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Masha Gessen
National Book Award Winner
in *The Witte Lectures*



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Who We Are & Why It Matters

As we usher in another glorious spring here in our gorgeous city by the sea, on behalf of the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation, I want to express my gratitude to our members and program attendees.

If you participated in the December survey, thank you! We are taking your feedback seriously and are working to integrate some of your suggestions into our organization. Several people commented on not understanding the Library Foundation's role here and the fact that it is distinct from the Library itself as well as the Friends of the Library.

WHO ARE WE?

The Library Foundation is a non-profit organization that was established in 1994 to provide supplemental funding to the City's budget for the Newport Beach Public Library system (Central, Mariners, Balboa and Corona del Mar branches). Since 1994, we have also become a significant source of educational and cultural programming for the Library. The Library Foundation has an annual operating budget of \$800,000, with just three full-time staff members. Our offices are located at the Central Library.

WHAT DO WE DO?

The Library Foundation raises private funds to provide valuable library resources. We spearhead and produce programs to engage the community in cultural and intellectual adventure. We provide cutting-edge library enhancements.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Imagine no lectures by distinguished speakers. No Pulitzer Prize-winners on the stage. Imagine no resources like e-books or free remote access to lynda.com or the Blu-ray film collection at Balboa. No media and sound labs. No *Books & Bunnies for Kids Festival* in May. No more Financial Literacy workshops with Peter Kote. No moderated book discussion group or memoir writing classes. No funding for enhancements like new furniture, innovative shelving and custom study carrels. No self-checkout machines. The Newport Beach Public Library would be a very different place.

I mentioned the Friends of the Library, the other non-profit support group. They do a phenomenal job raising funds for the Library with the bookstore. Again, our Library would be a very different place without the more than \$200,000 they provide each year for school visits, materials and programming. A cadre of volunteers staff their operations and they are amazing.



The Library is fortunate to have two support groups raising funds in different ways with the same goal: to have an exceptional library. The Library Foundation needs your continued financial support, no matter the amount appropriate for you to give. Only with private funds to supplement the City's budget can we have a first-rate library.

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We are very excited about Kanopy, a phenomenal new library service you definitely want to know about. Kanopy is an on-demand streaming video service for public libraries and educational institutions that provides library patrons, students and faculty with access to a large collection of films. Newport Beach Public Library cardholders can watch up to five films per month. Kanopy has thousands of classic and independent films, documentaries, and educational videos for free. Download the Kanopy app on smartphones, tablets and computers. It is also available on Roku or Apple TV.

Visit newportbeachlibrary.org and start viewing now!



**PACIFIC LIFE
FOUNDATION**

\$5,000 Grant Received

Thank you Pacific Life Foundation for supporting our *Library Live* series once again this year with a \$5,000 grant. We are deeply honored and proud to be included among grant recipients. The *Library Live* series is at the core of literary offerings at the Central Library; the grant will enable us to continue curating programs with notable authors.

Photo: Cathy Voreyer, NBPLF Board Vice-Chair with Tennyson Oyler, Pacific Life Foundation President.



NOTE: The Shakespeare reading group was planned in conjunction with The Hamlet Trial to be staged with former UCI School of Law Dean, Erwin Chemerinsky. The "trial" will be held on Wednesday, April 11, from 6:00-7:30pm, at the Irvine Barclay Theatre.

Reading Shakespeare

Experience the joys of reading or revisiting Hamlet at our new program, *Reading Hamlet with UCI's Shakespeare Center*.

When: Wednesdays @ 10:00am-12:00pm
April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 9, 16, 23

Where: Charles Sword Meeting Room, Newport Beach Central Library 2nd Floor, 1000 Avocado Avenue

UCI Professor of English Andrea Henderson will be moderating this reading group. Professor Henderson teaches Shakespeare in the Department of English, is a specialist in Victorian Literature and Guggenheim Fellowship recipient. UCI will provide copies of the play.

Seating is limited and registration is required.

Information / Registration: Contact Susan Groux at sgroux@newportbeachca.gov or 949.717-3818.

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*At the time of publication.

Season Highlights

The 21st season commenced with packed houses for David Frum and Dr. R. David Edelman. The new post-lecture light supper has proven to be a hit! We love to have our guests continue the conversation in our beautiful library.

If you missed the lecture by David Frum, you can watch it on our website: nbpfoundation.org.



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1. Chris Fletcher, Malin Fletcher, John Gunnin
2. Guest with David Frum
3. Randy Heyler, Janet Hadley, Kelly Heyler
4. Gordon McAlpine, Greg MacGillivray
5. Dr. Peter Keller, Signe Keller
6. Mark Murray, Mariellen Murray, Ellen Shockro
7. Jill Johnson-Tucker, Jene Witte, Eleanor Jaffy
8. Guests enjoying supper by The Bungalow



Maira Kalman

April 6-7

Art & the Power of Not Knowing

Maira Kalman is the author and illustrator of 25 books for children and young adults including *Why We Broke Up*, which she created with Daniel Handler. A longtime contributor to *The New Yorker* magazine, Kalman is currently at work on an illustrated column based on her travels to museums and libraries. She is also in collaboration with choreographer John Heginbotham on a ballet inspired by her work *The Principles of Uncertainty*. In addition to performing in the ballet, Kalman has also created the costumes, sets and libretti. She has designed fabrics and accessories with Isaac Mizrahi, Kate Spade, Michael Maharam and the Target Corporation, as well as ballet sets and costumes for the Mark Morris Dance Company and mannequins for Ralph Pucci.



Masha Gessen

April 27-28

The Future is History

Winner of the National Book Award for Nonfiction 2017

A self-proclaimed "opposition journalist in Russia," Masha Gessen is the author of many books, including *Words Will Break Cement: The Passion of Pussy Riot*. As a journalist living in Moscow, Gessen experienced the rise of Vladimir Putin firsthand. In her 2012 bestselling book *The Man Without a Face: The Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin*, she gave a chilling account of how a low-level, small-minded KGB operative ascended to the Russian presidency and, in a short time, destroyed years of progress and made his country once more a threat to her own people and to the world. Gessen will speak about her new book, *The Future Is History*, winner of the National Book Award 2017, in which she follows the lives of four people born at what promised to be the dawn of democracy in Russia.



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FRIDAY EVENTS

\$50/\$40* per person, per lecture

7:00pm Lecture and Q&A
8:30pm Book sales & signing
Light supper & wine

SATURDAY EVENTS

\$35/\$30* per person, per lecture

2:00pm Lecture and Q&A
3:15pm Book sales & signing
Dessert & coffee

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Season Highlights

We often get the questions, "How is *Library Live* different from *The Witte Lectures*? Why have two lecture series?" *Library Live* is always about books and primarily a literary series, whereas *The Witte Lectures* are topic-driven and the speakers may or may not have written books. *Library Live* offers some programs free to the public if the author is on book tour. Sponsorship, ticket sales and support from the Library Foundation fund both of these programs at the Library. We are so proud to present Colson Whitehead, author of *The Underground Railroad*, during our *Library Live* season.



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1. Dr. Ike Kempler, Diane Evans
2. Nancy Dahlfors, Steve Lopez, Jennifer Friend
3. Gary Taubes, Sam & Tammy Tang
4. Carmen Guo, Dr. Tom Staple, Susan Groux
5. Mary Anderson, Karen Kewell Jacoby
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8. Jack Schoellerman, Tracy Keys, Katy Schoellerman

Charles & Suzanne Turner



They met at Kern General Hospital in Bakersfield in 1955 where Sue was a lab technologist and Chuck was a medical resident. A love for travel overtook both of them early on, and they have since logged 220 countries and territories including 55 cruises. Since Chuck's retirement special emphasis has been on the exotic such as Mongolia, Iceland, Greenland, Siberia, New Guinea, Antarctica, Iran, Galapagos, Easter Island and the Persian Gulf. Piloting a private plane afforded Chuck and Sue the opportunity to explore all 50 states, Mexico and parts of Canada.

1. All-time favorite books?

A Moveable Feast by Ernest Hemingway, *King of the Wind* by Marguerite Henry, *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand and *Passages* by Gail Sheehy; *The Little Book of Hygge: Danish Secrets to Happy Living* by Meik Wiking (Sue), *One Summer: America 1927* by Bill Bryson (Chuck).

2. What is on your nightstand?

Misquoting Jesus by Bart Ehrman, Department of Religion at University of North Carolina (Chuck); *What She Ate* by Laura Shapiro and *What Happened* by Hillary Clinton (Sue).

3. Favorite place to read?

Both answered "in bed, on vacation, in my favorite chair."

4. Hardback, paperback or e-book?

Both answered print only, although Chuck has been navigating the waters of e-books.

5. Favorite place in the world?

Papua New Guinea and Antarctica (Chuck). Hawaii, Paris and Hong Kong (Sue).

6. Most valuable lesson to teach grandchildren?

Be respectful and truthful to all people. Wisdom and travel are the most important tools for peace in the world.

7. Who are your heroes?

For Chuck it was a Biology professor, Dr. Cavanaugh at Louisiana College who inspired him to become a physician. For Sue it was her Aunt Florence who often took her to the library at USC where she worked. Those hours in the stacks changed her life. Sue also included her husband and travel guru Rick Steves.

8. Where do you get your news?

Time, NBC News, *Los Angeles Times*, CNN.

9. What has been your greatest adventure?

Five months in Europe guided by Arthur Frommer's *Europe on Five Dollars a Day*. Iran with a group of clients accompanied by armed guards on the corridor between Pakistan and Afghanistan; being in Rome for the funeral of Pope Pius and in Berlin when the wall came down.



10. What are the most important offerings of libraries?

They are one of the most important institutions in the world. Trinity Library in Dublin, Library of Alexandria — storehouses of humankind's ideas and history. Here, it is the lecture series and the sheer efficiency of the Newport Beach Public Library. The ease of borrowing without accumulating more books at home and the reminder/check-out systems run like a Swiss watch. Anything we have ever wanted to borrow has been there.

Bonus question: Is there an unwritten book you will miss?

Sue answered this one with an emphatic, "Yes! Sue Grafton's last novel in the Kinsey Millhone Alphabet Series. I read A through Y and I will never know how the series ends."

We finally caught up with a couple reluctant to be in the spotlight and yet so committed to the Library Foundation that they pressed pause for a moment. Dr. Charles and Sue Turner possess an unabated interest in art, culture, education and lifelong learning. The Library is a better place because of the resources provided and improvements made with their largess.

Hailing from New Orleans, Dr. Turner has devoted a lifetime to Family and Internal Medicine. During his 30 years of private practice, he was elected Chairman of Internal Medicine, Family Medicine and was Chief of Staff at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach. Dr. Turner served our country as Chief Surgeon of the 7th Infantry Division Artillery in the Korean War.

Sue recently retired from a long career in the travel industry. Although travel has changed dramatically since the Internet, no travel app or website can match a knowledgeable and passionate human being with first-hand experience to plan a trip like Sue Turner. She founded Newporter Travel / Vacation Boatique in 1974 with offices in Newport Beach, Palm Desert and Dallas. Sue still finds planning trips abroad for friends irresistible. The couple made Newport Beach their home base in 1959.

Mission Statement:

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.

We are a membership-driven organization. Fulfilling our mission is possible because of the individuals and corporations below. Thank you!

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We acknowledge the generous contributions by Dr. Irwin ("Ike") Kempler and his loving family for inspiring the "Kempler Conversations" within the *Library Live* series. The program in January with *Los Angeles Times* reporter Steve Lopez illuminated the growing problem of homelessness and mental illness. Dr. Kempler also provided funding for the *Medicine in Our Backyard* programs this year.

In Memory of Betty Steele

Elizabeth 'Betty' Steele has been an integral part of the library story since before the Central Library opened in 1994. She helped to establish the Library Foundation's endowment fund and has contributed more than \$321,000 over the past twenty years. Betty and her family's charitable foundation played a huge part in building this community and its arts, culture and educational institutions.



*Kempler Family with Steve Lopez
L to R: Ellen Girardeau Kempler, Diane Evans, Alex Michelle Kempler, Alejandra Alarcon, Dr. Ike Kempler, Steve Lopez, Roger Kempler*

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8	9 It's Your Estate 10:00-11:30am	10	11 Book Group 9:15-11:00am <i>Underground Railroad</i> Shakespeare Reading Group 10:00am		13	14
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Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Friday, May 11 @ 4:00-5:00pm

Bring your stuffed animal friend and let them have an overnight adventure at the library!

Curious to know what goes on in the library after everyone has gone home? Lend us your favorite stuffed animal and find out! Come to the library and share a pajama storytime with your stuffed animal. Complete a craft, wave goodbye and let your animal go off on their own overnight library adventure. Follow their activities on the Library's Instagram page. Pick up is the next morning at 9:30 am...just in time for the *Bunnies & Books for Kids Festival*.

What to bring:

- YOU in your PJs
- Your favorite stuffed animal friend

Details:

- Ages 3-12, registration required
- Newport Beach Central Library Children's Room
- Online: newportbeachlibrary.org
- Info: teenservices@newportbeachca.gov or sgroux@newportbeachca.gov

DON'T MISS THE FIFTH ANNUAL

Bunnies & Books for Kids Festival

The OC Children's Book Festival is bringing authors this year! Whale of a Tale Children's Bookshoppe will be here too. Get ready for story time, arts & crafts, games, live rescue bunnies and a literal walk through a storybook in our Storywalk® at the Central Library and Civic Green. Join us for the biggest kids' event of the year!

Saturday, May 12 @ 10:30am

- Central Library Friends Room & Civic Green
- Admission is FREE
- No reservations required
- Info: events@nbplfoundation.org or 949.548-2411

