

# BOOKMARK

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

SUMMER 2015



this summer...  
where will you go?  
what will you read?





Tracy Keys with special guests at the 2nd Annual Bunnies & Books for Kids Festival

## good vibrations

Recently a friend gave me an article from her personal archives, an editorial from *Coast Magazine* circa 1995, written by the magazine's founder and then editor-in-chief Jim Wood. Jim, a former Library Trustee and member of the inaugural committee of *The Witte Lectures* (formerly *The Martin W. Witte Distinguished Speakers Lecture Series*), wrote about what defines a "successful" environment. The new Central Library had just opened in July 1994. Jim noted, "It's not just the spacious architecture, or the art, or the natural light, or compatible colors, or the logically arranged materials, or the high-tech, user-friendly retrieval systems. It's all of those things combined. But the critical ingredient to a successful environment's energy is people. Without them, all that material stuff is just stuff. And it's not only the helpful library staff, but the people who feel so comfortable there they find a reason to visit the environment regularly. You know, like the way you wear that favorite outfit time after time. The one that makes you feel good. Enough said. Read on...and let's get together often." I could not have described the environment here at the Central Library more aptly (and not just Central but its vibrant branches as well).

The article is a reminder of what a treasured resource we have enjoyed for nearly 21 years at the Newport Beach Public Library system. With the library expansion, as part of the new Civic Center, customers have more workspace with abundant natural light, a café, and more high-tech resources and programs than ever to access. However, the real heart and soul of this library is the live staff person who recommends books and film titles based on your interests, answers your reference question, shows you how to download e-books or reads a story to your child.

I want to thank each and every person on the library staff for contributing to the success of this environment. Finally, thank you Library Foundation members for providing the monetary resources needed to have a library system of this caliber. Enjoy the summer season and let us know what you are reading!

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## summer reading

We are big fans of Gordon McAlpine's *The Misadventures of Edgar Allan Poe* trilogy. They are a must for any young adult (or not so young adult) summer reading list.

In *The Tell-Tale Start*, twins Edgar and Allan Poe foiled the nefarious Professor Perry, who wanted to use them in his deadly quantum entanglement experiment. In *Once Upon a Midnight Eerie*, they took on his equally evil mother and daughter. Now, in *The Pet and the Pendulum*, it's time for the final showdown, which takes place in an old mansion outside Baltimore. As with the first two books, *The Pet and the Pendulum* is filled with codes, brain-teasers, wit, and cameos by the actual Edgar Allan Poe, who watches over his great-great-nephews from the Great Beyond. Readers won't want to miss the trilogy's explosive finish!



## road trip nation

This welcome antidote to the conventional career guide answers the old question—"So, what are you going to do with your life?"—in a groundbreaking way. From the team behind the campus and online resource, and the inspirational TV series now in its eleventh season, ROADMAP helps emerging careerists think deeply about how they can enter the workforce and thrive, using Roadtrip Nation's interest-based approach. Full-color charts and graphs offer a unique, visually engaging reading experience, making the reading process interactive and the discoveries personally impactful. Interviews and advice from more than 130 leaders including Ahmir Questlove, Jad Abumrad and Soledad O'Brien show how they found their path and provide inspiration for every person to find his or her own. With actionable, real-world wisdom on every page, it's an essential tool for today's young professionals and the parents, educators, and advisors seeking to inspire them.



## passport services

Did you know that Newport Beach Public Library is an authorized United States Passport acceptance facility? The following services are offered:

- Processing for first-time applicants
- Expedited Processing
- Lost/Stolen Information

The library can process passport photos for \$10 per applicant.

Hours: Central Library  
Monday–Thursday 10:00am–3:00pm  
(except holidays)  
Appointments are REQUIRED

For questions and to schedule an appointment, please call 949.717.3831 or email [passports@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:passports@newportbeachca.gov)



## brush up your language skills

The library offers an extensive collection of foreign language skill audiobooks in both CD and downloadable e-formats.

With so many resources available for free,

you can save your money for the trip while brushing up on your Italian! Also, remember to check out the library's collection of travel guides and travelogues.





# Witte<sup>the</sup> LECTURES

**T**hank you sponsors and everyone who attended 18th Annual Witte Lectures this past season.

The speakers for 2016 will be announced this fall. Sponsorship is necessary every year to make this series a reality. If you are interested, please phone Tracy Keys at 949.717.3890.

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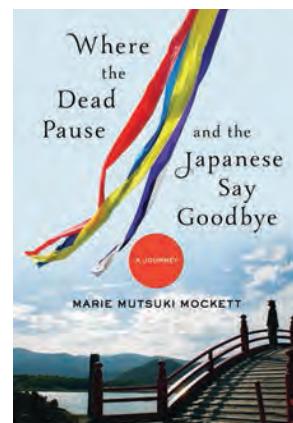
## marie mutsuki mockett

Thursday, September 24 @ 7:00pm

*where the dead pause and the japanese say goodbye: a journey*

Where the Dead Pause is part memoir, part travelogue, part investigation of death and the Japanese ceremonies that surround it, as well as one woman's moving account of her quest for healing and happiness in the wake of the 2011 Fukushima disaster. Mockett weaves in the life and teaching of key Buddhist figures like Shakyamuni Buddha; Kukai, the founder of Shingon or Esoteric Buddhism; and Dogen, the father of the Soto School of Zen.

Note: This program is free of charge.\*\*

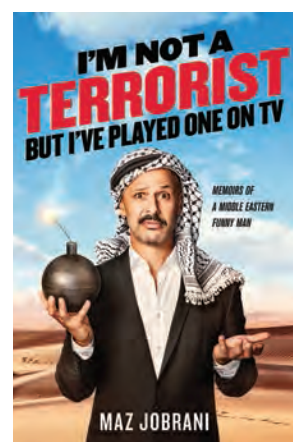


## maz jobrani

Thursday, October 20 @ 7:00pm

*i'm not a terrorist but i've played one on tv: memoirs of a middle eastern funny man*

Founding member of The Axis of Evil Comedy Tour, Maz Jobrani performs stand-up comedy around the world. He recently released his third comedy special, "I Come in Peace," which aired on Showtime and Netflix. Maz starred in the films *Friday After Next*, *13 Going on 30* and *The Interpreter*. He was a series regular on ABC's *Better Off Ted*, which had a cult following, and he has guest starred on *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *24*, *True Blood*, and *Shameless* to name a few. Jobrani is currently a regular panelist on NPR's "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me." He has also given two TED talks, which can be viewed at TED.com. He has performed his stand-up on *The Tonight Show*, *Comedy Central*, and *Showtime*, and is starring in the upcoming indie comedy feature, *Jimmy Vestvood: Amerikan Hero*, which he co-wrote and produced.



## 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)

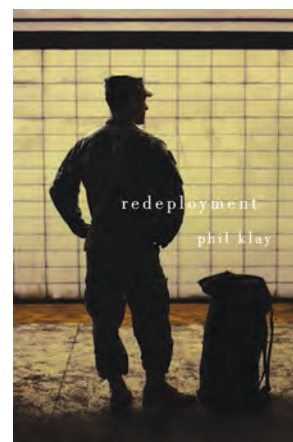


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*details:*

Seating is limited to 220

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

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*schedule:*

Doors open at 6:30pm

Program: 7:00-8:30pm

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

Coffee &amp; light refreshments

*purchase tickets:*

Online: nbplfoundation.org

Phone: 949.548.2411

Library: Administration office

Info: events@nbplfoundation.org

NOTE: \*\* For free programs, we recommend reserving a seat online. Your name will be placed on a door list and reservations honored until 7:00pm

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# The Library Foundation is **PEOPLE**

(not a building!)

Did you know?

**2,076** individual members comprise the  "Foundation"

**+2**   employees  
**+** several dozen  volunteers make



...or **7** unique programs attended by **5,848** people!

Total spent in



on programming

**\$294,300**


**+** Cash gift to library **\$232,000**



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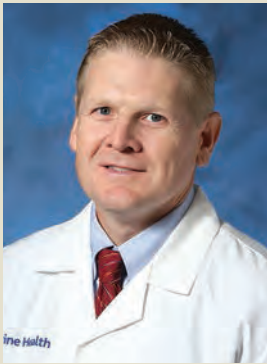
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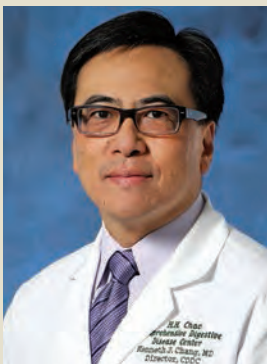
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# medicine in our backyard: *the leading edge*

Join us for the continuation of this popular series featuring internationally known UC Irvine Health physicians who will discuss research and cutting edge technology in their various fields of expertise. We thank Mike and Polly Smith for their vision and leadership in spearheading this successful collaboration between UC Irvine Health and the Newport Beach Public Library.

September 28 *stroke: flow of the brain*  
steven cramer, md

Professor and Vice Chairman of Research,  
Department of Neurology, UC Irvine School of Medicine

October 26 *breast cancer: here today, cured tomorrow*  
alice m. police, md

Assistant Clinical Professor, Division of Surgical Oncology,  
Department of Surgery, UC Irvine School of Medicine

freddie j. combs, md

Assistant Clinical Professor, Division of Breast Imaging,  
Department of Radiology, UC Irvine School of Medicine

November 30 *stop heartburn and acid reflux for good*  
kenneth chang, md

Professor and Chief, Gastroenterology & Hepatology,  
Executive Director, UC Irvine Health H. H. Chao Comprehensive Digestive Disease Center



Mike and Polly Smith



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## details

- These programs are presented free of charge by the Newport Beach Public Library
- All programs begin @ 7:00pm in the Friends Meeting Room at the Central Library
- No reservations required; first-come, first-served (seating limited to 200)
- For more information, phone: 949.717.3870 or email: [ajason@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:ajason@newportbeachca.gov) or visit [newportbeachlibrary.org](http://newportbeachlibrary.org)



## bill witte

We recently caught up with Bill Witte, a big fan of the Library Foundation and its programs. His generosity toward The Witte Lectures, named after his father Martin, has helped us to present the series for 18 years.

Bill is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Related California and for the past 25 years, and since the founding of Related California (a unit of Related Cos), he has been responsible for the strategic direction of the company, overall management of the firm, pursuit of new development opportunities, and oversight of planning, financing and construction of a development portfolio of over 9,800 residential units totaling more than \$2.5 billion in assets.

Prior to joining the firm, Bill served as Deputy Mayor for Housing and Neighborhoods under Mayor Art Agnos where he oversaw all housing, development and redevelopment activities for the City of San Francisco. He was Director of Housing and Economic Development under Mayor Dianne Feinstein and served as an appointed Commissioner of the San Francisco Housing Authority.

Bill graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in Urban Studies and a master's degree in City Planning. He is a member of the Board of Overseers of the Graduate School of Design at the University of Pennsylvania, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the New Home Company, a publicly-traded homebuilder. He also sits on real estate policy boards at the University of California Berkeley's Haas School of Business, the Merage School of Business at University California Irvine and the University of Southern California. In addition, Bill has a seat on the boards of the Center for Creative Land Recycling in San Francisco and Shelter Partnership in Los Angeles.

Bill is married to the dynamic Keiko Sakamoto and is father to three ambitious children. Could there possibly be time remaining in the day to read books and attend lectures? Bill makes the time. Here's how he answered our *Ten Questions*:

### 1. All-time favorite book?

Two categories: "Serious" fiction: *American Pastoral* by Philip Roth; Crime fiction (which I love): *Mystic River* by Dennis Lehane

### 2. What's on your nightstand?

*Jews and Words* by Amos Oz and Fania Oz-Salzberg; *Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert; *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr; *Super Sad True Love Story* by Gary Shteyngart; and *The Whites* by Richard Price on iPad.

### 3. Favorite place to read?

In bed.

### 4. Print or e-book?

Print, though I reluctantly do both now.

### 5. Where do you get your news?

*Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* every day; *New Yorker* and *Atlantic* weekly/monthly.

### 6. Your heroes?

My father Martin.

### 7. Favorite place in the world?

Dalmatian Coast of Croatia, especially the islands off it.

### 8. Favorite place in Orange County?

My home in Mystic Hills (Laguna Beach).

### 9. Your thoughts on the most important offerings of libraries today?

Libraries are a great equalizer in the gathering and sharing of information where financial wherewithal is irrelevant.

### 10. What do you see as the library of the future?

I see the library as a center of and for the community that transcends any one medium. As the written word and interpersonal communication become increasingly digitized, it is this notion which will keep relevant the concept of a brick-and-mortar library.



# CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6	7	8	9 Book Group <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee 9:15–11:00am	10	11	12
13	14 It's Your Money 10:00–11:30am	15	16	17 	18	19
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29	30 <i>Medicine in Our Backyard</i> 7:00pm					

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## wisdom

*The endless cycle of ideas and action,  
Endless invention, endless experiment,  
Brings knowledge of motion, but not of stillness;  
Brings knowledge of speech, but not of silence;  
Knowledge of words, and ignorance of the Word...  
Where is the Life we have lost in living?  
Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?  
Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?*  
~ T.S. Eliot

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of Charles Loos (1935-2015)  
and will miss seeing him at the  
programs he loved to attend.

We also acknowledge the  
passing of Gil Lukosky, owner  
of Nikki's Flags, a Newport  
Beach institution.





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thank you!

The 2nd Annual Books & Bunnies for Kids Festival in April was a huge success! We are sending a big shout out to the super volunteers from the National Charity League and Corona del Mar High School. Thank you for making the event fantastic for the nearly 500 adults and kids who attended.

