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Simple Inspiration



Last year I wrote about Cleo and her sister Eva McHenry, quite possibly the biggest fans of the Newport Beach Public Library that I know. Because Cleo, now age 10, just presented another unsolicited gift to the Library Foundation, I wanted to share more about this inspiring girl.

Cleo, young fundraiser and blogger, loves books and libraries. She engages in spirited debates with friends and classmates over whether it is better to buy books or check them out

from the library. I am willing to bet she wins that debate often. Cleo understands and wholeheartedly embraces what Andrew Carnegie had in mind more than 134 years ago when he built America's first library.

Our future promises to be bright with minds like hers: Cleo is supporting the Library Foundation independently without her parents or her school asking her to do so. Can you imagine what our world would be like if each of us did that? No action or gesture is too small to make a difference. In fact, every act of paying it forward is what keeps the library's shelves stocked with books for people like Cleo, who prefers her library card over her allowance.

And speaking of books, this girl reads! She quotes in her blog, "I have read almost all the books in the children's section of the library. So, I recently went to the teen section upstairs and have found a love of dystopian future books – those that take place in an imagined future where there is something different. Some of my favorites are the *Under the Never Sky Trilogy*, *The Testing Trilogy*, *The Hunger Games*, *The Lunar Chronicles* and the *Divergent Trilogy*. I like how relaxing it is to curl up and read a book. Reading helps to relieve my stress. Also, I love reading books in different positions, even upside down where a lot of blood rushes to my head."

I hope this message inspires you to give back simply because you love the Newport Beach Public Library as much as Cleo does.

Enjoy the new season!

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New Conference Room Available to Reserve

Looking for a meeting space or spot for your book club in a light-filled room with an ocean view? You can now reserve the new conference room in what is known as the Sword Meeting Room, upstairs at the Central Library. Funding for this new resource was provided by the Library Foundation. The conference room will facilitate groups of 6 to 10 people during library hours.

To reserve, contact the Library Administration Office at 949.717.3801.

Financial Gift

Our members and donors have made it possible for the Library Foundation to give \$155,025 to the Newport Beach Public Library recently to fund critical improvements and resources for the community. This donation will finance ten important improvements that the library needs at this time.

"We are grateful for the Foundation's generous donation as it enables us to make improvements to the library that will benefit the more than one million customers we serve annually," says Tim Hetherton, Library Director. "The Foundation plays a vital role in helping us deliver our mission to be the cultural, educational and informational heart of Newport Beach."

Library services improvements include facilities enhancements throughout the library system; eBook platform licenses to provide customers with continued free eBook downloads; a wayfinding kiosk and informative signage; digitization of all past issues of the Daily Pilot; and continuation of free remote access to lynda.com.



Databases We Love

Did you know the Newport Beach Public Library has Culture Grams? Travel agents love this resource and have to pay for a subscription to access. As a library cardholder, you can access it for free! ProQuest designed it for students and we love it for all the cool, concise information on any country in the world. Find your next destination and have it ready on your tablet or print it out. Culture Grams will be your indispensable resource while navigating the globe in person or from your reading chair.

Visit newportbeachlibrary.org and look for the eBranch menu to find this database. Happy travels!

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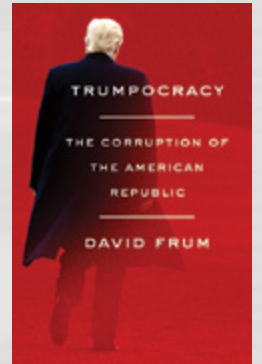
David Frum

February 9-10

Trumpocracy: The Corruption of the American Republic

David Frum is currently a senior editor at
The Atlantic who served as speechwriter

and special assistant to President George W. Bush from 2001-2002. He will be speaking about his ninth book, *Trumpocracy: The Corruption of the American Republic*, recently published by Harper Collins. Frum is the author of eight books, including *Why Romney Lost*. His first book, *Dead Right*, was described by Frank Rich of the *New York Times* as "the smartest book written from the inside about the American conservative movement" and by the late William F. Buckley as "the most refreshing ideological experience in a generation." Frum's memoir of the Bush administration, *The Right Man*, was a #1 *New York Times* bestseller.



Dr. R. David Edelman

March 2-3



Artificial Intelligence: How Technology is Changing our Economy, National Security & Daily Lives

Technology Adviser to the President during the Obama Administration, R. David Edelman has spent a decade as one of the government's foremost voices on how technology is changing our economy, national security and daily lives. He served as

Special Assistant to the President for Economic and Technology Policy at the National Economic Council (NEC) and led the White House team focusing on the digital economy — broadband, telecommunications, spectrum and technology trade as well as consumer cybersecurity, domestic and international data privacy, high-tech patent and copyright issues and anti-trust competition. Dr. Edelman is an expert on some of the most pressing challenges facing the world today from cybersecurity and privacy threats to artificial intelligence (A.I.) and automation. His insights have helped shape national and international policy at the highest levels. In 2017, he joined MIT's Internet policy team as Director of the new Project on Technology, the Economy and National Security. Dr. Edelman's lecture will guide us through this period of unprecedented change and provide insight into how technologies like artificial intelligence and self-driving cars work, as well as explain the implications they will have for individuals, existing industries and geopolitics.



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, as well as the recent illustrated work, *Beloved Dog*. 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. Other celebrated projects include an illustrated edition of the Strunk and White classic, *The Elements of Style*. She and composer Nico Muhly created an "opera" of the text that was performed at the New York Public Library, Dia Beacon on the Hudson and Lincoln Center. Kalman's design work is as extensive and successful as her literary work. 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

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*, recently longlisted for the National Book Award, in which she follows the lives of four people born at what promised to be the dawn of democracy in Russia. Each of them came of age with unprecedented expectations, some as the children and grandchildren of the very architects of the new Russia, each with newfound aspirations of their own—as entrepreneurs,



activists, thinkers and writers, sexual and social beings. Gessen charts their paths against the machinations of the regime that would crush them all, and against the war it waged on understanding itself, which ensured the unobstructed reemergence of the old Soviet order in the form of today's terrifying and seemingly unstoppable mafia state.

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FRIDAY EVENTS

\$50/\$40* per person, per lecture
\$20 student/teacher per lecture

6:30pm Wine reception
7:00pm Lecture and Q&A
8:15pm Book sales & signing
Dessert & coffee

SATURDAY EVENTS

\$35/\$30* per person, per lecture
\$20 student/teacher per lecture

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

TICKETS INFORMATION

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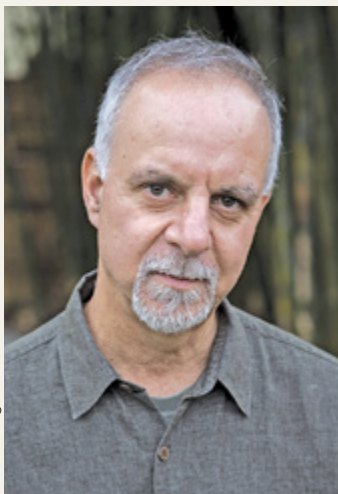
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Steve Lopez

Thursday, January 25 @ 7:00pm

Author and Homeless Advocate

A California native, Steve Lopez is the author of three novels in addition to his book of non-fiction, *The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music*. The book is based on columns Lopez wrote for the *Los Angeles Times* about his friendship with a downtown Los Angeles musician.

When *Los Angeles Times* reporter discovered a former Julliard student playing on Skid Row, he decided to help him off the streets. Their friendship

— movingly recounted in *The Soloist*, which was also the basis for the film starring Jamie Foxx and Robert Downey, Jr.—inspired Steve Lopez, recipient of the President's Award from the Los Angeles Press Club, to raise awareness of homelessness and mental illness. Join us to share in Mr. Lopez's account of this remarkable friendship and the important issues surrounding this story.

This evening is one in a series of "Kempner Conversations" sponsored by Dr. Ike and Ginny Kempner.



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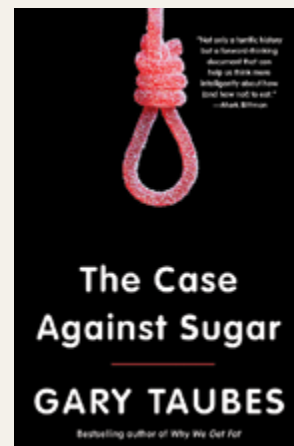
Just in time for Valentine's Day...

Gary Taubes

Thursday, February 15 @ 7:00pm

Gary Taubes will be speaking about his latest book, *The Case Against Sugar*, which came from his 2002 *New York Times Magazine* cover story, "What If It's All Been a Big Fat Lie?" *The Case Against Sugar* is a groundbreaking, eye-opening exposé that makes the convincing case that sugar is the tobacco of the new millennium.

Taubes shakes up our preconceptions about diet and health and he challenges scientific studies that have been misinterpreted and prescribed as advice for the general public for years. He offers instead new ways to eat, live, and think about health, based on the highest caliber of scientific research.



Details

Admission is free;
 suggested \$10 donation
 Reservations strongly suggested;
 limited seating
 Held at Central Library

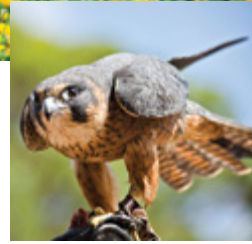
Schedule:

6:30pm Doors open
 7:00pm Program
 8:15pm Book sales
 & signing

Reserve / Info

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Announcing the Nature Series!



This series of classes will allow children ages 5-12 to learn about the plants and animals that live around them. Admission is free; space is limited; reservations are suggested.

Naturally Native

Sunday, March 4 @ 2:00pm

Presented by the Environmental Nature Center (ENC)

Predators such as wolves, coyotes, and birds of prey depend on food webs. The ENC will show us how these animals play an important role in keeping our environment healthy. The program will come alive with a visit from some local animals that play a key role in this web.

Wolves & Coyotes

Sunday, March 11 @ 2:00pm

Presented by Wolf Haven

Coyotes live right here among us, but have you ever wondered what their place is in our world? Wolf Haven, a wolf sanctuary located in Washington State, will talk about wolves and coyotes in our environment and share stories and pictures about the wolves that live at their sanctuary.

Birds of Prey in Our Neighborhood

Sunday, March 18 @ 2:00pm

Presented by Orange County Bird of Prey Center

This program will focus on some of the feathered predators that we see every day. Led by both human and feathered creatures, the Orange County Bird of Prey Center will be bringing along some of its bird ambassadors to visit with us.

1:30pm Doors open ■ 2:00-3:00pm Program ■ Reserve online: nbplfoundation.org
Information: events@nbplfoundation.org or 949.548-2411



Save the date! Fifth Annual Bunnies & Books for Kids Festival

Saturday, May 12 @ 10:30am / Central Library Friends Room & Civic Green

Story time, arts & crafts, games and other outdoor activities are planned for this year's festival. This is our biggest children's event of the year so come prepared to read, create and move throughout the library and the beautiful Civic Green area. Take a literal walk through a storybook in our Storywalk® set in the sculpture garden.

Basil, the Flemish Giant (on the left), will be our special guest "reading therapy rabbit."

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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Olivia Fong
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 Eva McHenry



Nassim & Justin

Remember the couple on the cover of the Winter 2016 issue? Well, they tied the knot and made the *New York Times* coveted wedding pages!

Excerpted from the *New York Times* (July 21, 2017 issue, by Nina Reyes):

Nassim Christine Alisobhani and Dr. Justin Lee Yanuck were married May 20 at the Rancho Bernardo Inn in San Diego. Sam T. Lam, a friend of the couple, was appointed a deputy commissioner of civil marriages in San Diego County to perform this ceremony.

Ms. Alisobhani, 27, received a law degree this month from the University of California, Irvine, and is to begin as an associate in October in the Costa Mesa, Calif., office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton. She graduated from N.Y.U.

She is the daughter of Afsaneh K. Alisobhani and Jalal Alisobhani of Newport Beach, California. Her father is the senior vice president for engineering at Mojix, a technology company in Los Angeles. Her mother is a psychoanalyst in private practice in Irvine and also trains and supervises other analysts.

Dr. Yanuck, 28, is a first-year emergency medicine resident at the UC Irvine Medical Center, in Irvine. He graduated from the University of California, Davis, and received both a master's degree in biomedical and translational science and a medical degree from UC Irvine.

He is the son of Deborah L. Yanuck and Andrew R. Yanuck of Moorpark, California. His mother is a freelance writer. His father is a general residential construction contractor in Moorpark.



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JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Book Group 9:15-11:00am <i>Wind/Pinball</i> by Haruki Murakami	11 	12	13
14	15	16 Memoir Writing 5:30-8:30pm	17	18	19	20
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FEBRUARY

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Witte Lectures Dr. R. David Edelman 7:00pm	3 Witte Lectures Dr. R. David Edelman 2:00pm
4 Making Memories for Children Nature Series 2:00pm	5	6 	7	8		10
11 Making Memories for Children Nature Series 2:00pm	12	13	14 Book Group 9:15-11:00am <i>The Fortunes</i> by Peter Ho Davies	15		17
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