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Colson Whitehead
2017 Pulitzer Prize-winner

Your Brain on Learning

I think each of us can recall that euphoric feeling of learning something new that completely altered our world. One such moment in my life was discovering that dolphins breathe voluntarily, consciously quite unlike humans. Discovering these “minds in the water” was mind-blowing. Another was looking at a single drop of pond water through a microscope for the first time and being astonished at the cellular life forms pulsing in their miniature world.

What is it about learning or making profound discoveries that is so energizing?

Science has answered the question: the act of learning is actually physiologically beneficial, not to mention richly satisfying without any side-effects! The endorphins that produce the “runner’s high” are also produced when we learn.

“Learning a more lasting new skill — be it playing guitar or learning to speak a foreign language — can equally harness the brain’s joy of learning new things, but leave you with something of permanent value, in a way that neither drugs nor video games ever could. It leaves you with a sense of fulfillment, which goes back to what pioneering psychologist Abraham Maslow called ‘self-actualization.’

As Aristotle realized, there is a difference between the pleasures of the moment (hedonia), and the satisfaction that comes from constantly developing and living one’s life to the fullest (eudaimonia). In recent years, scientists have finally begun to study eudaimonia. Research suggests that the greater sense of purpose and personal growth associated with eudaimonia correlates with lower cortisol levels, better immune function and more efficient sleep.” — Excerpted from CNN article by Gary Marcus, entrepreneur and artificial intelligence contrarian.

Given the transformational and essential nature of learning, the library is arguably our society’s greatest asset. Many of us lack the luxury of time to attend classes and yet we have the desire to continue learning. The Newport Beach Public Library is the resource for lifelong learning with its programs, books, databases and technology. With your largess, it will remain so.



The Library Foundation is committed to ensuring that the library has exciting opportunities for you to have a lifetime of discovery and learning.

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Cover: Colson Whitehead, 2017 Pulitzer Prize-winner, will headline Library Live (see page 7)

Welcome Nancy Dahlfors to the Board of Directors!

We are pleased to announce that Nancy Dahlfors has joined the Library Foundation's Board of Directors. Nancy and her husband Brant have lived in Corona del Mar since August of 2001. She hails from a small town called Fairborn in Ohio and graduated with a Bachelor of Business from University of Texas at San Antonio in 1989.

Nancy's husband of 36 years Brant, is a partner in a private jet brokerage firm based in Southern California. Their daughters Wren and Reede both graduated from CDM High in 2009 and 2011 respectively. Wren graduated from Colorado State in 2013 and lives in Chicago. She is the



Westin Experience Specialist (think VIP customers and social media for the hotel) at the Westin Hotel River North downtown. Reede graduated from University of Wisconsin in 2015 and just landed a position with SocialCode in San Francisco, a 2011 startup with offices in NY, DC, Chicago, Detroit, LA and San Francisco. She helps create and execute social media campaigns for the company and is currently on the Purina account. Both tech savvy young women are thriving in their adopted cities.

An avid reader and member of several book clubs, Nancy is currently reading *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.



Planning a Trip?

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Rosetta Stone now available for free!

The library is excited to offer the popular language learning program, Rosetta Stone, giving customers free access to 30 different language courses at the beginning level. Library card holders can log on to Rosetta Stone from home or the library and take core lessons to build reading, writing, speaking and listening skills, as well as refine grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.



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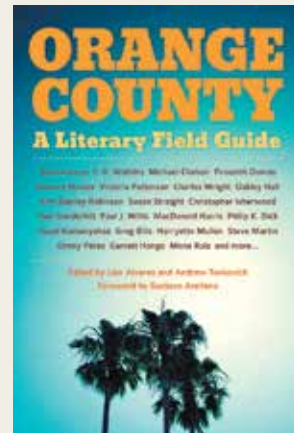
Andrew Tonkovich
& Lisa Alvarez

Thursday, September 28 @ 7:00 pm

*Orange County:
A Literary Field Guide*

Panel discussion with contributors to the anthology moderated by local literary rock stars Andrew Tonkovich and Lisa Alvarez.

Gustavo Arellano, who is also a contributor, says "this book excels by paying attention to all the quirks that define this place...and in finding the best writing to give each of our flaws and virtues its proper justice or evisceration."

No charge to attend.

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Highlights from Stephanie Danler event.

L to R 1. Malin Fletcher, Nancy Dahlfors 2. Stephanie Danler 3. Ashley Cochrane of Baker & Olive

Details

Cost varies per speaker
Reservations required;
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Held at Central Library

Schedule:

6:30pm Doors open
7:00-8:30pm Program
8:30-9:00pm Book sales & signing

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* Library Foundation members, students and teachers receive a \$5 discount on each ticket.

Pulitzer Prize Centennial Celebration @ Your Library



One hundred years ago this year, Joseph Pulitzer established what remains one of the most prestigious awards bestowed for achievements in newspaper, magazine and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in the United States. The Pulitzer Prize was established in 1917 by provisions in the will of Joseph Pulitzer, the Hungarian-born American who had made his fortune as a newspaper publisher, and is administered by Columbia University in New York City. Prizes are awarded yearly in twenty-one categories. In twenty of the categories, each winner receives a certificate and a \$15,000 cash award. The winner in the public service category of the journalism competition is awarded a gold medal.

In the latter years of the 19th century, Pulitzer stood out as the very embodiment of American journalism. An intense indomitable figure, Pulitzer was the most skillful of newspaper publishers, a passionate crusader against dishonest government, a fierce, hawk-like competitor who did not shrink from sensationalism in circulation struggles, and a visionary who richly endowed his profession.

His innovative *New York World* and *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reshaped newspaper journalism. Pulitzer was the first to call for the training of journalists at the university level in a school of journalism. And certainly, the lasting influence of the Pulitzer Prizes on journalism, literature, music, and drama is to be attributed to his visionary acumen.

— Adapted from an article by Seymour Topping at pulitzer.org

The Library Foundation is proud to present two Pulitzer Prize-winners at *Library Live*: Colson Whitehead and William Finnegan. Thank you sponsors for making it possible.

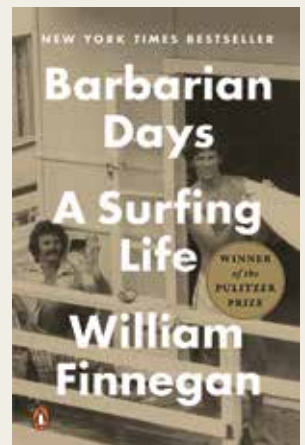
William Finnegan

Thursday, November 9 @ 7:00 pm

Barbarian Days

William Finnegan is a staff writer at *The New Yorker*. He will speak about *Barbarian Days*, his 2016 Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir. More than just a recounting of great waves discovered and ridden, it is a story of family, friendships, love, coming-of-age and the gradual mastering of an exacting, little-understood art, told with such lyricism and insight that even non-surfers will be swept along for the ride.

Tickets: \$25/20*



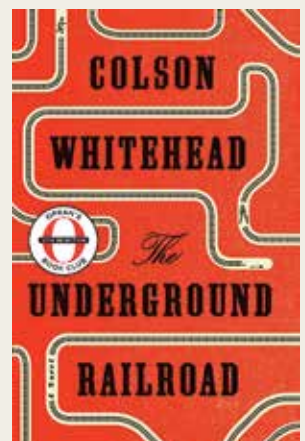
Colson Whitehead

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

The Underground Railroad

Colson Whitehead has established himself as one of the most versatile and innovative writers in contemporary literature. He will speak about his latest novel, *The Underground Railroad*, a #1 *New York Times* bestseller that won both the 2016 National Book Award and 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Tickets: \$25/20*



Janet & Walkie Ray



1. All-time favorite book?

My favorite book was (I repeat was) *Hawaii* by James Michener which I read in sixth grade when I was at Harbor View School in Corona del Mar. I read all 1,000 plus pages of this paper book from cover to cover and felt totally drawn into this work of historical fiction. I was so sad to have the book end. *To Kill a Mockingbird* is now my favorite book. Walkie's favorite author is Cormac McCarthy, especially *Blood Meridian*.

5. Favorite place in the world? Our home on Bay Island.

We love traveling all over the world but always return to home and step out on our balcony in awe. "Newps" (fondly coined by our daughter) is such a special place.

6. Most valuable lesson to teach grandchildren?

Ask questions and listen. Have a personal passion and be compassionate. Love yourself, your family, your community and your country.

7. Who are your heroes?

One of my local heroes is Marian Bergeson. She stood for what she believed in, she listened and is a true shining light in our community that lives on. We worked together on many projects with passion and compassion.

8. Where do you get your news?

Online news outlets, definitely not TV.

9. Greatest adventure?

We've been fortunate to go on safari in Tanzania and take our boat to many remote spots in Mexico. But our trip to the Antarctic in 2016 with Barb and Greg MacGillivray was quite an adventure. We left the southern tip of South America on an expedition vessel with scientists studying the humpback whales. Other worldly!

10. Most important offering of libraries?

Libraries are the hubs of community where lifelong learning takes place. It can be the quiet place I seek or the social experience with energy that Walkie thrives on. Either way, it is an institution of our community and our country that is the key to the future for our children and grandchildren. What an honor to be part of this legacy!

When referring to Newport Beach locals, Janet and Walkie Ray come to mind first. The Rays grew up in Corona del Mar and met in third grade at the bus stop. They attended Harbor View School and ultimately both graduated from Stanford. Walkie's father of J. Ray Construction Company built the Balboa Branch of the library and Walkie built the branch located in Fashion Island prior to the building of our current Newport Beach Central Library. Walkie has been a principal of Sanderson J. Ray Development Company for more than 35 years. In the early 1990s Janet and Walkie were instrumental in the founding of DiscoveryCubeOC and to this day continue to be very involved in its growth. Janet is particularly interested in DiscoverCube's Ocean Quest at the Fun Zone which focuses on ocean science education. Janet is also honored to serve as a Library Trustee. The Rays have five grown children and eleven grandchildren to date. Janet and Walkie feel blessed to have grown up and lived in this gem of a community, and we are extremely fortunate to have their commitment and participation.

2. What's on your nightstand?

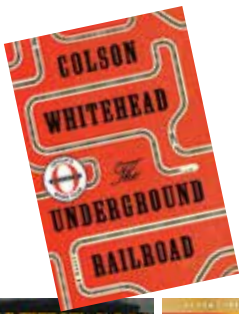
Walkie's end table has *Making of Atomic Bomb* by Richard Rhodes, *Destiny and Power* by Jon Meacham and *Born in Exile* by George Gissing. Janet's end table has *The Gift of Rain* by Tan Twan Eng, *The Greeks* by Diane Harris Cline and *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson.

3. Favorite place to read?

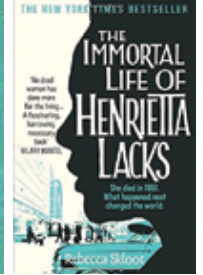
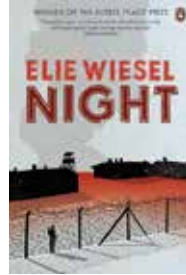
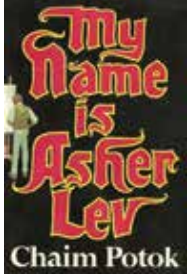
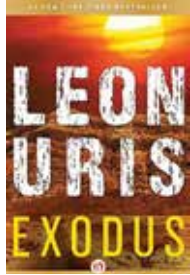
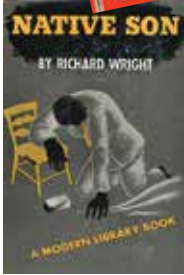
When we're at home I love to curl up in bed when it's quiet at the end of a busy day and retreat into another world. For me "quiet" is a key word but for Walkie, coming from a larger and noisier family, he can read regardless of what is going on around him. Our large family of five children and loads of friends never fazed him. Also reading on our boat or while on vacation is always a treat.

4. Hardback, paperback or e-book?

Walkie and I are clearly in different camps on this issue. Walkie always is reading e-books but, ironically when we travel he will manage to get the fattest, heaviest hardback (sometimes scientific text book) in his backpack. My preference is paperback although I'll read e-books on occasion.



Crime & Punishment



Enjoy the Bookmark publication. You may be like most of us, always looking for books and reading-related stories. At a recent Current Events Session at Oasis Senior Center, one woman shared a true story.

A group of teens were brought before a judge in Northern Virginia. They had vandalized a historic black church with swastikas and other graffiti. When queried, one teen admitted he did not know what the symbols represented – he just did it with the others. The judge decided community service, writing repetitive sentences, deprivation of freedom was not going to impress or change these young people so he devised a unique learning experience.

The "sentence" was one for the books. For one year, every month, each young culprit was to select a book from a list they were given by the judge. Read a book, write a report about the main themes and describe what was learned.

What a wonderful way to "teach." Perhaps one or more of these young people was changed.

Ginger Hayter
Library Foundation Member

THE JUDGE'S READING LIST

The Color Purple by Alice Walker

Native Son by Richard Wright

Exodus by Leon Uris

Mila 18 by Leon Uris

Trinity by Leon Uris

My Name is Asher Lev
by Chaim Potok

The Chosen by Chaim Potok

The Sun Also Rises
by Ernest Hemingway

Night by Elie Wiesel

The Crucible by Arthur Miller

The Kite Runner
by Khaled Hosseini

A Thousand Splendid Suns
by Khaled Hosseini

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

The Handmaid's Tale
by Margaret Atwood

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
by Maya Angelou

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
by Rebecca Skloot

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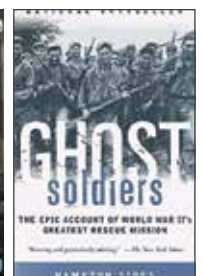
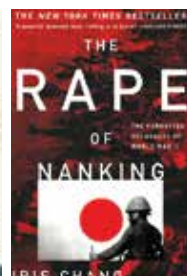
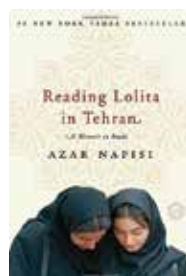
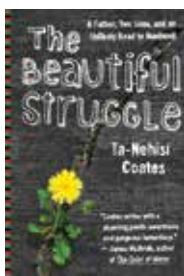
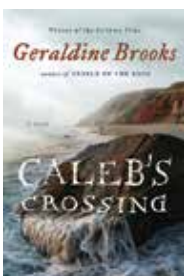
The Help by Kathryn Stockett

Cry the Beloved Country by Alan Paton

Too Late the Phalarope by Alan Paton

A Dry White Season by Andr  Brink

Ghost Soldiers by Hampton Sides



S In May, the fourth Annual Bunnies & Books for Kids Festival was held at the Central Library and Civic Center. This popular community event sponsored by the Library Foundation keeps expanding like baby bunnies! Save-Some-Bunny-Rescue was on the scene with, you guessed it, bunnies! Face painters, crafts and games rounded out the perfect day for families at the library.

We want to give a big shout out to the wonderful library staff who facilitated story time and this year's new festival element "Storywalk®" where kids literally walked through book pages installed in the park. Also, we want to give big kudos to the Making Memories for Children committee and their fearless leader, Jason Sherr.





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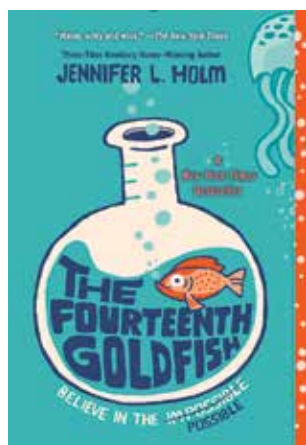


Calling All Readers Ages 8 to 13!

Jennifer Holm

Sunday, September 17 @ 2:00pm

Newberry Honor Award winning author, Jennifer Holm will talk about *The Fourteenth Goldfish* as well as her popular graphic novel book series, the *Babymouse* series and the *Squish* series.



Ms. Holm is the *New York Times* bestselling children's author of *Our Only May Amelia*, *Penny from Heaven*, *Turtle in Paradise* and *The Fourteenth Goldfish*. She has won three Newberry Honor Awards for her books.

Details

- No admission charge; seating is limited
- Location: Friends Meeting Room, Central Library
1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach
- Info & Reservations: events@nbplfoundation.org or 949.548.2411



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They are cathedrals of the mind; hospitals of the soul;
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SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 	4	5	6 Memoir Writing 5:30-8:30pm	7 	8	9
10	11 It's Your Money 10:00-11:30am	12	13 Book Group 9:15-11:00am Memoir Writing 5:30-8:30pm	14	15	16
17 Making Memories for Children Jennifer Holm 2:00pm	18 It's Your Money 10:00-11:30am	19	20 Memoir Writing 5:30-8:30pm	21	22 	23
24 	25 It's Your Money 10:00-11:30am Medicine In Our Backyard 7:00pm	26	27 Memoir Writing 5:30-8:30pm	28 Library Live Orange County: A Literary Field Guide 7:00pm	29	30

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OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

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26 	27 Medicine In Our Backyard 7:00pm	28	29	30		



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(Beach Animals Reading with Kids)

The Library Foundation is proud to partner with BARK! Recently we hosted two extraordinary events at the Mariners Branch Library where kids, many of them fearful of reading aloud, transform in the calming presence of highly trained service dogs. We are planning to continue these wonderful programs!

