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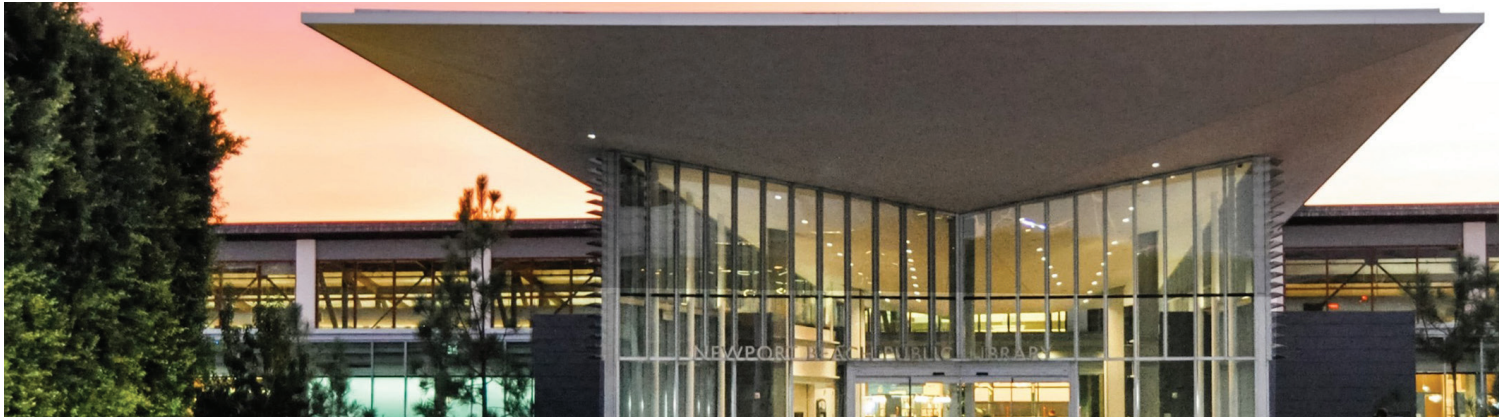
FALL 2022

WITTE HALL

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As Chair of the Board of Library Trustees, I am honored to introduce Melissa L. Hartson as the new Director of Library Services.

Melissa is certainly not *new* to any of us who adore the Newport Beach Public Library. She began with the Library over 26 — yes, 26 years ago.

Her list of responsible positions is long: Page, Clerk, Children's Librarian, Young Adult Librarian, Adult Services Librarian, CDM Branch Librarian, Collection Development Librarian, Circulation Coordinator, Budget Manager, Acting Library Services Manager, and — now, Director of Library Services.

In working with her as a Board member for the past six years, I have personally witnessed that Melissa espouses, lives, and practices the City's core values: excellent service, responsibility, initiative, one team, and integrity. She is "can-do" in every favorable sense of those words.

She has a ton on her plate: the Library Lecture Hall (discussed at right), the long-needed replacement of the Balboa Branch/Fire Station, hiring of senior staff and other staff, working with the other City Directors and with our City Manager, heading the Library's Administrative Team, the continued pursuit of Star status with the *Library Journal*, continued outstanding relationships with the Library support groups including the Foundation, Friends, and Project Adult Literacy, and many additional initiatives.

Under Melissa's enthusiastic leadership, the Library will continue to be "the cultural, educational and informational heart of Newport Beach." Welcome aboard, Melissa!

Update on the Library Lecture Hall

Ten years in the making. Hundreds of meetings. Thousands of volunteer hours. Many Council meetings.

The end may be in sight for the completion of the planning for the last jewel in the crown which is the Library campus: the Library Lecture Hall and adjacent facilities. Upon gaining City approval, the plans will go out for bid, with a possible start of construction in late 2023.

Once completed, the Hall will provide audiences with a spectrum of rich experiences in film, music, the performing arts, distinguished speakers, meeting opportunities, and entertainers. The Hall will maximize sightlines and will provide abundant seating and state-of-the-art lighting and audio/visual equipment and facilities.

As the *private* part of the *public/private* partnership with the City in the development/construction of the Hall, the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation is actively engaged in a capital donation opportunity campaign.

If you would like additional information about donating opportunities, please contact Jerold Kappel, Foundation CEO at jkappel@nbplf.foundation or at 949-717-3890.

This issue of *Bookmark* includes information on the donor naming rights/value opportunities regarding the Hall itself and Hall-adjacent areas.

Thank you,

Paul Watkins

Paul K. Watkins
Chair, Board of Library Trustees

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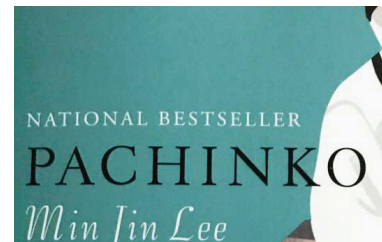
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CRISTINA MITTERMEIER

National Geographic Adventurer of the Year and Smithsonian Photographer of the Year, Cristina Mittermeier will share wisdom from her decades of documenting the far reaches of our planet.

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Interesting and educational — workshops focusing on books, finances, medicine and more.

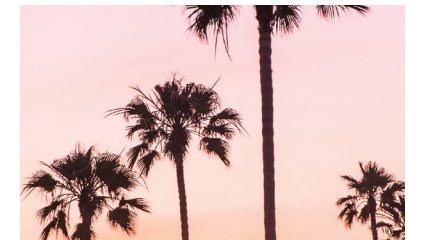
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ANNUAL REPORT

A 2021 summary of Newport Beach Public Library Foundation efforts.

BACK COVER



SUMMER SOLSTICE EVENT

A look back at an elegant summer evening reception and author talk celebrating the heart of the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation: our members.



The Newport Beach Public Library Foundation presents the 26th season of The Witte Lecture Series

February through April, 2023

The 26th season of the highly acclaimed Witte Lecture series launches on February 10-11, 2023. Sifting through the massive flow of information and discerning what deserves thoughtful attention is time consuming and difficult. Our roster of nationally known speakers will once again provide a spark for igniting community conversation on the timeliest topics. Be part of the Witte community for live, dynamic, and compelling conversations in our award-winning library. Knowledge is power!

Thank you to the 2023 Witte Committee

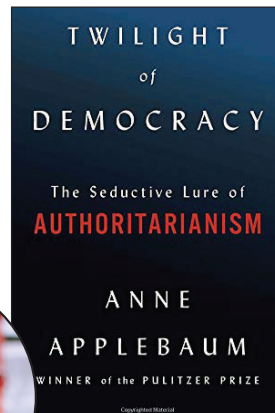
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Anne Applebaum

Authoritarianism vs. Democracy: A Global Crisis

Friday, February 10, 7:00pm / Saturday, February 11, 2:00pm

Anne Applebaum, Senior Fellow of International Affairs at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies will examine the extreme challenges and fragile opportunities of global political and economic change. From Putin's disinformation narratives to the European financial crises to national responses to terrorism, Applebaum provides both background and up-to-the-minute insights that are vital to understanding the international, political and economic risks. Applebaum excels in international reporting most recently focusing on the rise of authoritarianism. She is a staff writer at the Atlantic and a Pulitzer Prize winner for *Gulag: A History about Soviet concentration camps*. She is a tested, dedicated observer and veteran journalist with a keen international perspective.



Cristina Mittermeier

Enoughness: Ocean Conservation

Friday, March 31, 7:00pm / Saturday, April 1, 2:00pm

With the urgent need to protect our increasingly fragile planet, we are proud to present 2018 National Geographic's Adventure of the Year and the Smithsonian Conservation Photographer of the Year awardee, Cristina Mittermeier. With passion, conviction, and a zest for life, illustrated by award-winning images and film, Cristina will share the hard-won wisdom she's gleaned from documenting the far reaches of our planet and its people for decades. She challenges us to redefine our answers to "What is enough?". In 2020, Cristina announced the most ambitious project of her career: "Only One," a new digital technology product that amplifies stories, campaigns, and solutions that sit at the intersection of ocean health and social justice and uses the power of media and technology to inspire individuals to take action to rebuild ocean life. In recognition of her three decades of courageous journalism and making the pictures that tell the story of our planet, Cristina was recently presented with the Sylvia Earle Medal. Some will remember that Earle was an early Witte Speaker. Cristina, representing the next generation, will inspire all to activism.



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Arthur L. Caplan, PhD

Ethical Challenges on the Frontiers of Medicine

Friday, March 3, 7:00pm / Saturday, March 4, 2:00pm

Dr. Caplan is currently the Drs. William F. and Virginia Connolly Mitty Professor and founding head of the Division of Medical Ethics at NYU School of Medicine in New York City. Prior to NYU, he founded three biomedical ethics centers at Columbia University, University of Pittsburgh, and University of Pennsylvania. His depth and breadth of knowledge, and thorough assessments in both medical and biomedical field have led him to be described as one of the 10 most influential people in science by DISCOVER. He holds many distinguished honors and awards for his contributions in the field of bioethics including the Patricia Price Browne Prize in Biomedical Ethics and the Public Service Award from the National Science Foundation/National Science Board. Additionally, he is the author and editor of thirty-five books and over 850 papers in peer reviewed journals. In a nation with limited financial resources and access to health care, Dr. Caplan's thoughtful, ethical, and expert assessment will be provocative.



Photo: Sameer A. Khan

Jill Lepore, PhD

The Digital Veil: Misinformation and the Future of Democracy

Friday, April 28, 7:00pm / Saturday, April 29, 2:00pm

Jill Lepore is the David Woods Kemper Professor of American History and Affiliate Professor of Law at Harvard University, and a staff writer at *The New Yorker*. In 2020, she published her fourteenth book, *If Then: How the Simulmatics Corporation Invented the Future*. Lepore will provide a look at the emerging world of computer technology, human behavior prediction and politics. Have we come to rely too heavily on Google, Twitter and Facebook? A prolific author, Lepore's first book, *The Name of War: King Philip's War and the Origins of American Identity*, won the Bancroft Prize, one of the most prestigious awards in the field of American history writing. *These Truths: A History of the United States*, was an international bestseller named one of *Time* magazine's top ten non-fiction books of the decade. Several of her writings have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Times Literary Supplement*, *Foreign Affairs*, and *Yale Law Journal* to name a few. Lepore is a lively, funny, and engaging presenter promising us an evening of thoughtful and energizing conversation.

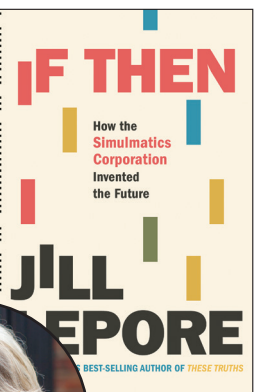


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Lecture Details

Fridays Evening Lectures

Friday, 7:00pm - 9:00pm,
Doors open at 6:30pm

Lecture, Book Sale & Signing,
Light Supper with Wine

Buy Witte Season Pass \$225*

General \$65
NBPLF Member: \$60

Saturday Afternoon Lectures

Saturday, 2:00pm - 4:00pm,
Doors open at 1:30pm

Lecture, Book Sale & Signing,
Refreshments

Buy Witte Season Pass \$155*

General \$45
NBPLF Member: \$40

Tickets

Come to the lectures and chat with our speakers at a tasty post-lecture supper on Friday night or coffee and cookies on Saturday afternoon. All lectures are at the Central Library. To Purchase Tickets: nbplf.foundation or 949-717-3892.

Tickets go on sale October 22 at www.nbplf.foundation/programs/witte-lectures/

***Members can buy season pass in October 2022**

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The Newport Beach Public Library Foundation is pleased to announce *Library Live / Oct 2022 – April 2023*

We are excited to welcome four talented authors to our 2022-2023 Library Live series. Their books will invite us to explore the first-ever residential space station to combat climate change, take us on a journey to follow a Paradise high school football team after wildfires, a Korean family's epic saga in 1900, to the backdrop of refugee crises told through the eyes of children, while asking us, "what does home mean to you?"

Thank you to our 2022 Library Live! Committee

Loren Blackwood
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Lindsay Means

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Adrian Windsor

Rebecca Scherm

A House Between Earth and The Moon

Thursday, October 13, 2022 7:00pm

Prescient and insightful, *A House Between Earth and the Moon* (2022) is set in 2033 on a space station Parallax, the first-ever luxury residential space station built for billionaires, and follows a group of pioneering scientists working to save the world from the disasters of climate change, and the exploitative machinations of big tech. It is an ambitious novel by Scherm that combines science fiction and eco fiction to create a gripping story about family bonds, ambition, and the length a person will go to protect the people and planet they love. The book was 2022's most anticipated women fiction in several magazines including *Marie Claire*, and *The Millions*. Rebecca Scherm is a Californian author. Her first book, *Unbecoming* (2015), was nominated for an Edgar award for Best First Novel.

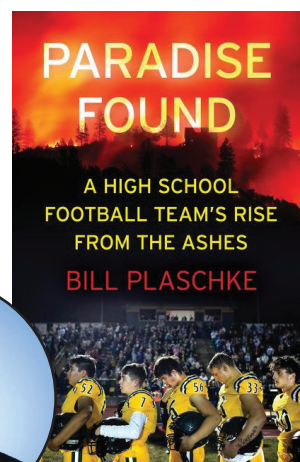


Bill Plaschke

Paradise Found: A High School Football Team's Rise from the Ashes

Thursday, November 17, 7:00pm

Los Angeles Times columnist Bill Plaschke follows the Paradise High School football team and their athletic staff, specifically their head coach Rick Prinz through its first season after the 2018 Camp Fire leveled its Northern California town. A moving, tragic and hopeful account of the destruction of Paradise, California, by raging wildfires and its resurrection through the spirit, courage and heart of their high school football team. Bill Plaschke has been named national sports columnist eight times by the Associated Press. He is the author of five books, including a collection of his columns entitled, *Plaschke: Good Sports, Spoil Sports, Foul Ball and Oddballs*. Plaschke is also a panelist on the popular ESPN daily talk show, "Around the Horn."

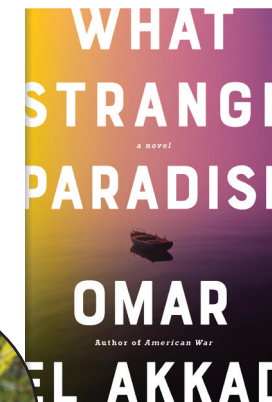


Omar El-Akkad

What Strange Paradise

Thursday, February 23, 7:00pm

Powerful and compelling, *What Strange Paradise* (2021) is a story about a boy who survives a refugee passage, and a girl whose homeland feels fractured but dares to save him. Author and journalist Omar El Akkad has beautifully woven a compelling story about hope and despair, empathy and indifference, against a backdrop of the all-too-common dehumanization and dismissal of the global refugee crisis. The book won the Giller Prize, the Oregon Book Award for fiction, and was shortlisted for the Aspen Words Literary Prize. His debut novel *American War* (2018) has been translated into thirteen languages and was selected by the BBC as one of 100 novels that changed our world. His journalism has earned the National Newspaper Award for Investigative Journalism and the Goff Penny Award for young journalists. El-Akkad fiction and non-fiction writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, and *Le Monde*.



Min Jin Lee

Pachinko

Thursday, April 20, 7:00pm

Pachinko (2017) is an epic story which follows a Korean family who migrates to Japan; it is the first novel written for an adult, English-speaking audience about the Korean Japanese people. *Pachinko* was a finalist for the National Book Award for Fiction and has been translated into over thirty-five languages. It is now a series on Apple TV+. Min Jin Lee is a professor at Amherst College and a recipient of fiction fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Radcliffe Institute of Advanced Study at Harvard and the New York Foundation for the Arts. Lee's fiction explores the intersection of race, ethnicity, immigration, class, religion, gender, and identity of a diasporic people. Her writings have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Times of London*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. She served as a columnist for the *Chosun Ilbo*, the leading newspaper of South Korea.

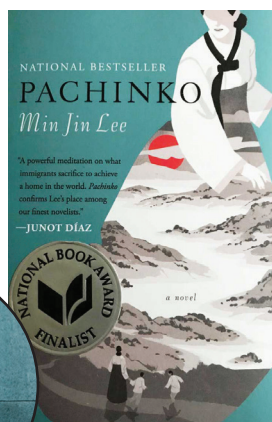


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Lecture Details

Thursdays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Lecture, Book Sale & Signing,
Refreshments

General \$35
NBPLF Member: \$30

Tickets

All lectures are at the Central Library in the Friends Room. Doors open at 6:30pm. Lecture and Q&A, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, followed by book sale and signing till 9:00pm. To purchase tickets: www.nbplf.foundation or 949-717-3892.

Tickets go on sale September 2022 at nbplf.foundation/programs/library-live/

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The Newport Beach Public Library Lecture Hall is Now Formally Named **Witte Hall**

Recognizing the generous contribution of Bill Witte and Keiko Sakamoto to the Beyond Books Campaign for the Library Lecture Hall, the Newport Beach City Council approved the naming of the Hall as Witte Hall. The name will appear on the front of the building at the library entrance as well as on the Avocado Avenue monument signage.



Bill Witte and Keiko Sakamoto

The Witte family are long-time supporters of the Library and the Foundation. In presenting the gift, Bill and Keiko stated: "Our family is honored to continue our support of the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation and its mission to bring people together. We commend the City and the Foundation for their vision in taking on this ambitious endeavor. We are deeply committed to promoting community engagement and are thrilled to support such a beautiful building in a central place for the public to gather. The late Martin Witte, our patriarch and the namesake of the Witte Lectures, was an early and enthusiastic champion of the Newport Beach Public Library. A long-time supporter of public institutions and dialogue, he would be so proud."

For nearly three decades, the Witte family has provided support for the Foundation's premier lecture program, The Witte Distinguished Speaker Series. Now in its 26th season, it has brought over 100 notable authors, thinkers, and provocateurs to the community. The Foundation is delighted to recognize this generous gift and the Witte Family.



BEYOND BOOKS

Naming opportunities are still available for other areas of Witte Hall. Donors at the \$25,000 and above level will have permanent recognition in the Lobby of Witte Hall, and all donors will be recognized in the program for the grand opening celebration. For further information and to receive a full prospectus, please contact:

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Fall Happenings at the Library

SUNDAY MUSICALES AT THE LIBRARY

September through December

The Newport Beach Public Library is pleased to announce the 2022 Fall Sunday Musicales. The hour-long concerts are held monthly on Sundays from 3-4:00pm in the Friends Room of the Central Library. Please join us on October 16 for a sax quartet; November 20 for a flute, oboe, and piano trio; and December 11 for a special holiday performance. Admission is free. More information at newportbeachlibrary.org



STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

Deadline for entry: November 4

The Newport Beach Student Art Exhibition is an exciting program open to students grades pre-K through 12. Young artists may submit one original work of art in the following mediums: painting (acrylic, oil, watercolor), drawing (ink, pencil, charcoal, pastel, markers, crayons), or collage. Accepted artwork will be displayed at the Central Library from January 9 – February 10, 2023. Artists may submit their applications Friday, September 2 through Friday, November 4. For entry guidelines and prize information, please visit the Cultural Arts section of the Library website at newportbeachlibrary.org



MARINA PARK CONCERT

Sunday, October 2, 4-5:30pm

The City of Newport Beach Arts Commission is pleased to present an outdoor concert at Marina Park featuring Stone Soul, an 8-piece, horn-blowing, foot-stomping Classic Soul & Motown tribute band. Bring your low-slung beach chairs and blankets and enjoy this free evening concert in a fun atmosphere. Pack a picnic dinner or purchase from on-site gourmet food trucks. Kids activities included. Alcohol is not permitted. More information at newportbeachlibrary.org



COLLEGE PREP

October-November

In partnership with Collegewise of Irvine, the Newport Beach Public Library presents free college prep programs for teens and parents. Workshops include *Paying for College: Financial Aid + Scholarships* on October 4 from 4-5:00pm and repeated on November 1; and a college essay writing seminar on October 26 from 7-8:00pm. Funding is generously provided by the Friends of the Library.

Books, Finances, and Medicine

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Discussion Group meets the second Wednesday of the month, from 9:30-11am in the Friends Room of the Central Library. Refreshments are provided and the books are available through the Newport Beach Public Library. Join us for this free program.

★ **September 14, 2022**

The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

★ **October 12, 2022**

A House Between Earth and the Moon by Rebecca Scherm

★ **November 9, 2022**

Machines Like Me by Ian McEwan

★ **December 14, 2022**

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman



FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS – IT'S YOUR MONEY!

Join us for **It's Your Money**, an annual six-week series of workshops providing attendees with education and practical solutions to financial and estate planning issues. These free workshops are presented as a community service, and are for educational purposes only; held on Mondays at 10:00am in the Friends Room of the Central Library.

★ **September 19** – Overview and Tax Changes

★ **September 26** – Financial Planning I

★ **October 3** – Medical Care Planning

★ **October 10** – Investment World

★ **October 17** – Equity and Fixed Income Investing

★ **October 24** – Financial Planning II



MEDICINE IN OUR BACKYARD

Medicine in Our Backyard is presented in collaboration with UCI Health and features an extraordinary group of renowned doctors and researchers speaking on a wide range of topics. Admission is free, registration is required. Topics and physicians will be announced on the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation website. Held on Mondays at 7pm in the Friends Room of the Central Library.

★ **Monday, September 26, 2022**

★ **Monday, October 24, 2022**

★ **Monday, November 14, 2022**



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College Prep



This past fiscal year has been a year of transition for the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation. The Foundation staff, and our new CEO, Jerold Kappel, returned to their Library offices in June 2021 and the Board is back to in-person meetings. Our Witte Distinguished Lecture Series and Library Live Distinguished Author programs were finally held again in person and we were able to mingle with our library-loving friends and neighbors to discuss issues and challenges raised by our engaging speakers.

Our most exciting step forward this past year was reaching an agreement with the City of Newport Beach for funding the construction of our much-anticipated new Library Lecture Hall, now named Witte Hall due to the generous contribution by Bill Witte and Keiko Sakamoto. The Hall is named to honor Martin Witte, founder of the Witte Lecture Series 26 years ago, and the Witte Family.

Witte Hall has been a vision for over ten years, driven to reality by the dedicated efforts of Jill Johnson-Tucker. Jill not only chairs the City's Design Committee, but also leads our capital campaign to ensure that the Foundation will meet its financial obligation for the Hall construction. Many others contributed to these efforts including Walter Stahr and Larry Tucker, who both joined me to work out an agreement with the City, as well as members of the Design Committee, including Council Member Diane Dixon, Library Trustee Janet Ray, and Matt Witte who joined Jill and me on that Committee. We were tasked with working with our architect, Bob Coffey, on the design of the Hall.

The Foundation's Board and its many donors and volunteers provide the engine that makes our programs a success. For over 30 years the Foundation has worked to make the Newport Beach Public Library a beacon of learning and inspiration, and the central point of our civic life. We are all proud to be a part of a mission to make our community an even better place to live and raise a family.

I will be passing the Foundation's leadership baton to our Vice Chair next July with mixed feelings — sadness that my tenure is over and pride in our accomplishments. I will, however, remain an active participant in the Foundation and ask that you too become part of the Foundation's future. Please do continue your monetary support, and increase it if you are able, but also consider volunteering as an active participant in the life of the Foundation, perhaps as a Board or committee member. We'd love to have you join us.

Feel free to contact me or CEO Jerold Kappel, to learn how you can be part of the future of the Foundation and the great Library it serves.

— Karen Heath Clark, *Chair of the Board*
karen.h.clark@gmail.com

PROGRAMS

WITTE DISTINGUISHED AUTHOR SERIES

Over 1500 people attended the Witte Lectures with a 92% capacity for the eight lectures, all live and in person. Audience members were enthused to be able to attend compelling presentations by:

- Suzanne Simard, PhD, author of *Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest*
- Eddie Glaude Jr., PhD, spoke on *Race and Democracy: America is Always Changing, But America Never Changes*
- Charlotte Alter, spoke on *Turnover: How Generational Change Will Transform American Life*
- Ezra Klein, spoke on *American Varieties: Reflecting on Democracy*

This was the 25th Anniversary of the Witte Distinguished Author Series. Lizanne Witte, a founding member of the Witte Series Committee, provided an overview in the Spring edition of the Bookmark which listed all 109 authors who have spoken from 1997-2022. The cover of the Bookmark, celebrating the twenty-five years, featured the faces of forty-eight of the most renowned writers and thinkers among this group and reminded us of the tremendous contribution this Witte Series has made to our Newport Beach community. The Spring edition of Bookmark is available in the Archive section on the Foundation's website www.NBPLF.Foundation.

LIBRARY LIVE

Library Live featured a wide array of speakers in a variety of formats including biography, history, and fiction. All authors had Southern California roots. The speakers were:

- Walter Stahr, author of *Salmon P. Chase: Lincoln's Vital Rival*
- Brit Bennett, author of *The Vanishing Half*
- Adin Dobkin, author of *Sprinting Through No Man's Land: Endurance, Tragedy and Rebirth in the 1919 Tour de France*
- Charles Yu, author of *Interior Chinatown: Screenwriting, Representation and Identity*

MEDICINE IN OUR BACKYARD

Through the Foundation's partnership with UCI Health and the support of Mike and Polly Smith, Medicine in Our Backyard continued virtually with presentations from internationally renowned medical faculty to address a broad range of health issues: Covid 19 and Life after the Pandemic, Women Surviving Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease, Glaucoma, Colonoscopies, Prostate Cancer, Brain Repair with Stem Cells. As many as 150 people registered for these lectures, each ending with a Q and A exchange with the audience.

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS AND BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Both groups resumed live in September and saw an increase in participation. After the emergence of the Omicron variant of the Coronavirus in late 2021, the Financial Literacy Workshops returned to virtual programs and after a brief pause, the Book Discussion Group returned to the Friends Room in the Spring for in-person gatherings.

VIDEOS

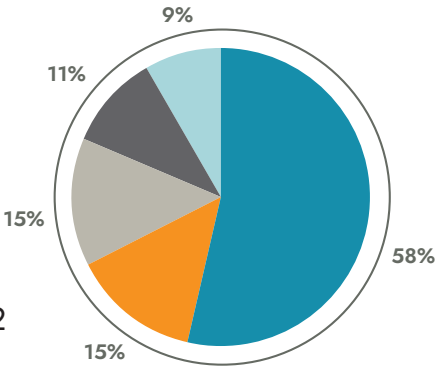
Videos of the Witte Lecture and Library Live series are available on the Foundation's website free for members of the Foundation. The Medicine in Our Backyard video archives will remain available on the Foundation's website free to both Members and non-Members.

SOCIAL GATHERING

The season ended with a Summer Solstice Reception in the Bamboo Courtyard celebrating new members of the Foundation, Library Leadership Circle donors, and distinguished guests. Connie Spenuzza, local and award-winning author spoke about her book, *Chocolate Runs Through My Veins*, which explores the cultural history of the women within the world of chocolate. Mrs. Spenuzza gifted the attendees with signed copies of her book, chocolates (of course!) and musical entertainment including Flamenco dancers.

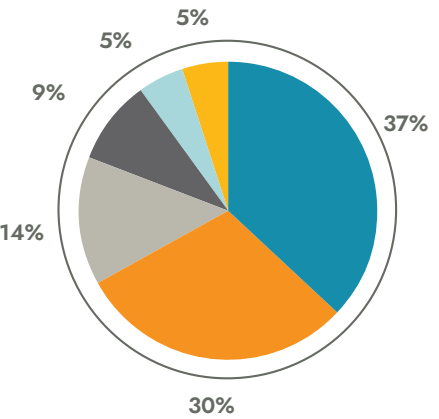
FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

With the successful negotiation of the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Newport Beach, and the acceptance of the building's design, the Foundation initiated a capital campaign, entitled Beyond Books, to raise the funds to partner with the City in the construction of a new Library Lecture Hall. The Foundation underwrote the costs of initiating this campaign.



FISCAL 2022 REVENUE

Contributed Revenue	\$407,387.98
Investment Income	\$108,534.98
Grants	\$107,603.40
Earned Revenue	\$ 80,577.57
Net Operating	\$ 60,315.85



FISCAL 2022 EXPENSES

Program Expenses.....	\$239,543.38
Management.....	\$192,999.41
Fundraising	\$ 88,097.00
Marketing.....	\$ 56,171.67
Library Support.....	\$ 35,105.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 31,872.00

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Foundation had a 7% increase in contributed revenue for the fiscal year, and with in-person Witte Lectures and Library Live presentations, the Foundation experienced an overall net revenue increase of 19%. Operating expenses were on budget. The Foundation contributed \$35,100 to the Library and underwrote \$31,900 in capital campaign expenses for the Beyond Books funding campaign for the Library Lecture Hall. Like other small businesses, the Foundation was able to secure Paycheck Protection Program loans during the height of the Coronavirus epidemic. Again, like other small businesses, those loans were forgiven this past fiscal year.

GOVERNANCE

Under the leadership of Chair Karen H. Clark, the Board of Directors remained engaged and committed to the mission and programs of the Foundation. The Board welcomed new member Marilyn Krahe and expressed their appreciation for the services of Afsaneh Alisobhani and Bridget Smith who left the Board.

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Kurt Kost was the Trustee liaison to the Foundation Board this past fiscal year. Trustee Chair Paul Watkins served as the liaison to Library Live Committee and Barbara Glabman to the Witte Lecture Committee. The Foundation thanks them for their service. Tim Hetherton, longtime member of the Library staff and its director for the past eight years, retired in May. That same month, the Trustees appointed another long-time staff member, Melissa Hartson, as the new director. The Board and staff look forward to working with Ms. Hartson and her dedicated library staff for many years to come.

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Summer Solstice Event

This year's summer solstice was an ideal excuse to celebrate the beginning of our favorite season, and even more so, to celebrate the heart and soul of the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation: our members. Here's a look back at the elegant evening reception. An enormous thanks to all those who continue to make the Library Foundation a success.



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