

Learn about the importance of nurturing our garden's soil. *Registration recommended.* Walk-ins welcome.

Crafternoons

Friday, October 17 • 2:30pm - 4:00pm

NPL Meeting Room

Friday, October 24 • 2:30pm - 4:00pm

GRB Community Room

Adults are invited to join us at the Library to socialize and make a different craft each month! This month we will be making a Fall Bucket List. Materials provided. *Registration required.*

Fall Story Slam

Submissions due by Sunday, October 19th

Writers 18+ are invited to submit a story based on the themes of change, gratitude, and/or origins. Stories must be submitted by Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Library's Information Desk or emailed to info@tolibrary.org with the subject heading "Story Slam." Stories must be between 1,500-1800 words. The reading of the top 8 stories will be held in the Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room on Saturday, November 1st at 3pm. All readers will be notified on Friday, October 24.

All About Roses

Wednesday, October 22 • 6:00pm - 7:00pm

NPL Meeting Room

Learn to differentiate between different types of roses, and how to plant, care for, and prune them.
Registration recommended. Walk-ins welcome.

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

Registration required.

Register at: libcal.tolibrary.org/calendar/classes

Excel Basics 2: Working with Numbers

Wednesday, October 8 • 12:30pm - 2:15pm

NPL Tech Space

Learn how cells, formatting, formulas, and charts can be used for budgets, record-keeping, and statistical reports.

Using AI: Some Tips and Tricks

Wednesday, October 15 • 4:00pm - 5:00pm

NPL Meeting Room

Tuesday, October 28 • 3:30pm - 4:30pm

GRB Technology Training Room

Gain confidence with AI by exploring a selection of artificial intelligence tools.

Microsoft Word Basics

Thursday, October 23 • 3:00pm - 4:30pm

NPL Meeting Room

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word including how to use and navigate the available tools to write papers, resumes, invoices, and more.

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