National Library Week is April 14 - 20

During National Library Week and throughout April, libraries of all types host special events to highlight the unique role libraries play in people’s lives. Today’s libraries can help you discover a new and exciting world through collections, digital resources and more. Whether you come for homework or job searches, help with citizenship issues or finances, adult education classes or to find the best books for young readers, libraries are a great place to spend quality time and connect with loved ones and friends.

This year, the Thousand Oaks Library offers a variety of programs for children and adults to celebrate during National Library Week.

First off, enjoy the City of Thousand Oaks’ Arbor/Earth Day festival on Saturday, April 13 at Conejo Creek Park. From 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., you can visit a variety of earth-friendly booths and join the “green” activities. Walk over to the Grant R. Brimhall Library at 1:00 p.m. to hear about and see the history of the Chumash Indians with Dr. Kent Christenson. Both the festival, and the program at the Library are free and open to all ages.

Mystery lovers won’t want to miss the mystery writing workshop, Novel Writing: The Essential Beginnings of Writing Novels, or How in the Heck Do Authors Do It? Held at the Grant R. Brimhall Library and open to all writers, the workshop will be presented by Patricia Smiley, President of the Los Angeles Chapter of Sisters in Crime on Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Bring the children for fun reading practice at Read to Me, Read to You on Thursday, April 18. From 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Newbury Park Branch, and from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Grant R. Brimhall Library, children from preschool to grade 3 can either be read to, or practice their own reading skills with librarians and TOTAL teens.

On Saturday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m. come to the Grant R. Brimhall Library (continues on page 3)
Online Courses Now Available Through ed2go

Thousand Oaks Library has recently acquired ed2go, an online educational program from Gale, part of Cengage Learning. Through this program, Thousand Oaks Library card holders will be able to access instructor-led online courses in a variety of subjects, for free.

The ed2go program offers patrons access to hundreds of courses, covering everything from health and wellness to creative writing, computer programming, GED test preparation and more. Courses are developed by expert instructors, many currently teaching at universities around the country. Each course lasts six weeks and features 12 lessons with online discussions, homework, quizzes, and a final exam. Once the course is finished, it begins again, and continues throughout the year.

Thousand Oaks Library patrons may enroll and participate in classes either at the library or from their home computer. There is no charge for Thousand Oaks Library cardholders, but you will need your library card number to enroll.

Your link to further education and personal development on your own schedule, is www.ed2go.com/l-thou91049, or you can go to the library website (www.toaks.org/library), navigate to Research and choose the ed2go link. Once there, you can browse the catalog to find something interesting, or search for something specific. Choose the date you want to begin, set up an account, and you’re on your way!

Please call the Grant R. Brimhall Library at 805-449-2660, option 5 for more information.

Fascinating First Ladies

Who was the First Lady who requested that “Hail to the Chief” be played routinely for all presidential entrances because she was concerned that her husband “was not an impressive figure, so some announcement was necessary to avoid the embarrassment of his entering a crowded room unnoticed”?

Special guest Jim Neilson will answer this question and others during this “fascinating” program about our First Ladies. Mr. Neilson is currently the President of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library and is an active docent at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Museum and Library. An avid First Ladies history buff, he has made this presentation to several civic groups in the area, including the Daughters of the American Revolution chapters in Thousand Oaks and Bakersfield, California.

This free program begins at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2013. It is open to the public and appropriate for all ages. For more information, please call 805-449-2660, ext. 7358 or visit www.toaks.org/library.
The Thousand Oaks Library has recently added these materials to its collection:

**FICTION**
- **The Soldier’s Wife** (Fiction) by Margaret Leroy
- **Hiss and Hers: An Agatha Raisin Mystery** (Mystery) by M.C. Beaton

**NON-FICTION**
- **Winner Take All: China’s Race for Resources and What it Means for the World** by Dambisa Moyo
- **The Irish Way: Becoming American in the Multiethnic City** by James R. Barrett
- **Marvel Comics: The Untold Story** by Sean Howe

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**Information Advantage**

When you need reliable information, take advantage of the powerful research tools available at your library.

**Featured Resource: BookFlix**

BookFlix is an online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks from Weston Woods with nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to reinforce early reading skills and to build a love of reading and learning in children. BookFlix is a great literacy resource for children in PreK through third grade, reluctant readers, and English language learners.

To access, click on the Online Research & Homework Help icon on the library’s website, then select “Databases A-Z” and choose BookFlix.

Each category in BookFlix has several storybook videos paired with a nonfiction eBook. The user can turn on the Read Along feature or off, in both the video and the eBook formats, which will highlight each word as it is read. In the eBook, less familiar words appear in a yellow box that the user can click on to get the definition of each word. They can also click the sound icon to have the definition read to them.

Other features include the “Puzzler” option and “Meet the Author.”

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**Teen Wii Tournament**

Teens in grades 6-12 can show off their dance moves and/or rumble with *Just Dance* and *Super Smash Bros* tournaments at the Newbury Park Branch Library. Gift cards will be awarded to the winners! Games begin on Thursday, March 14 at 3:30 pm.

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for the musical program, **Songs We Sing**, featuring performers from California Lutheran University. This family-friendly program directed by Heidi Valencia Vas will help participants understand different genres of music — from choral to opera, jazz and musical theater.

Earlier in the month, join dramatist Martha Abbey Miller on Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m., as she presents her new show, *Eleanor, Lucy, and the Man in the Middle: A Perspective on FDR*.

Visit the library website at www.toaks.org/library for details on all these programs or contact the library at 805-449-2660, x7358.

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**Wednesday, May 22 - Resisting the Pressures of the Present: Channel Islands National Park as a Case Study in Public Policymaking** with *Scott Frisch, Professor Political Science*. Examines the policy making process surrounding the establishment of Channel Islands National Park and the ensuing controversies over funding and continuation of hunting within the Park boundaries. Data for this analysis are drawn from documentary material contained in the archival record as well as through interviews with individuals who were involved in the policy making process.

Join us for one or all of these informative and interesting lecture/discussions.
**Irish 🍀 Storytelling**

On Saturday, March 16, bring the family and get into the spirit of St. Patrick’s Day with Irish storyteller Rebecca Martin who will perform at the Newbury Park Branch Library at 11:30 a.m. and the Grant R. Brimhall Library at 2:00 p.m. Meet the most famous of the Irish heroes, the brave and clever Finn MacCool, as well as the wild hairy men of the Fianna, and then pay a visit to the world of Fairy in this program that celebrates the rich heritage of the Celts and the Irish.

**Comedy Fundraiser**

Get ready to laugh at the first Comedy Night Fundraiser for the Thousand Oaks Library Foundation on Friday, April 5 at 8:00 p.m. This entertaining program at the Grant R. Brimhall Library will feature well-known funny-man Jason Love and other comedic stars along with a silent auction and refreshments. A $20 donation is suggested.

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**The Conejo Valley Since 1959...in Photographs**

On Sunday, February 24, the Thousand Oaks Library Foundation sponsored a program at the Grant R. Brimhall Library, featuring photographer Ed Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence came to the Conejo Valley as a freelance photographer in 1959. He later opened Conejo Camera, then devoted the bulk of his work to photographing the Conejo Valley as it grew and changed. Today, his historical photographs are a part of the Thousand Oaks Library archives.

(Left) A selection of Ed Lawrence’s photos of the Conejo Valley.

(Below) Ed Lawrence speaks with members of the audience.

(Left) Cowboy on the set of “Gunsmoke” in what is now the Wildwood area of Thousand Oaks.