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## Hello Library Patrons and Foundation Members,

As with the beginning of each new year, 2020 began with promise. After the Central Library's milestone silver anniversary, when we reflected on the institution's tremendous growth along with appreciation for generous donors, our attention turned to the next twenty-five years — future planning, fundraising, and ongoing strategies to keep our libraries modern, technologically current, and accessible to all. Then, the unexpected hit. COVID-19 changed everything for everyone.

As we retreated to our homes, the doors to our Libraries closed, leaving us unsure when they would reopen. But despite the dark and quiet days of lockdown, the Library remained a bright and helpful spot for so many with its eBranch and dedicated staff working behind the scenes to deliver the services they could safely offer.

### Land of Smoke

by Sara Gallardo

translated by Jessica Sequeira

An ethereal experience existing  
between prose and poetry.

— Meg Linton

Recently, I have been proud to point out the wide variety of eBranch services the Foundation's members and donors have made possible. None of us imagined how this investment of resources could be incredibly useful and lifesaving during this extended period of isolation. Open 24/7/365, our community has access to digital content anytime and from any place. Thanks to Kanopy, we can stream films and documentaries. Flipster puts our favorite magazines at our fingertips. E-books are downloaded by virtual armloads.

Last spring, the Foundation successfully moved its program offerings to a virtual platform. Medicine in Our Backyard and It's

Your Money & Estate Workshops have had record attendance and we launched three new programs: Studio Chats with contemporary artists, **Stories from the Sea: An Oral History Project**, and a special lecture series for donors called Local Luminaries.

Since March, the pandemic caused many doors to close, but thanks to our Foundation members and supporters like you, our library remains open online and available to all. Now more than ever, we need free access to knowledge, entertainment, and joy. You continue to make the difference between good and great, every day and for every one.

We miss you. We appreciate you. We wish you good health and happy reading.

Meg Linton

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Chief Executive Officer, Newport Beach Public Library Foundation



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# announcing OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Check out our new site at [nbplf.foundation](https://nbplf.foundation) —informative, user friendly, and dare we say *stylish*? Looking forward to your feedback (and patience!) as we get the site up and running. And please don't forget to sign up for our email news in the website footer, it's how we communicate best. Here is a brief road map of what's what and where:

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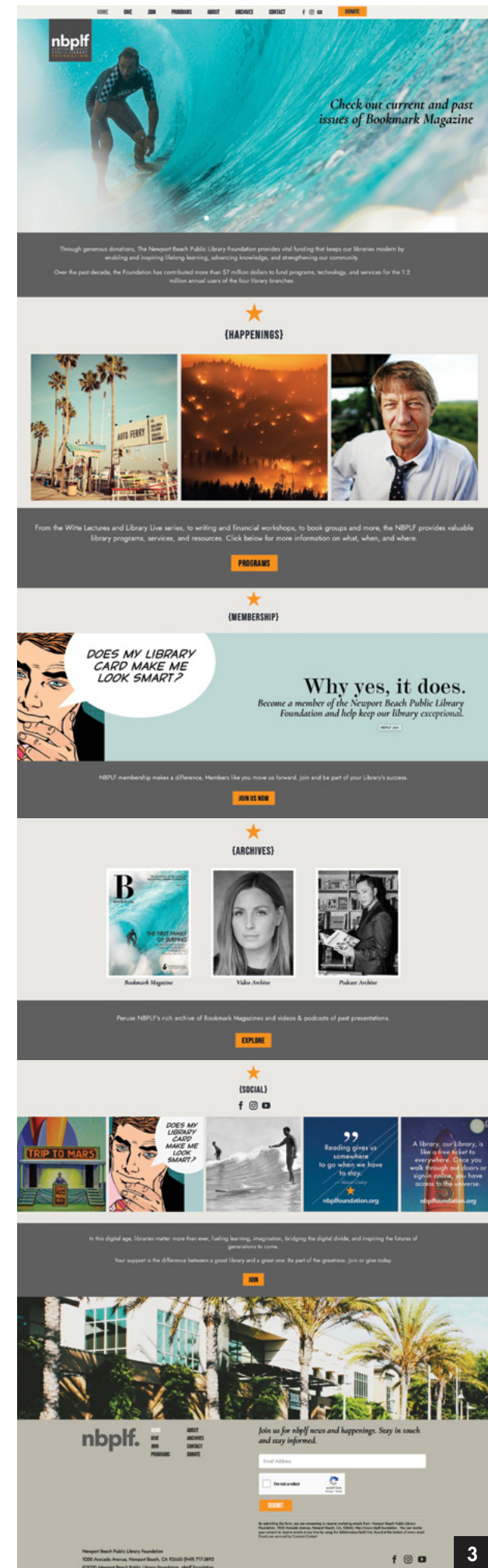
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# In LOCKDOWN

## LIBRARIES ARE LIFELINES

**W**hen our Library doors closed last spring due to lockdown, the library team quickly adapted and extended a lifeline of vital services to a community in need. This unprecedented global pandemic has revealed the importance and relevance of keeping our Library up to date with the latest technology. Because of the Newport Beach Public Library's expansive eBranch offerings it was well positioned to continue serving a quarantined public with 24/7/365 access to ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, databases, films, and the latest COVID-19 developments.

While the Library was well-prepared with its digital access, it swiftly implemented a "grab and go" service where patrons could reserve books for curbside pickup at all four branches. And when the lockdown loosened, the Central Branch opened its doors to allow patrons a safe way to browse the shelves, check out materials, and resume the use of public computers by appointment.

Library Services Director Tim Hetherton shared, "Shortly after the Governor issued the stay-at-home order, the Newport Beach Public Library implemented a service model that offered curbside pickup of library materials, curriculum support for online learning, virtual programming, and outdoor Wi-Fi access. Many library users have commented that these services have proven to be an essential element in their ability to cope with the effects of the pandemic." Hetherton goes on to describe the community's appreciation and support, "Many patrons have commented that the Library has served as an important resource when many other public amenities were unavailable. Others praised our continued provision of services that helped them feel connected to the rest of the world."

Meg Linton, Chief Executive Officer of the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation adds, "Thanks to the generosity of donors, our libraries were technologically up to date with the latest digital resources, and the Library team was able to meet the demand triggered by the pandemic. That's the power of Foundation membership."

The library lifeline is there for us as we continue to ride the rise and fall of the COVID-19 wave. Our Library offers safe access to the outside world and a much-needed escape while we observe the stay-at-home orders of the day. Because we have a stellar four-star rated public library, we still have places to go, explore, wander, and enrich our lives. And just like Mason Cooley has said, "Reading gives us somewhere to go when we have to stay."

Robert W. LaDuke, *Camping*, 2019; Acrylic on panel, 11" x 24". Courtesy of the artist.

# connect OR ESCAPE!

To battle the C-19 lockdown blues, we've kept our noses in one good book after another as a way to stay connected to our fellow beings and to quietly escape them when needed.

Here are some of our recommendations, so that when you turn the last page, we've got you covered. Keep an eye out for the blue bubbles throughout this issue for the best of the best. Whether you are connecting or disconnecting, Happy reading to you!

High Performance  
Thinking for Business,  
Sports, and Life  
by Gayle A. Davis, PhD

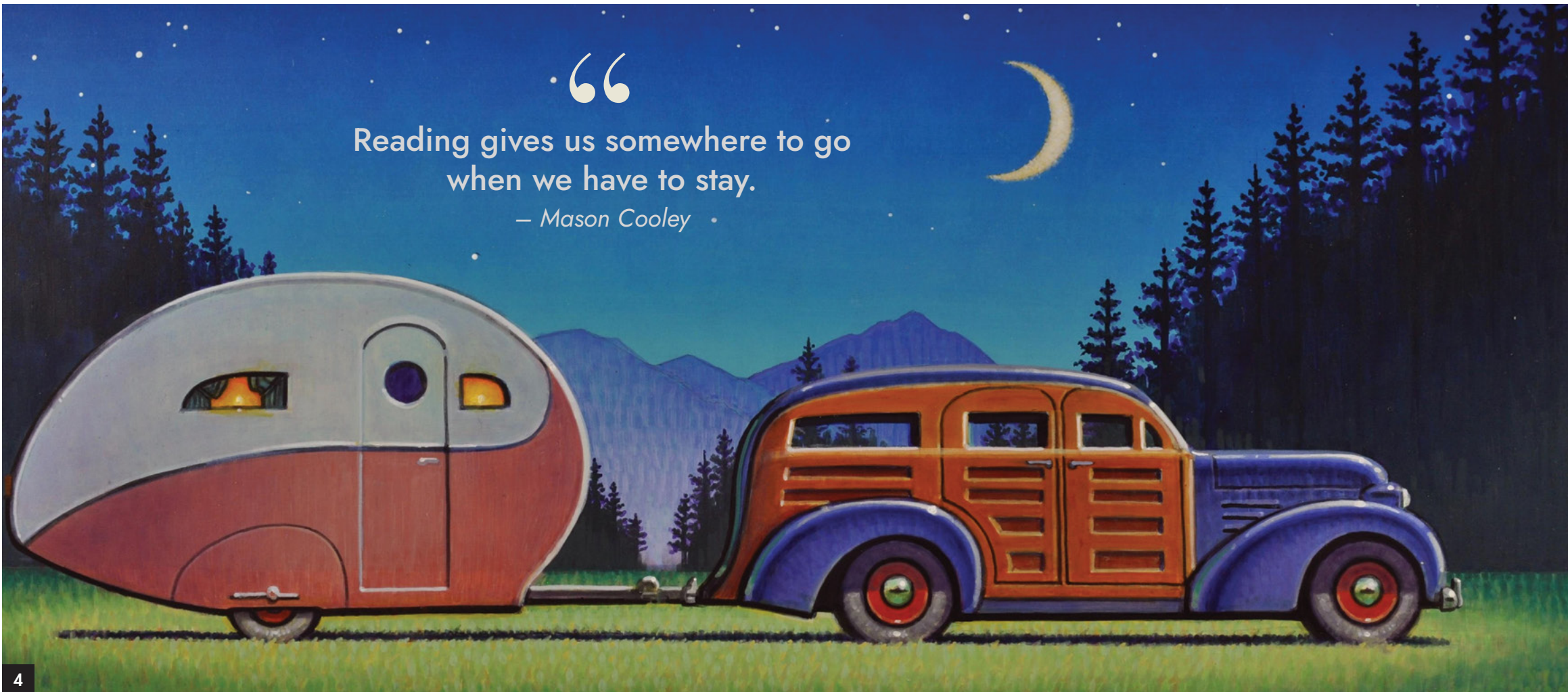
A practical solution oriented book,  
by a great psychologist.  
– Dr. Kimberly Johnson

# legacy enormous THANKS

**Victor and Barbara Klein** were library lovers. They were very involved in the Newport Beach community. Victor, who passed in 2012, was an artist and marketing executive who was known for his beautiful and unique drawings, which always adorned his annual holiday greeting card. Barbara, who passed in 2017, had a Master of Library Sciences and was a Children's Librarian. She had a great passion for books, literacy, and education. Their affection for children and libraries prompted them to give a legacy gift in the amount of \$25,000 to the Newport Beach Public Library for Children's Services.

The NBPL Foundation facilitated this generous gift and gives many thanks to the Klein's and their loved ones for enriching our community for generations to come.

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– Mason Cooley





# The Newport Beach Public Library Foundation presents the 24th Season of The Witte Lectures

January — April, 2021

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2021 Witte goes virtual via Zoom! Even in the face of a pandemic, the Witte Lecture Series remains steadfast in providing timely, relevant, and vibrant contemporary speakers. Be inspired by the artistry of cooking, political developments of historic magnitude, the societal price of addiction, and the power of art which can cross cultural divides. We offer you a seat at our virtual round table in the comfort of your own home as we present engaging topics during serious times.

## 2021 Witte Committee

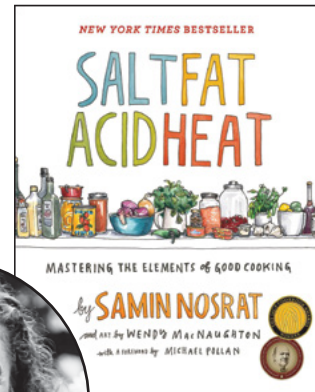
Karen H. Clark	Gordon McAlpine
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Marilyn Krahe	

## Samin Nosrat

### *Salt Heat Fat Acid: Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking*

Friday, January 15, 6:19pm

Award-winning chef, author and one of *Time Magazine's* 100 Most Influential People in 2019, Samin Nosrat shares her passion for good food and words with equal vigor. Nosrat's bestselling book *Salt Heat Fat Acid* (2017) is also a Netflix hit series. Like the TV show, her vibrant personality will jump through the screen to us at home. Food is culture, as they say. We are hungry for comfort food and she delivers big time. Nosrat's inspiring work fosters community and raises social and environmental awareness. We will also hear about her new book *What to Cook Next* published by Ten Speed Press. [www.ciaosamin.com](http://www.ciaosamin.com). Nosrat will be in conversation with Gillian Ferguson producer of *Good Food* on KCRW where she hosts "The Market Report."



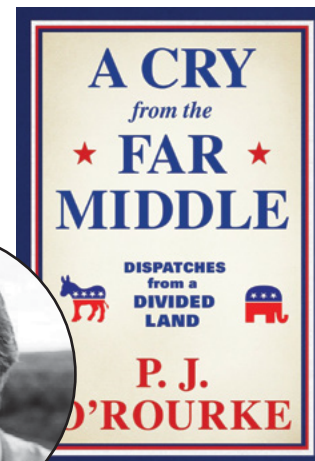
## P.J. O'Rourke

### *A Time to Laugh!*

### *A Cry from the Far Middle: Dispatches from a Divided Land*

Friday, February 19, 6:19pm

Leading political satirist, best-selling author, and op-ed contributor to *The Washington Post*, P.J. O'Rourke, covers current events, combining the skill of an investigative reporter with a comedian's sense of the absurd. Known as a hard-bitten, cigar-smoking conservative, he unabashedly bashes all political persuasions. Whether dealing with the inner workings of Washington or shifting political and economic sands of the new world disorder, O'Rourke proves to be a savvy guide to national and global affairs. His razor-sharp insights never fail to inform and entertain. With more than 1 million words of trenchant journalism under his byline and more citations in *The Penguin Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* than any living writer, O'Rourke has established himself as America's premier political satirist. He has authored 20 books, including his latest, *A Cry from the Far Middle: Dispatches from a Divided Land* (2020).



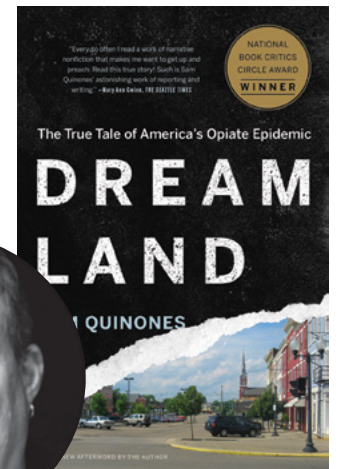
## Sam Quinones

### *Dreamland – Opioids in America: Past, Present, and Future*

Friday, March 12, 6:19pm

Sam Quinones' book *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic* (2015) won a National Book Critics Circle Award and was on a dozen Best Book of the Year lists. Why? The book struck a common chord. Quinones is a masterful storyteller and sought-after speaker who shares how the silent tragedy has impacted communities and families coast to coast. And what a tale . . . *Dreamland* is riveting. Quinones recounts how a pharmaceutical corporation promoted its legal opiate prescription painkiller as non-addictive and the rise of international drug trafficking. The collision of these two forces has led America into the deadliest drug scourge in modern times. *Dreamland* has also been adapted for a young adult audience, grades 8-12. [www.samquinones.com](http://www.samquinones.com)

\*Tickets purchased last spring for this event will be honored.

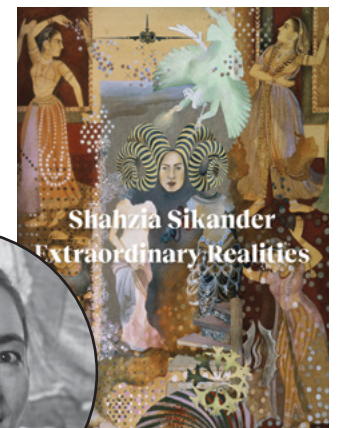


## Shahzia Sikander

### *Beauty, Power, and Extraordinary Realities*

Friday, April 16, 6:19pm

Pioneering Pakistani American artist Shahzia Sikander is one of the most influential artists working today. She is celebrated for her figurative painting, sculptures and installations inspired by traditional Persian miniatures. Sikander will discuss her latest artwork, exhibitions, and forthcoming book *Shahzia Sikander: Extraordinary Realities* (2021, Hirmer Publishers). We will learn how she expands and subverts traditional themes to explore cultural identity, gender, and other under-represented narratives. Sikander received a MacArthur Fellowship in 2006 and was awarded the State Department Medal of Arts in 2012. Her work has been exhibited around the world including the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; Museum of Modern Art, Sydney; Irish Modern Museum of Art, Dublin; and the Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao. [www.shahziasikander.com](http://www.shahziasikander.com). Sikander will be in conversation with Meg Linton, Chief Executive Officer, Newport Beach Public Library Foundation.



## Lecture Details

### Fridays, 6:19pm

Virtual Presentation followed by Q&A on Zoom\*  
General \$35 per household  
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# The Newport Beach Public Library Foundation is pleased to present *the 2021 season of Library Live*

Library Live 2021 goes virtual and is for adventurous readers who enjoy hearing from established literary figures and emerging talent. Novelists, poets, historians, journalists, biographers, memoirists and more share their ideas firsthand with our community. Participate, engage, and be challenged by our presentations with today's most gifted scribes.

## 2021 Library Live Committee

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Johanna Kim	Melody Wilson
Dorothy Larson	Barbara Glabman
Toby Larson	(Library Trustee
Lindsay Means	Liaison)

## Tomi Adeyemi

### *Children of Virtue and Vengeance*

Friday, February 5, 6:19pm

Tickets: General \$27 per household // NBPLF Members receive 25% Discount

At age 27, Adeyemi is considered by *Time Magazine* to be one of "The Top 100 Most Influential People" in 2020. She is a Hugo and Nebula Award-winning Nigerian-American writer and creative writing coach based in San Diego. After graduating from Harvard University with an honors degree in English literature, she studied West African mythology, religion, and the culture in Salvador, Brazil. Her first novel, *Children of Blood and Bone* debuted at #1 on *The New York Times* Best Seller list in 2018 and is being developed into a movie by Lucasfilm/Fox. Her second novel, *Children of Virtue and Vengeance*, was released in December 2019. Adeyemi speaks about her inspiration for her books, the creative process, and her many influences. When she's not writing or watching BTS Korean music videos, she is teaching creative writing at [www.tomiadeyemi.com](http://www.tomiadeyemi.com). Adeyemi will be in conversation with Chloe Jory, an award-winning writer, editor and creative consultant based in Los Angeles.

\*Tickets purchased in Spring 2020 for this event will be honored.



## Stuart Palley

### *Terra Flamma: Wildfires at Night*

Friday, April 9, 6:19pm

Tickets: General \$10 per household // NBPLF Members receive 25% Discount

Stuart Palley is a photojournalist who has been documenting the California wildfires for the last 6 years. His book *Terra Flamma: Wildfires at Night* (2018), reveals nature's response to extreme drought and rising temperatures in the forested areas of the sunshine state. Being a trained wildland fire fighter, Palley captures his images and stories on the frontlines. His environmental work has been recognized many times by the prestigious Pictures of the Year International organized by the Donald W. Reynolds Institute for Journalism. Palley has photographed for *National Geographic Magazine*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *WIRED*, *New York Magazine*, and *The Washington Post*. [www.stuartpalley.com](http://www.stuartpalley.com). Palley will be in conversation with Douglas McCulloh, Artist and Senior Curator at UCR Arts: California Museum of Photography.



## Jenny Offill

### *Weather*

Friday, March 5, 6:19pm

Tickets: General \$10 per household // NBPLF Members receive 25% Discount

*Weather* (2020) is a darkly funny tour de force about a family and nation in crisis. Protagonist, Lizzie, works in a university library and was a promising graduate student who dropped out of school to help her brother. One day a former mentor hires Lizzie to answer mail from her doom-laden Hell and High-Water podcast fans. As Lizzie fields questions about climate change from all sides, she wonders what it means to keep tending a garden when you've seen the flames beyond its walls. *Weather* was shortlisted for the UK's Women's Prize for Fiction. Like her other notable novels, *Last Things* (1999) and *Dept. of Speculation* (2014), *Weather* has received much critical acclaim. [www.jennyoffill.com](http://www.jennyoffill.com). Offill will be in conversation with Meg Linton, Chief Executive Officer, Newport Beach Public Library Foundation.



## Steven Rowley

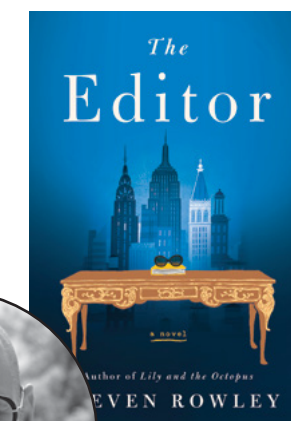
### *The Editor*

Friday, May 14, 6:19pm

Tickets: General \$10 per household // NBPLF Members receive 25% Discount

Following his bestseller, *Lily and the Octopus* (2016), Steven Rowley now delivers on the soaring promise of that debut with *The Editor* (2019), a stunning exploration of the complicated bonds forged within families, and a tribute to the serendipitous relationships that shape and define us. After years of trying to make it as a writer in 1990's New York City, Rowley's protagonist, James Smale, finally sells his novel to a major publishing house. His editor is none other than Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. With this fictionalized Jackie guiding Rowley's candidly autobiographical novel, fragile relationships are tested, and dysfunction exposed. *Lily and the Octopus* is in development as a feature film at Amazon Studios and *The Editor* has been optioned by Twentieth Century. [www.stevenrowley.com](http://www.stevenrowley.com). Rowley will be conversation with Samantha Dunn, a senior editor at the Southern California News Group, author, and a creative writing instructor at Chapman University.

\*Tickets purchased in Spring 2020 for this event will be honored.



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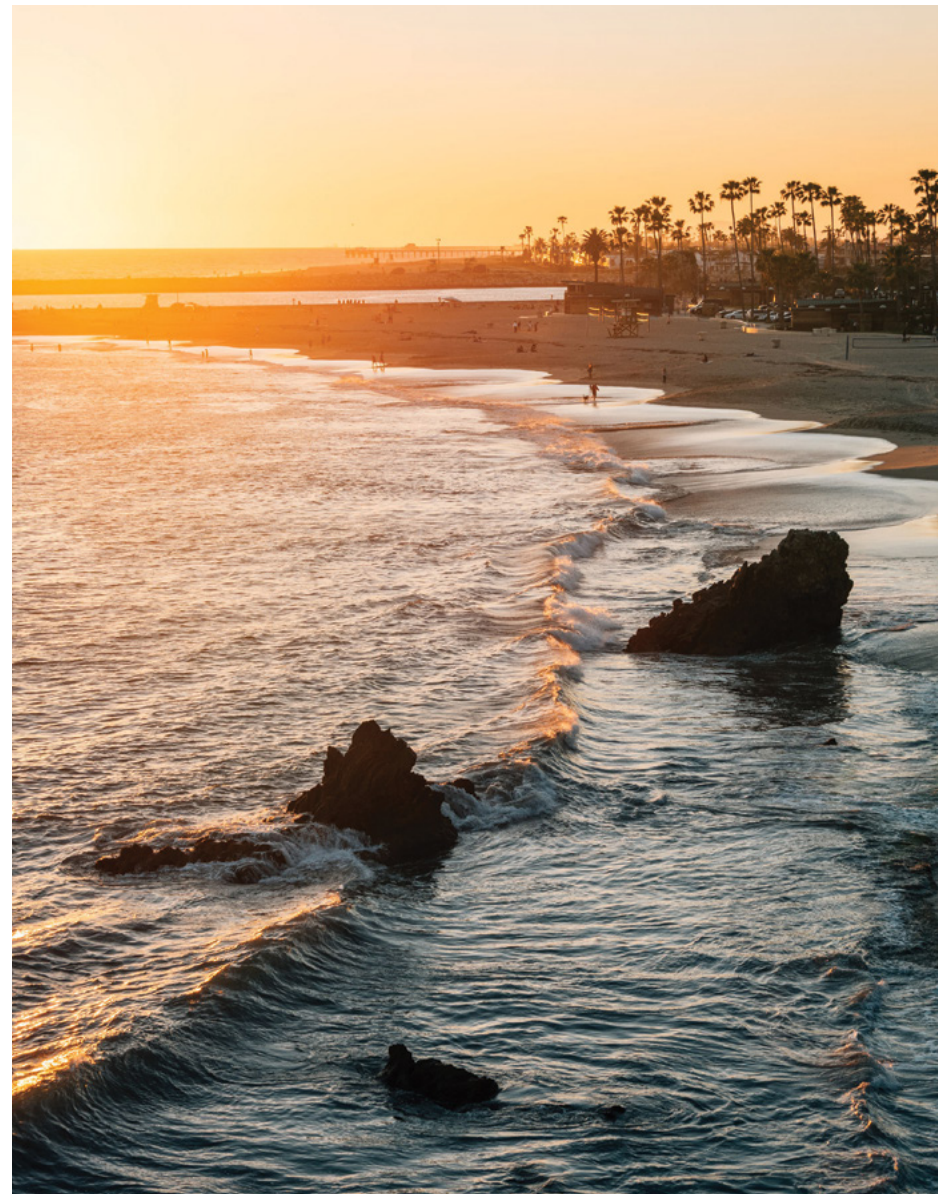
# WE WANT YOUR *stories* FROM THE SEA!

A COLLABORATION WITH  
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The Newport Beach Public Library Foundation was awarded two prestigious grants from the Isidore & Penny Myers Foundation in the amount of \$19,361 and \$5,000 from California Humanities to support this new program collaboration with the UCI Humanities Center called ***Stories from the Sea: An Oral History Project.***

NBPLF has teamed up with a brilliant group of UCI students and professors in literary journalism, history, and humanities to design a virtual multi-generational, multi-media, oral history experience documenting community members' personal stories about Newport Beach. The goal is to uncover stories about living, working, and enjoying the sea and coast; development and conservancy of the shoreline and coastal waterways; untold stories of indigenous people and people of color; and other interests the students bring to the table.



We are seeking community elders with compelling tales and the willingness to share documentation such as photos, ephemera, film, or objects that the students can scan or reproduce. We are also looking for enthusiastic individuals who can commit a little time to spend with a student via phone, Zoom, or other virtual platforms. In spring 2021, the students will present their final research projects as an online community event.

If you, or someone you know, are interested and would like to participate please visit the ***Stories from the Sea*** program page on our new website and complete the short online survey. If you have more questions please contact NBPLF Director of Programs, Kunga Wangmo-Upshaw at [kupshaw@nbplf.foundation](mailto:kupshaw@nbplf.foundation) or (949) 717-3818.

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*If you, or someone you know has a sea-worthy story to tell, please contact us at (949) 717-3818 or [nbplf.foundation](http://nbplf.foundation).*



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can be scanned  
and included  
in this very  
visual project.*

## *The Cruise of the Snark*

by Jack London

*The book contains a chapter titled A Royal Sport that vividly describes the physical and emotional exhilaration experienced from learning to surf.*

*The library has more ocean related literature.  
Enjoy the journey!*

— Dr. Rob Genc



# foundation BOARD NEWS

As always, our dedicated volunteer board members work hard to provide vital leadership and funding that supports free access to knowledge, inspires lifelong learning, and strengthens our community. Read on and learn more.



**Karen  
HEATH CLARK**

FOUNDATION CHAIR

When asked about her favorite book, NBPLF Board Chair, Karen Heath Clark, finds it hard to pick just one. However, she says that two books from her youth left a lasting impression. *The Last Temptation of Christ* by Nikos Kazantzakis taught her the value of keeping an open mind to alternative narratives. Wallace Stegner's *Angle of Repose* first introduced her to the intimate joys of reading fiction. Karen's favorite childhood library memory is of her annual participation in the children's reading program at the Pasadena Public Library, a magnificent old building inspiring awe. Today, Karen enjoys reading real paper books, but also books on her Kindle and listening to audiobooks while she travels with her husband Bruce. When at home in Corona del Mar, her favorite spot to read is in her comfy chair by the fireplace overlooking the sea. Karen looks forward to two years of leading the Foundation's mission of supporting the library with resources, dynamic programming, and envisioning a new lecture hall.



**John  
PRICHARD**

FOUNDATION TREASURER

John Prichard, President at Knightsbridge Wealth Management in Newport Beach, has taken on the role of Treasurer for NBPLF. He believes that libraries matter today more than ever because of the amazing array of resources they offer. "It's the rare, safe, positive place for all in our community," he says. John's best Library memory is attending Saturday Story Time with his children at the Newport Beach Public Library. His favorite use of the Library is finding a quiet place to study without interruption. John loves to read — especially early weekend mornings at home, along with a cup of coffee. He prefers hardcover books, including his all-time favorite, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. John joined the Library Foundation Board to work with like-minded people, giving back to an institution that has contributed so much to his family.



**Bridget  
SMITH**

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Bridget Smith is an attorney at Lowenstein & Weatherwax LLP and feels libraries matter today more than ever for many reasons including bridging the digital divide. She sees providing free access to computers and the internet as a significant service as so much of daily life has moved online, and many in America still cannot afford this essential resource. Libraries fill this gap and help with essentials such as checking email, applying for jobs, paying bills, and accessing social services and benefits. Her three daughters are also huge fans of the library and would live there if they could, most definitely in the welcoming and modern children's section. Bridget, a successful and busy lawyer, tries to read for pleasure every day, typically at bedtime for five minutes before falling asleep—she's always surprised by how many books she finishes each year. Bridget is honored to serve on the NBPLF Board to help the Library expand its services and reach.

## Can America and China Escape Thucydides's Trap?

By Graham Allison

*An easy-to-read study of historical world conflict and good context for thinking about the U.S. and China today.*

— John Prichard



**Tammy  
TANG**

FOUNDATION  
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Tammy Tang recalls many favorite books over the years, but her most recent is *Last Boat Out of Shanghai* by author Helen Zia, who gave a wonderful presentation at the Library last February. Having grown up in Honolulu, Hawaii, one of Tammy's favorite childhood pastimes was visiting the Manoa Library, where she could read to her heart's content and simultaneously escape the tropical heat. She believes libraries matter now more than ever because Librarians know how to answer questions with vetted and accurate information in a serene and supportive environment. Her favorite use of the Library is attending the always fascinating Witte Lectures and Library Live author events. Tammy enjoys reading hardcover books in her upstairs light-filled room in her Corona del Mar home that she shares with her husband Sam.

# John STAHR

## 1932-2020

John Stahr was, and his wife Elizabeth is, an integral figure in the creation of the Newport Beach Central Library and the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation.

The story begins in 1981 when the library trustees and management concluded that the existing 14,000-square-foot library was lacking in both collections and usable space. At the time, the four-library system was the second-busiest municipal public library in California, so the trustees determined there was enough need and desire to build a 54,000 square foot Central Library. The project required a new development approach and in particular required substantial private funds.

John and Elizabeth Stahr created the Library Foundation in 1989 and began a fundraising campaign to secure \$1.5 million for the building. Unlike most capital campaigns with big gifts paving the way, the Stahrs recognized the importance of community involvement and saw the Library as a place for everyone to gather and learn. According to Elizabeth, "We tried to keep it a low-key, grass-roots campaign. No glitz and no black-tie dinners."



(l-r) John Stahr, Newport Beach Mayor Diane Dixon, and Elizabeth Stahr, at the Central Library's 25th Anniversary Celebration in 2019.



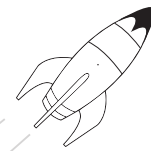
(l-r) Elizabeth and John Stahr present a check toward the construction of the new Central Library.

The Library is a place of inclusion and accessibility, and the Stahrs translated those values into a capital campaign for all and created a foundation built on popular support. The result was nothing less than a resounding success with children giving pennies, parents giving twenties, and corporations writing checks. Within a four-year period over 1,500 donations were received and only 20 of those gifts exceeded \$10,000. Public interest was high, people's hearts were open, and they gave at every level. The Stahrs exceeded the original goal by raising over \$2 million and the Central Library opened its doors in 1994. Elizabeth has often said, "This Library was built by the people of Newport Beach."

The Library Foundation is a paradigm for empowering private/public partnerships. John's son Walter Stahr shares his father's love of libraries and books, and now serves on the Library Foundation's Board of Directors. Walter said his father was proud of the library's success as a community hub and was extremely excited about the forthcoming Library Lecture Hall being designed by Robert R. Coffee Architect & Associates. The Stahrs have already committed funds to support the new capital campaign and we know John will be looking down with great pleasure when the first public program takes place in the Library's new Lecture Hall in the coming years.

*The Newport Beach Public Library Foundation says THANK YOU to John, Elizabeth and the entire Stahr family for their part in making the Central Library a beloved community treasure where life-long learning is free and accessible to all.*





## The Big Man's Daughter Owen Fitzstephen (AKA Gordon McAlpine)

Gordon McAlpine is a long-time member and supporter of the NBPLF. His latest novel *The Big Man's Daughter* published by Seventh Street Books in 2020 has been getting rave reviews. This story is about an 18-year-old Rita Gaspereaux, who is suddenly "orphaned" when her con-artist father's illegal enterprise blows up around her. Alone and broke in San Francisco in 1922, she must now navigate his criminal world, all the time haunted by tales of a black bird statuette reputed to possess otherworldly, wish-fulfilling powers. Go to the Library's online catalogue and place your hold today.



Pictured (l-r):  
Director of Library  
Services Tim Hetherton  
with NBPLF Board  
Chair Karen  
Heath Clark

## Foundation Dollars at Work

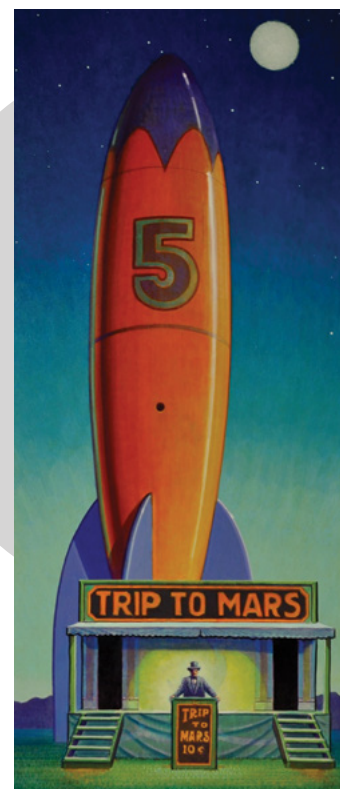
The NBPLF recently presented a gift of \$88,000 to support the Library's annual wish list by funding the following: Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy, downloadable ebooks and audiobooks, RBDigital and Flipster digital magazine services, and web-streaming through Kanopy. A special shout-out to Dr. and Mrs. Charles Turner for their support of the Kanopy digital license. These funds are in addition to the financial support and production of the speaker series, workshops, and events organized by the Foundation. NBPLF members and supporters enable the Library to provide first-rate experiences and 24/7/365 access to valuable resources through the latest technology.

## A Free Ticket to Everywhere

Our Library is like a *free ticket to everywhere*. Once you walk through our doors or sign in online, you have access to the *universe*. A library is the fuel for your curiosity providing knowledge, answers, and resources to strengthen your mind and illuminate your way.

Providing free access to knowledge for all is not without considerable cost, especially during these trying times. Keeping the library modern and relevant requires financial resources and government funding only goes so far. Generous NBPLF members and supporters fund the rest. For more information or to give, go to our new website at [nbplf.foundation](http://nbplf.foundation).

Thank you to local artist Robert W. LaDuke for the use of his painting *Mars, 2018*, acrylic on panel, 30" x 13" inches. LaDuke is represented by Susan Greenwood Fine Art in Laguna Beach and Meyer Gallery in Santa Fe.



# Winter / Spring Calendar

# 2021

Programming has gone virtual. Unless noted otherwise, visit [nbplf.foundation](http://nbplf.foundation) for event registration. For full calendar of Library events, visit [newportbeachlibrary.org](http://newportbeachlibrary.org).

### JANUARY 15 the witte lecture

Samin Nosrat  
Friday, 6:19pm  
\$35 General  
25% off for Members

JANUARY 25  
FEBRUARY 22  
MARCH 22, APRIL 26  
MAY 24

### medicine in our backyard

CENTRAL  
Mondays, 4:00pm  
FREE w/Registration

### FEBRUARY 5 library live

Tomi Adeyemi  
Friday, 6:19pm  
\$27 General  
25% off for Members

### FEBRUARY 19 the witte lecture

P.J. O'Rourke  
Friday, 6:19pm  
\$35 General  
25% off for Members

### FEBRUARY 20 newport/mesa proliteracy happy hour with author lily king

Saturday, 5:00pm, FREE  
To Register 949-717-3874  
[Literacy@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:Literacy@newportbeachca.gov)

### MARCH 5 library live

Jenny Offill  
Friday, 6:19pm  
\$10 General  
25% off for Members

### MARCH 12 the witte lecture

Sam Quinones  
Friday, 6:19pm  
\$35 General  
25% off for Members

### APRIL 9 library live

Stuart Palley  
Friday, 6:19pm  
\$10 General  
25% off for Members

### APRIL 16 the witte lecture

Shahzia Sikander  
Friday, 6:19pm  
\$35 General  
25% off for Members

### MAY 14 library live

Steven Rowley  
Friday, 6:19pm  
\$10 General  
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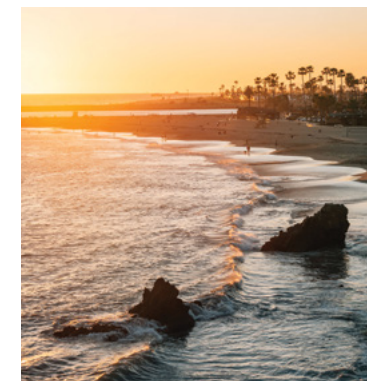
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Monday — Saturday  
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## Policing the Womb: Invisible Women and the Criminalization of Motherhood

by Professor Michele Goodwin

A chilling analysis of the  
increasing criminalization  
of reproductive rights.

— Karen Heath Clark





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## *Pachinko*

by Min Jin Lee

*It's a stunning book about family,  
hope and 20th century Korean  
and Japanese history.*

– Kunga Wangmo-Upshaw

*Join us on Friday, April 9,  
for Library Live featuring  
photographer Stuart Palley,  
who will share his stunning  
images of California's wildfires.*

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