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# spring cleaning



Tracy Keys and Sandra Tsing Loh

**S**pringtime inspires us to renew, rejuvenate and renovate with longer days and the natural world emerging from winter.

The Newport Beach Central Library is abuzz with spring cleaning and renewal. By the time you read this, the Popular Library that occupies the main area on the first floor will be transformed into a modern space that invites browsing and a greatly enhanced customer experience. The space has not been fully upgraded since the Central Library opened in 1994 and a major gift received by the Library Foundation makes it possible now.

If it has been awhile since you visited the Central Library, I invite you to take a look. Grab a coffee at Bistro 24 Café and browse the new shelves full of DVDs and audiobooks. Renew your passport (yes, the library offers this wonderful service).

Check out your favorite magazines in a

comfy new chair. Bring those photos you have meaning to digitize and use the library's new scanners for high-quality images.

I am excited about the transformation here not only in the physical space but also in the creative ways that people are using the Library. The Media Lab has become a "makerspace" which is essentially a big toolbox to invent, design and create in a distraction-and-advertising-free environment.

The Library Foundation Board of Directors and staff are re-energized this season after a recent retreat where we revisited priorities and established initiatives to better serve the Library. Our organization has increased membership as a result of new outreach efforts and programming including the members-only event with luminary Joyce Carol Oates in April. Our Endowment Fund has reached \$2.5 million with careful and responsible management. And, the Library Foundation is planning a very special gala for 2017 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of *The Witte Lectures*.

I invite you to use the Library to take a class online, make a photo book, hear a lecture, create a blog, record a song...or just simply read a book. It is YOUR library and it's getting better all the time. Reinventing, renewing, staying relevant and adding value to civic life is what we are about. Thank you for making it possible!

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April 12-18

## national library week

Lynne Cox

Sunday, April 12 @ 2:00pm

Central Library Children's Room

Meet long-distance, open-water swimmer, Lynne Cox, who swam across the English Channel, around the Strait of Magellan and across the Bering Strait from the U.S. to the former Soviet Union. An inspirational speaker, Lynne will talk about her miraculous encounter with the baby gray whale she writes about in her book, *Grayson*, as well as her new book *Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas*, the story of a real-life elephant seal.

Free admission; no reservations required.

For more information: 949.717.3830

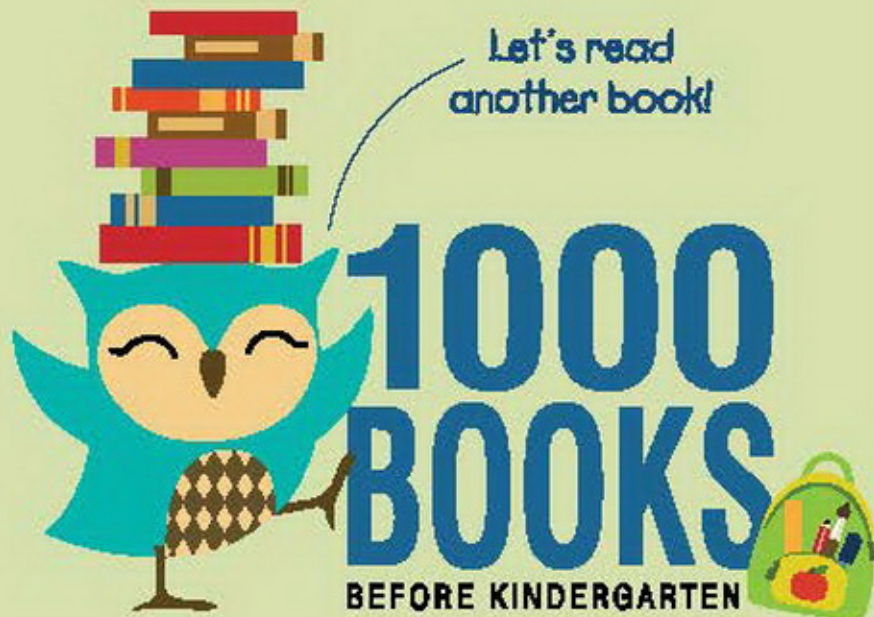
1000 books  
before kindergarten

Reading aloud to children is considered to be an important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading.

This season the library is participating in a nationwide program called *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*, founded by the 1000 Books Foundation in Nevada, a year round reading program designed to help parents prepare their children for school. For the first time, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a policy statement (June 2014) that promotes reading aloud to children daily, beginning in infancy.

Any child may participate who has not yet entered kindergarten. Register at any branch in the Newport Beach Public Library system and receive a free tote bag along with your first reading log! Prizes will be given along the path to reading 1,000 books before kindergarten.

For more information, visit [newportbeachlibrary.org](http://newportbeachlibrary.org)



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# spoken word rocks the library!

The Witte Lectures started with a bang this year! Armed with only words and microphones, Sarah Kay and Phil Kaye created a space for laughter and empathy during their evening of spoken word poetry. The after-party featured The Lime Truck, winners of The Great Food Truck Race on the Food Network, and local microbrew, courtesy of Cismontane. DJ Mister Child lit up the place with his vinyl collection. Thanks to the dedicated Witte Lectures committee for their vision in bringing Kay & Kaye and enormous gratitude to our sponsors.



Sarah Kay, Phil Kaye



Sarah Kay, Reiko Kaye, Phil Kaye



Paolo Leon, Candice Leon, John Sosin



David Gardner, Martyn Christian



Tracy Schroeder, Michael Kaye, Jassel Lizardi



Keiko Sakamoto Witte with Lime Truckers



Tom Child, Martyn Christian



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The Lime Truck



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Sandra Tsing Loh enlivens the audience with *The Madwoman in the Volvo*.



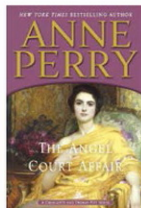
## anne perry

Thursday, June 11 @ 7:00pm

### *the angel court affair*

Anne Perry is the international bestselling author of more than fifty novels, which have sold more than 25 million copies. *The Times* (UK) selected her as one of the 20th Century's "100 Masters of Crime."

Her first series of Victorian crime novels, featuring Thomas and Charlotte Pitt, began with *The Cater Street Hangman*. The latest of these, *The Angel Court Affair*, is her most recent of many appearances on the *New York Times* bestseller list. Ms. Perry is here for one night only from the UK.

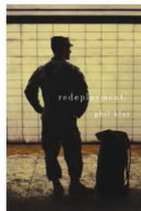


## phil klay

Thursday, November 5 @ 7:00pm

### *from the front lines of war: exploring themes of violence, survival, grief and fear*

United States Marine Corps veteran Phil Klay wowed critics and readers alike with his debut short story collection, *Redeployment*, which won the 2014 National Book Award for Fiction. Klay, who served in Iraq, "captures, on an intimate scale, what happens when young American soldiers collide with a fractured and deeply foreign country few of them understand." (Excerpted from the *New York Times Book Review*, March 8, 2015.)



### details:

Seating is limited to 200

Cost for each program: \$20\* / \$25

\*Discounted price for Library Foundation members

### schedule:

Doors open at 6:30pm

Program: 7:00-8:30pm

Book sales & signing: 8:30-9:00pm

Coffee & sweets reception

### purchase tickets:

Online: [nbplfoundation.org](http://nbplfoundation.org)

Phone: 949.548.2411

Info: [events@nbplfoundation.org](mailto:events@nbplfoundation.org)

**NOTE:** Please print your purchase confirmation as tickets will not be mailed for these events.

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Newport Beach Public Library Foundation continues to grow and strengthen the library as a center for education and access to information, enriching our community, thanks to the generosity of our committed members, foundations, corporations and endowment fund donors.

Consistent with our mission, we direct our support for the library into three major categories: resources, programs and culture. Other enhancements for Central Library and its three branches are funded as well. Data represents Library Foundation support in 2014-2015.

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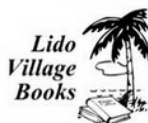
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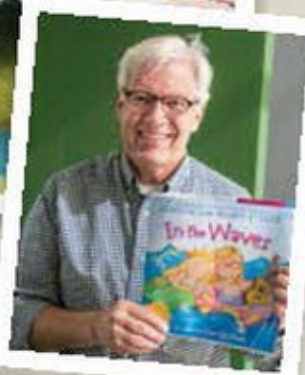


**W**e wanted to share a few highlights from recent

*Making Memories for Children* programs with musician Craig Newton and illustrator Steve Bjorkman. Kids' imaginations were ignited by the opportunity to try out book illustration and play musical instruments at the library while parents took a breather. Thank you Terry and Sharon Bridges, and Jason and Donna Sherr for making awesome programs like this possible!

“ I believe there is no part of our lives, our adult as well as child life, when we're not fantasizing, but we prefer to relegate fantasy to children, as though it were some tomfoolery only fit for the immature minds of the young. Children do live in fantasy and reality; they move back and forth very easily in a way we no longer remember how to do.”




— Maurice Sendak





# CALENDAR

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Library Live Joyce Carol Oates Is the Uninspired Life Worth Living? 7:00pm	3	4
5	6 It's Your Estate Estate Planning Basics 10:00-11:30am	7	8 Book Group A Charming Life by Liza Campbell 9:15-11:00am	9	10	11
12	13 It's Your Estate Adv. Health Care Dir., Powers of Attorney & Conservatorship 10:00-11:30am	14	15		17 Witte Lectures Gov. Jennifer Granholm Cracking the Code on Creating Jobs in the U.S. 7:00pm	18 Witte Lectures Gov. Jennifer Granholm Cracking the Code on Creating Jobs in the U.S. 2:00pm
19	20 It's Your Estate Living Trusts & More 10:00-11:30am	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 It's Your Estate Charitable Income & Tax Planning Issues 10:00-11:30am	28	29	30		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
3	4 It's Your Estate IRA & Retirement Plan Distributions 10:00-11:30am	5 	6	7	8	9 Making Memories for Children Bunnies & Books for Kids Festival 10:00am-1:00pm
10	11 It's Your Estate Role of a Trustee & Executor 10:00-11:30am	12	13 Book Group Sweet Tooth by Ian McEwan 9:15-11:00am	14	15	
17	18 It's Your Estate Case Study/Review 10:00-11:30am	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

MAY

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Book Group The Good Lord Bird by James McBride 9:15-11:00am	11 Library Live Anne Perry The Angel Court Affair 7:00pm	12	13
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28	29	30				



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The Newport Beach Public Library Foundation funds valuable library resources and programs — engaging the community in cultural and intellectual adventure through the sponsorship of diverse public programs and cutting-edge library enhancements.

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In memory of Bill Herrmann  
Alfred Cellier  
In memory of H. Warren Knight  
Lula Belle Jenkins  
Neil MacFarlane  
Byron & Lee Stookey  
In memory of Louise Woolsey  
We acknowledge the passing of  
Allan Fainberg (1919-2015) and  
are grateful for his support of our  
programs along with his wife  
Sandy for many years.

## In memory of Alison Baker Frenzel

*I would like to pay tribute to  
Alison Baker Frenzel who passed  
away on December 27th. Alison  
served on the original Library  
Foundation Board of Directors  
with the same commitment and  
enormous passion she gave  
to all of the arts and cultural  
organizations she was dedicated  
to in her lifetime. It was Alison  
who reached out to me and  
offered me the first staff position  
created for the Newport Beach  
Public Library Foundation. Thank  
you, Alison, for opening up a new  
chapter in my life and for being a  
true visionary in all things arts and  
education.*

—Tracy Keys, Executive Director

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We warmly welcome the following  
people who joined during  
December, January and February.

Ms. Constance J. Allen  
Ms. Michelle Arch  
Ms. Leila Belkora  
Dr. Barbara Bitters  
Ms. Stacey Blaschke  
Don & Patricia Boortz  
Mr. Jason Brady  
Carol & Steve Brower

Ms. Amy Carson-Dwyer  
Mr. Alfred Cellier  
Susanna T. Clemans  
Ms. Kimberly M. Cook  
Ms. Karin Crilly  
Mrs. Lesley Danziger  
Bill & Ann Dennis  
Ms. Joy E. Dittberner  
Sandy & Gerry Emerson  
Ms. Linda England  
Mrs. Andrea Epstein  
Paul & Scottia Evans  
Ms. Ilana Feldman  
Barbara & Lou Fryer  
Mrs. Amy Fulford  
Ellen Girardeau-Kempler  
& Roger Kempler  
Ms. Nancy L. Kidder  
Ms. Karen Klammer  
Ms. Deborah Laughton  
Kathy Lazarus  
JinHee Lee  
Ms. Debra Levin  
Ms. Bobbi LeVine  
Ms. Barbara Manalis  
Mr. George Monahan  
Ms. Judy Johnson  
Aline & Alec Ohanesian  
Ms. Leslie O'Rourke  
Ms. Colleen Premier  
Hoshi & Sandra Printer  
David & Catalina Quintero  
Francine & Robert Ragland  
Ms. Anita Razin  
Mrs. Cynthia Rhodes-Crahan  
Thomas B. Rogers & Sally Anderson  
John & Cathy Rokicki  
Jeffrey S. Rovner & Marrie Stone  
Renee & David Sacks  
Kay & Steve Sandland  
Ms. Denise Schoenberg  
Ms. Laura Seiler  
Frances Shelby & Charles Nelson  
Ms. Kathleen Simpson  
Dr. Susan Skinner  
Ms. Mary Stapleton  
Ms. Brenda Sunoo  
Mrs. Laurel Tippet  
Ms. Marcia Vaughan  
Alex & Connie Wang  
Doug West & Irene Ziebarth  
Peggy Wilson & Cris Rinkler  
Mr. Marc Wright  
Mr. George Zebot



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*save the date!*  
*making memories for children*

2ND ANNUAL  
**bunnies &  
books for kids  
festival**

Hop on over for the coolest kids' event of the season!

**When:** Saturday, May 9 @ 10:30am-1:00pm

**Where:** Central Library & the Civic Center Green

**What:** Indoor-outdoor event includes bunny-themed storytelling, kids' activities, face painting, crafts and a scavenger hunt. Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck will be on the scene making plenty of mischief. Bistro 24 Café will have bunny themed kids lunch boxes for \$5.00!

**Info:** 949.548.2411 or 949.717.3830  
nbplfoundation.org



This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation.