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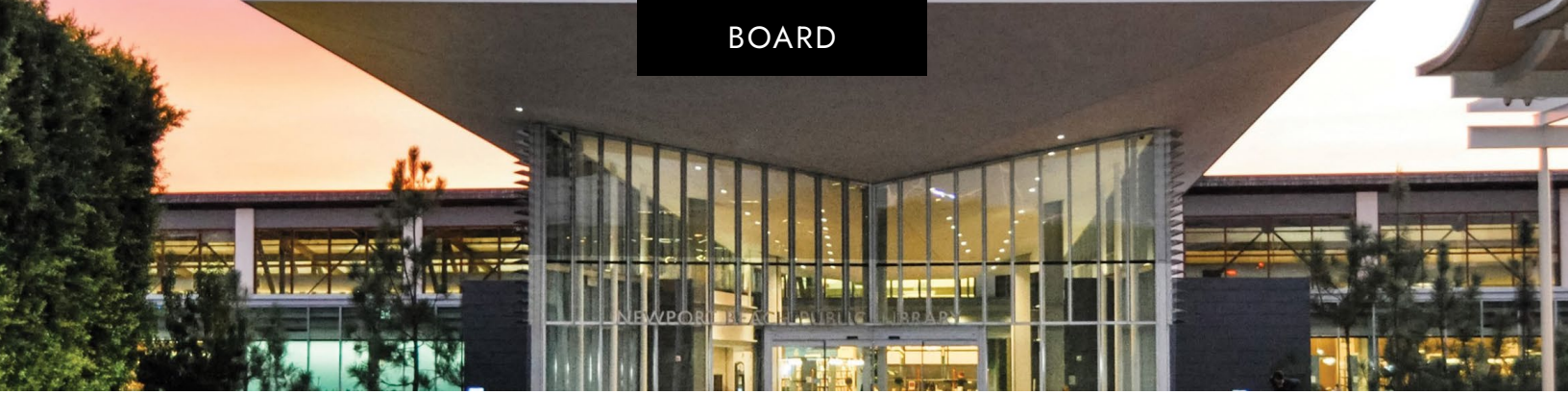
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SUMMER 2023

Announcing *Spotlight on Science*, a fascinating new lecture series brought to you by the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation. Stay tuned for the 2023-2024 season where we welcome experts exploring an array of inspiring advances in science, space, technology, and much more.

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*Cover photograph: The Orion Nebula, a star-forming region which is approximately 1400 light-years from Earth. Courtesy of The NASA James Webb Space Telescope.*



## Dear NBPLF Members and Friends,

My time of service as Chair of the Board of the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation ends in June. My two-year term morphed to three due to the pandemic; yet it feels like I've just started.

These have been a momentous three years. We have welcomed our new, dynamic CEO, Jerold Kappel, who has taken the reins and moved us forward. Our commitment, and yours, to the new community hall, which was still a dream when my term started, has led us to the cusp of success. Witte Hall will be a facility that will transform not only the library, but our entire community.

In my message three years ago, I promised to focus on the words of Helen Keller: "A bend in the road is not the end of the road unless you fail to make the turn." I promised you that when we met those inevitable and dangerous bends in our road, we would not only make the correct turn, but also come round the bend and accelerate! That is exactly what we have done. Our lecture series are better and more popular than ever, our generous supporters are strong and committed, and our dedicated Board and staff remain passionate about our mission.

In short, our future is bright.

The position of Chair will be taken over by our current Vice-Chair, Kevin Barlow. I wish him the best.

Thank you,



Karen Heath Clark  
*Chair, NBPLF Board of Directors*  
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As the incoming Chair of the Library Foundation, my vision is to build on the Foundation's work over the past 30 years to foster a vibrant, inclusive, and technologically advanced space that supports lifelong learning, cultural enrichment, and community engagement.

We will prioritize expanding our digital resources, ensuring accessibility for all, and collaborating with local organizations to promote literacy and educational opportunities. Additionally, we will continue to focus on creating innovative programs tailored to diverse interests, enhancing the library as a hub for knowledge and exploration.

By nurturing partnerships and maintaining a strong, sustainable financial base, we will ensure that our library continues to evolve and adapt to the ever-changing needs of our community, remaining an indispensable resource to the community for generations to come.

Thank you,



Kevin Barlow  
*Incoming Chair,*  
*NBPLF Board of Directors*  
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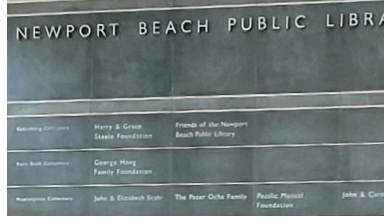
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In 1989, under the remarkable leadership of Elizabeth and John Stahr, a community-wide movement began.

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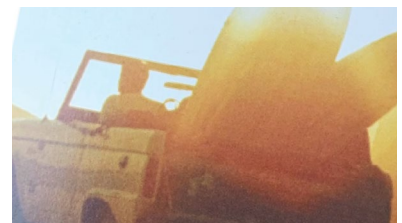
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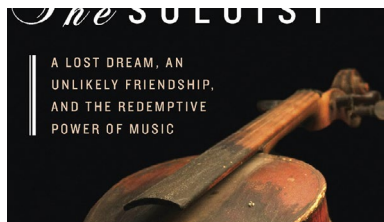
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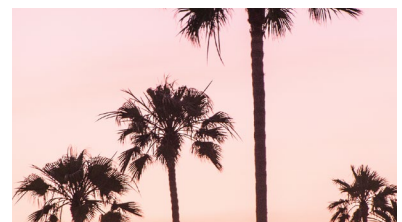
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Join us for our Book Discussion Group, Financial Workshops, and Medicine In Our Backyard series.

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

A snapshot of our Summer Solstice event where we welcomed both new members and a new season.



Elizabeth Stahr and her son, Walter, attend a Storytime during National Library Week at the Central Library Children's Room — a space funded by Elizabeth and her late husband, John Stahr. The immensely popular Storytime events at the Central Library bring in hundreds of happy kids and parents each week.

*“I believe in the power of books and libraries to change lives, especially the lives of children. I took my own children to the public library each and every week all year long. Reading is the most important thing that children must learn. That is why my late husband John and I have supported, for so many years, the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation. And that is why I believe that people should support the Foundation not just while they are alive, but after they are gone, through their wills or other forms of planned giving.”*

– Elizabeth Stahr







# A STELLAR SEASON

Thank you all for attending and being part of 2023 Witte Lecture Series and 2022-2023 Library Live Author Series. We are always grateful that so many community members attend our programs and trust that the Library Foundation can provide a space for learning, exploration, and sharing of knowledge. This season, presenters covered bioethics, debating kidney transplants with the audience, Korean history and culture, ocean photography and conservation, geopolitical power structures, science fiction that was far from fiction, and the tragedy of loss – just to name a few.

One common thread among all these diverse speakers was resilience. This season all our speakers spoke about resilience in different ways. We began with the author Rebecca Scherm. She took us on a journey into the future describing why we should empathize with our planet and not lose hope that we can weather the growing risks associated with technology, climate change and pandemics. Bill Plaschke, our second speaker, witnessed and documented the rebuilding of the Paradise High School football team from the small town of Paradise destroyed by the Camp Fire in November of 2018. A team that did not even have a football for their first practice because all their equipment was destroyed in the fire, rose to win the first game of the season. The win, the game, and the football team brought the town and its residents together.

Anne Applebaum (a sold-out event) started the 2023 Witte Lecture season outlining the model of autocracy used by many nations to maintain their power and wealth in both new and familiar ways. She described how fighting one autocratic nation such as Russia is even more complicated as we encounter the network of autocratic countries that collaborate to thwart our efforts. Despite this, she remains hopeful that people of Ukraine have not lost their voice and will continue to fight for the sake of democracy and respect for the rule of law.

The same goes for author and journalist Omar El Akkad and ocean conservationist photographer Cristina Mittermeier. They spoke about the negative impact and consequences of looking away from human tragedies, the destruction of our ocean ecosystem, and the demand for action. El Akkad conveyed the human tragedy of forced exodus in the story of one small boy and his will to live. Mittermeier's stunning photographs of the resilience of indigenous people and ocean life focused our attention on hope for the regeneration of our natural world.

Dr. Arthur Caplan dove into the ethical dilemma of the medical and the human condition. He proposed difficult cases to our audience to elicit an understanding of how important bioethics is in the practice of modern medicine.

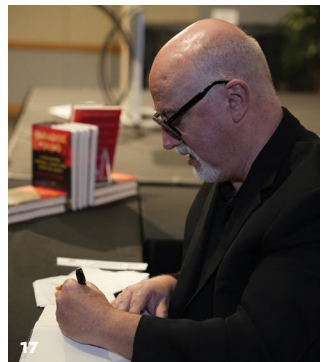
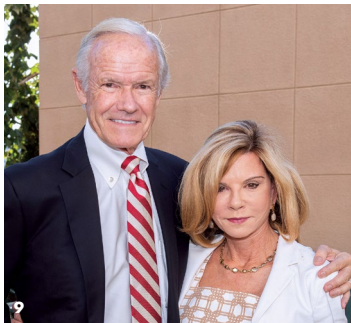
Our Library Live series ended with a sold-out event with Min Jin Lee. She spoke about the history of Korea and the challenges of immigrants and subsequent generations to adapt and accept their dual identities.

Dr. Dacher Keltner was the last speaker for the Witte Lectures. He ended the season with a positive note and gave us a peek into the breadth of power and how bringing awe into your life leads to emotional resilience.

Finally, we are excited to unveil our programs for next season. We know the speakers will be equally engaging and thought provoking.







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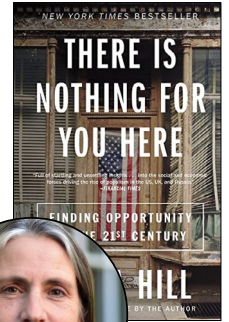


## Fiona Hill

*Currents of Modern History: A Personal and Global Perspective*

Friday, January 26, 7:00pm / Saturday, January 27, 2:00pm

Fiona Hill is a senior fellow in the Center on the United States and Europe in the Foreign Policy program at Brookings Institute. Hill was appointed chancellor of Durham University, U.K., and is currently a Richard von Weizsäcker Fellow at the Robert Bosch Academy in Berlin. She served as deputy assistant to the president and senior director for European and Russian affairs on the U.S. National Security Council from 2017 to 2019, and as national intelligence officer for Russia and Eurasia at the National Intelligence Council from 2006 to 2009. She is the author of *There Is Nothing for You Here: Finding Opportunity in the 21st Century* and co-author with Clifford Gaddy of *Mr. Putin: Operative in the Kremlin*.

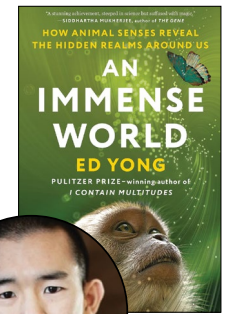


## Ed Yong

*The Amazing Nature of Animal Senses*

Friday, February 9, 7:00pm / Saturday, February 10, 2:00pm

Ed Yong is a *New York Times* bestselling author of *I Contain Multitudes: The Microbes Within Us* and *An Immense World*. *An Immense World* takes a comprehensive look at the fascinating sensory worlds of animals. His second book is longlisted for the PEN America 2023 Literary Award and has made many Best Books of the Year lists. In addition to *The Atlantic*, his work has appeared in *National Geographic* and *Wired*, among others.

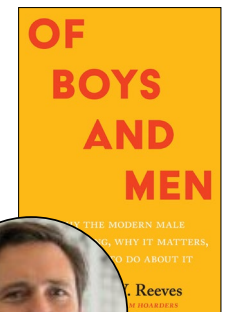


## Richard Reeves

*Of Boys and Men: Why the Modern Male is Struggling, Why It Matters, and What to Do About It*

Friday, March 8, 7:00pm / Saturday, March 9, 2:00pm

Richard V. Reeves is a senior fellow in Economic Studies and the Director of the Future of the Middle-Class Initiative. His research focuses on social mobility, inequality, and family change. Prior to joining Brookings, he was director of strategy to the UK's Deputy Prime Minister. Reeves has spent twenty-five years worrying about boys both at home and work. His new book, *Of Boys and Men*, tackles the complex and urgent crisis of boyhood and manhood.



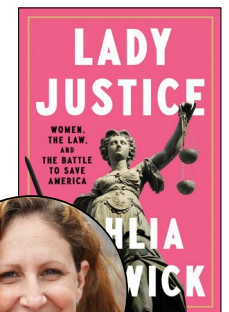
## Dahlia Lithwick in Conversation with Michele Bratcher Goodwin

*The 2022-2023 Term at the Supreme Court: What Has Happened and What is to Come*

Friday, April 12, 7:00pm / Saturday, April 13, 2:00pm

MSNBC analyst and a senior legal correspondent at *Slate*, Dahlia Lithwick is one of the nation's foremost legal commentators. She is the host of *Amicus*, *Slate's* award-winning biweekly podcast about the law and the Supreme Court, and author of the instant *New York Times* bestseller *Lady Justice*. Lithwick is the recipient of a 2013 National Magazine Award and was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Michele Bratcher Goodwin is a Chancellor's Professor at the University of California, Irvine – Irvine School of Law and founding director of the Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy.



THANK YOU to The Witte Committee: Karen Clark, Lisa Edwards, Whitney Gomez, Janet Hadley (Chair), Diane Hafer, Signe Keller, Marilyn Krahe, Latika Sethi, Ellen Shockro, Paul Watkins (Library Trustee Liaison), Jene Witte, Lizanne Witte and Miles Yourman.



## Lisa See

### *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*

Thursday, October 19, 7:00pm

Lisa See is the *New York Times* bestselling author of seven books including *The Island of Sea Women* and *On Gold Mountain*.

Her latest historical novel will be published in June and is inspired by true story of a woman physician from 15th-century China.

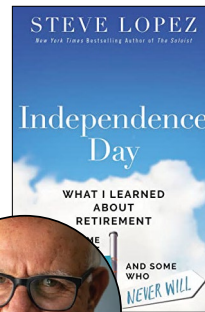


## Steve Lopez

### *Independence Day: What I learned About Retirement from Some Who've Done it and Some Who Never Will*

Thursday, November 9, 7:00pm

*Los Angeles Times* columnist Steve Lopez is a four-time Pulitzer Prize finalist who has worked as a journalist since 1971. *The Soloist* won the PEN USA award for literary non-fiction and was the subject of a Dreamworks movie by the same name. *Independence Day* is an Amazon best-seller.



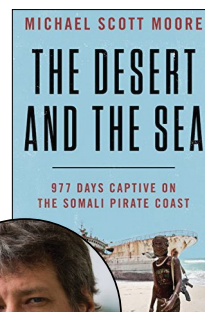
## Michael Scott Moore

### *The Desert and the Sea:*

### *977 Days Captive on the Somali Pirate Coast*

Thursday, February 15, 7:00pm

Michael Scott Moore is a journalist and a novelist. Moore was kidnapped in early 2012 on a reporting trip to Somalia and held hostage by pirates for 32 months. *The Desert and the Sea*, a memoir about that ordeal, became an international bestseller.



## Tess Gunty in Conversation with Patricia Pierson

### *The Rabbit Hutch and Literature in the Age of AI*

Thursday, April 18, 7:00pm

Tess Gunty holds an MFA in Creative Writing from NYU, where she was a Lillian Vernon Fellow. Her novel, *The Rabbit Hutch*, won the 2022 National Book Award for Fiction, and has been optioned for film rights.

Patricia Pierson, PhD is an Associate Director of the UC Irvine Center for Storytelling and the Literary Journalism Program. Her research, community projects, and teaching explore the intersections of life writing, narrative, and critical theory.



THANK YOU to our Library Live! Committee: Loren Blackwood, Patricia Dreyfus (Co-Chair), Johanna Kim (Co-Chair), Ash Kumra (Library Trustee Liaison), Dorothy Larson, Toby Larson, Chiyo Imai Rowe, Ann Stephens, and Adrian Windsor.

# THE POPULAR SEASON PASS

Last season the Library Foundation inaugurated a Season Pass option for the Witte Lectures. Because of the demand for a similar option for Library Live, for the coming season a Season Pass will be offered for both lecture series.

The Season Pass is only available for members of the Foundation and will go on sale on July 1, 2023. The Season Pass is not only a discounted ticket price but guarantees a seat for the lecture, an important consideration when lectures such as Anne Applebaum for the Witte Lectures or Min Jin Lee for Library Live sell out weeks ahead of the presentation.

- Friday Evening Witte Lecture Season Pass is \$225
- Saturday Afternoon Witte Lecture Season Pass is \$145
- Library Live Season Pass is \$100

If you are not currently a member, renew or become a member today and reserve your seat for next season with a Season Pass. Visit [www.nbplf.foundation/join](http://www.nbplf.foundation/join) or scan the QR code below.

Members, please follow the instructions below to access your member login to buy a season pass.



- On the Foundation home page, click on MY ACCOUNT.
- Your login is your email address. If you do not have an account, create an account.
- If you forgot your password or do not remember creating one, go to "Forgot Your Password?" and type in your email address and click send me a login link.
- Once you have reset your password, go back to MY ACCOUNT and login.
- Once logged in, you will see a new tab, "Tickets". Click on it.
- Now, you should be able to buy your Witte Lectures or Library Live Season Pass and any additional Library Foundation events.



**BEYOND BOOKS**  
THE NEWPORT BEACH LIBRARY LECTURE HALL

We are grateful for the support of our community and look forward to making the dream of Witte Hall a reality. It will be an outstanding venue to host Library, Foundation and community presentations.

*"I believe the Hall will eventually be a community landmark that residents will come to know as a place of learning and enjoyment. The Civic Center campus draws a number of higher-level, sophisticated presentations and events but is lacking a suitable facility to properly host them. The Hall would complete this need at a level that is expected in and of Newport Beach."*

**Thomas Johnson, Publisher**

Stu News Newport  
Stu News Laguna

*"The proposed Lecture Hall will be one of those community amenities that once it is in operation, many will wonder how we were able to do without it for so long! It will stimulate a robust variety of programs and offerings that will allow many more residents to enjoy and benefit from. I am excited about the possibilities it will add to Newport Beach."*

**Homer Bludau**

Former Newport Beach City Manager  
Civic Leader

*"Places like the proposed Library Lecture Hall are what takes a community from good to great. It promotes community and serves as a place for interactivity, learning and the building of social capital."*

**Steve Rosansky**  
President and CEO  
The Newport Beach  
Chamber of Commerce



*"Newport Beach is truly blessed with an abundance of assets from our aspirational lifestyle to our crown jewel: Newport Harbor. One thing we need more of, however, is quality meeting space for the community as well as for special events and meeting groups. For example, our Film Festival, which has grown significantly over the last several years, needs to use Costa Mesa venues to accommodate screenings. Although our hotels have some very nice space, it doesn't fulfill the demand from community events to client meetings and events. The new Witte Hall will be a wonderful asset that will not only support Newport Beach residents and community groups but also corporate and association clients who need an attractive auditorium venue when visiting and doing business in the city."*

**Gary Sherwin**  
President & CEO  
Newport Beach & Company

*"As the official nonprofit arts agency for the County of Orange, we routinely take the pulse of artists and arts organizations throughout our community. Beyond funding, the greatest need expressed to us is for performance and exhibition space. Understandably, spaces at schools and colleges are primarily for curricular use and rarely available. A space like Witte Hall is greatly anticipated by area performing arts groups—from grass roots community ensembles to world-class professional companies. These will supplement the Newport Beach Public Library's own presentations with a depth and variety of offerings that will enrich community members of all ages and backgrounds for many years to come. In a short period of time, Witte Hall will become a much-beloved cultural asset that people will wonder how they could ever have lived without before."*

**Richard Stein**  
President & CEO  
Arts Orange County

*"With the rapid change in technology, on demand independent news sources, and access to the world through our phones, a CENTER like this is necessary for a world class city such as Newport Beach."*

**Meghan E. McNulty**  
President,  
Law Offices of Meghan E. McNulty  
Board of Advisors  
Newport Beach Foundation

WITTE HALL

For information on supporting the Witte Hall project, contact Jerold D Kappel CFRE, Library Foundation CEO, at [jkappel@nbplf.foundation](mailto:jkappel@nbplf.foundation), or 949-717-3890



# Summer reading

AT THE NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY ★ JUNE 10 THROUGH JULY 29

Our Summer Reading Program for kids, teens, and adults runs from June 10 through July 29.

Join us for a summer of reading, a summer of adventure, and a summer of fun!

Sign up for Summer Reading on the Library's website at [newportbeachlibrary.org](http://newportbeachlibrary.org).



## BARK!

### READ TO A DOG

Practice reading aloud to a friendly BARK dog. This program is a great way for children to increase their reading skills with a non-judgmental reading companion in a calm environment. For ages 5 and up. No registration required; children must be accompanied by an adult. Stay tuned for a BARK reading afternoon at any one of our four library branches.



Our new children's library card!



# SUMMER CONCERTS ON THE GREEN



**THE SULLY BAND (R&B, Blues)**  
**July 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**  
**Civic Center Green**

The Sully Band debuted on the Billboard R&B chart at #3 and was up for Grammy consideration last year for their album, *Let's Straighten It Out!* Having earned the title "Best Live Band" at the San Diego Music Awards in 2020 they are a 10-piece beast of a band that plays covers and originals.



**TIJUANA DOGS (Classic Rock)**  
**August 20, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**  
**Civic Center Green**

Tijuana Dogs are a high-energy, multi-faceted rock/dance/party band. Based out of Orange County, Tijuana Dogs have performed with Lynyrd Skynyrd, Pat Benatar, Florida Georgia Line, Cheap Trick, KC and The Sunshine Band, and more.



**BOYS OF SUMMER (Eagles Tribute)**  
**September 17, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**  
**Civic Center Green**

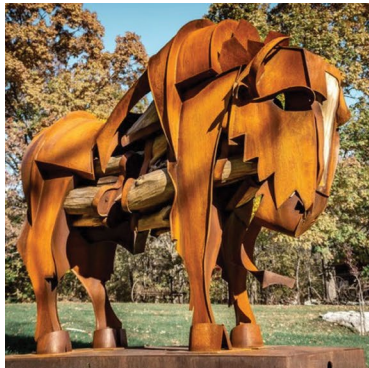
The Boys of Summer Eagles Band hail from Southern California. With well over 400 high profile shows throughout the U.S. since 2004, BOS are becoming known as the top touring Eagles Tribute band in America.

\*Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 15 for Tiffany Dennis and Cruise Control, a band that features a wide range of pop and rock covers. Marina Park, 4 - 5:30 pm

# PHASE VIII SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

The Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park is an integral feature of the Newport Beach Civic Center. The Park, which turned nearly half a million square feet of undeveloped land into a new public park, was designed by renowned landscape architectural firm Peter Walker and Partners (PWP). The City Arts Commission determined that a rotating exhibition, in which pieces are loaned for a 2-year period, was an optimal approach to bring sculpture to the City in a cost-efficient manner. Admission is free and the exhibition continues to

be enjoyed by residents and guests of all ages and sensibilities. The rotational nature of the exhibit ensures that residents and guests are exposed to a variety of work. Selected sculptures will be on loan to the City of Newport Beach for two years.



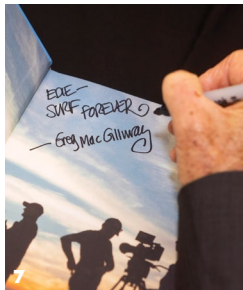


# 500 SUMMER STORIES

The Library Foundation held the first fundraiser on behalf of Witte Hall on January 28th to benefit the Hall's audio/visual Technology Fund. Inspired by the leadership of Lizanne Witte, the elegant evening at the Newport Beach Central Library showcased filmmaker Greg MacGillivray and MacGillivray Freeman Films. Over 180 people celebrated MacGillivray's career, from the maker of surf films to Hollywood masterpieces, to his 45 groundbreaking IMAX films, as revealed in his recently released memoir, *Five Hundred Summer Stories: A Life in IMAX*.

MacGillivray spoke about his life as the filmmaker of award-winning IMAX productions created to raise awareness about the natural world. His presentation included video clips of his films *Everest*, *To the Arctic*, and *Journey to the South Pacific*. To highlight the purpose of the evening, Greg mentioned that his films will look terrific on the planned 9' x 16' LED video wall display in Witte Hall. Everyone will be able to see both the video screen and the speaker from the planned tiered seating.

While Greg signed books, guests enjoyed a light dinner to music provided by Steve Wood and Beth Fitchett Wood of the acclaimed band Honk. The anticipated Witte Hall will transform the quality, and character of programs and events presented by the Newport Beach Public Library and Library Foundation as well as the extended Newport Beach community.



1) Greg MacGillivray 2) Walkie Ray and Greg MacGillivray 3) Larry Tucker and Jill Johnson Tucker 4) Walkie Ray, Barbara MacGillivray, Janet Ray and Greg MacGillivray 5) Karen Clark and Bruce Clark 6) Greg MacGillivray/Everest 7) Greg MacGillivray signing 8) Keiko Sakamoto, Janet Hadley and Lizanne Witte 9) Honk band 10) MacGillivray grandchildren





Walkie Ray



Faces in the crowd



Karen Clark



James Bullock

## SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

On May 4, the Library Foundation inaugurated a new lecture series for the community, Spotlight on Science. The concept of the program was initiated by Janet and Walkie Ray and Karen and Bruce Clark.

The Rays were the leaders of the effort to establish the Discovery Cube, and Janet still serves on its Board; Bruce Clark, PhD is a geologist and on the Advisory Board of the UCI Newkirk Center for Science and Society; and Karen Clark is the Chair of the Foundation Board. Their goal was to bring important scientific findings to the community. The first lecture, free to the community, by UCI Dean of Physical Sciences James Bullock, PhD, was fully registered within four days of announcing it to the Foundation members. Dr. Bullock chairs the James Webb Space Telescope Users' Committee, and has a major role in selecting who uses the telescope and the projects that the telescope photographs. He showed some of the most awe-inspiring photos taken by the JWST and shared the latest research findings on the origins and mysteries of the universe.

The success of this initial lecture, with audience surveys stating that they want more "Spotlights on Science", means that the Foundation will be planning three programs for the coming 2023-2024 season.



## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP 2023-2024



The Book Discussion Group members select, read, and discuss 9-10 books per year. All are welcome whether you've read the book or not. The program is FREE. Refreshments are provided and the books are available through the Newport Beach Public Library. We meet every second Wednesday of the month from 9:30am – 11:00am.

**September 13:** *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See

**October 11:** *The Soloist: A Lost Dream, An Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music* by Steve Lopez

**November 8:** *The Overstory* by Richard Powers

**December 13:** *Trust* by Hernan Diaz

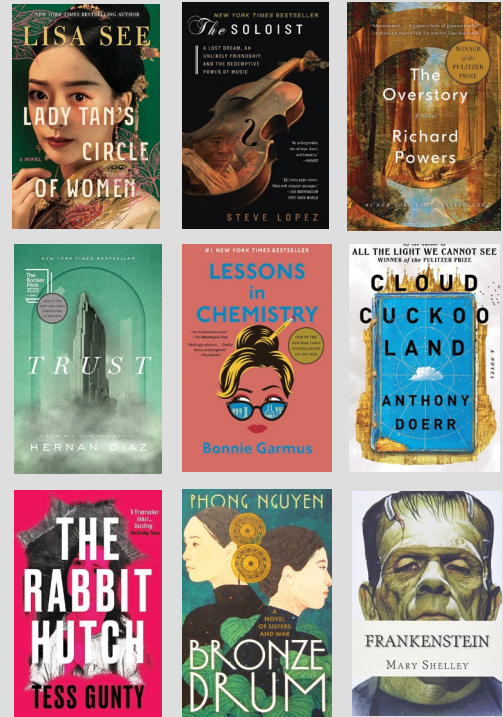
**January 10:** *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

**February 14:** *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr

**March 13:** *The Rabbit Hutch* by Tess Gunty

**April 10:** *Bronze Drum: A Novel of Sisters and War* by Phong Nguyen

**May 8:** *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley



## FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS

IT'S YOUR MONEY/ESTATE

## FINANCIAL WORKSHOP: IT'S YOUR MONEY!

The "It's Your Money!" sessions cover the business of money; 9 hours of objective education over a 6-week period. The instructors are local FEE ONLY financial advisors who all act in a fiduciary capacity with their clients. None of our speakers are licensed to sell any financial products. You will learn how they charge and the steps you need to take on your financial plan with or without a professional.

**Every Monday from October 2 – November 6, 10:00am – 11:30am**

**Free program**

## MEDICINE IN OUR BACKYARD FALL 2023

The Newport Beach Public Library Foundation in collaboration with UCI Health is pleased to present the Fall 2023 season of Medicine in Our Backyard featuring an extraordinary group of renowned doctors and researchers speaking on a wide range of topics. The UCI doctors present the latest studies and newest technologies in an engaging forum. This series is funded in part by the generosity of long time Newport Beach Public Library Foundation members Mike and Polly Smith.

**Every fourth Monday of the month. 7:00pm – 8:30pm**

**September 25:** Pain Management and Integrative Health

**October 23:** HAPS (Geriatric Health Assessment)

**November 13\*:** Mental Health Issues in Adults and Memory Disorder

*\*Due to Thanksgiving Holiday*

**Free Program**





# SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

*“On June 14, the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation celebrated the 2022-2023 season with the 2nd annual Summer Solstice Celebration and acclaimed California author, Susan Straight. Her latest book, Mecca, a National Book Award finalist, and a Washington Post Ten Best Books of 2022, “conjures the dusty back roads and arroyos of a California where destiny is as fraught as the desert flowers on the side of the 10 freeway.”*

— Michael Connelly

The Summer Solstice Celebration recognizes the Library Foundation’s Library Leadership Circle donors, members who have joined the Foundation for the first time, and key community leaders, including the Board of Directors, the Newport Beach City Council, the Library Trustees, and Library staff leadership. This year, the event also honored Mike and Polly Smith, the founding sponsors of the Foundation’s Medicine in Our Backyard free series of interactive health presentations by the University of California Irvine Health professionals.

Being a member of the Library Foundation has many benefits, all listed on the Join page on the Foundation’s website, <https://nbplf.foundation>. One of the most valued benefits is access to the videos of the Witte Lectures and Library Live. Those videos are available only to members, and only for a limited time. In addition, you will get an early notice of the Witte and Library Live lectures, the availability of season passes for those series, and advanced notice of special events, like the Spotlight on Science lecture by Dr. James Bullock on the James Webb Space Telescope. That free lecture was fully registered within four days of announcing it to the Foundation members.

But the most important benefit of being a member is helping to support the Newport Beach Public Library. Each year the Library Journal rates libraries throughout the nation and awards “Stars” to those that perform the greatest public service. There are only 12 library systems in California that have received Star awards. There is only one library system in Orange County so awarded—the Newport Beach Public Library, a 4-Star award. The Library Foundation supports the Library, not only with its programming that attracted nearly 4,000 patrons this season, but funding for capital projects like the Media Lab, Sound Studio, Wayfinder, furniture for the Children’s and Popular Library areas, Tech Toys, eBranch resources, computers, even the chairs in the Friends Room, and much more.

The Library Foundation’s mission is to fund valuable library resources, programs, and services, and engage the community through the creation and sponsorship of diverse literary, cultural, and intellectual programs. When you become a member of the Foundation, your contribution not only enables the Foundation to achieve its mission, but also to truly make this Library the educational and cultural center of the community.

You can become a member on the Foundation’s secure website <https://nbplf.foundation/join/> or pick up the Foundation brochures and giving envelopes at any of the four library branches.



1) Author Susan Straight 2) Janet Ray, Robyn Grant, Elizabeth Stahr and Joy Brenner 3) Summer Solstice reception 4) Adrian Windsor, Mike Smith and Polly Smith 5) Dorothy Larson, Joe Stapleton and Jill Johnson-Tucker 6) Author Susan Straight signing her books



*“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”* – Marjorie Moore

The three pillars of **Time, Talent, and Treasure** distinguish American philanthropy. In our state of California, over 5.7 million residents volunteered more than 380 million hours for a nonprofit or government organization last year. That’s over 67 hours per year for each volunteer. It is truly why the nonprofit sector is recognized as the “Voluntary Sector.”

The financial impact? Independent Sector annually evaluates the value of a volunteer hour of service by state. California’s value is \$35.56 per hour. The Newport Beach Public Library’s community of over 300 volunteers has an annual value of at least \$714,756!

The bedrocks of philanthropy, Time and Talent, empower the Newport Beach Public Library to succeed in its mission to be the cultural, educational, and informational heart of Newport Beach.

The Board of Library Trustees, with five members, governs the Library, makes policy, and oversees the administration of the Newport Beach Library system.

The Friends of the Library, with nearly 100 volunteers, manages the Friends Bookstore and the three large book sales in the Friends Room. The Friends contribute \$200,000 a year to the Library for programs and services.

Project Adult Literacy, with over 80 volunteers who serve as Tutors and Assessors, has won numerous accolades. The volunteers dedicate their time to developing the literacy skills of adults, empowering them to achieve greater success in their lives.

Youth Services, with over 70 volunteers, mostly teens, review books, assist in the Children’s Department, or participate in the Young Adult Advisory Council. Library volunteers also deliver books and other materials to Homebound Patrons who cannot get to any of the library branches.

The Library Foundation has over 50 dedicated volunteers that commit their time to the Foundation’s governance, programs, and financial support as Board members and committee members. The members of the Library Live and the Witte Lecture Series committees research potential speakers and authors and select the presenters by identifying key themes, important books, interesting authors, and topics of interest to the community. The committee volunteers whittle down the long list of potential speakers and authors to the four selected for each season’s Witte and Library Live premier series. The Library Foundation volunteers assist at the lecture presentations, for fundraising and member events, and advise on the Beyond Books capital campaign for Witte Hall.

Bookmark is pleased to acknowledge the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation Volunteers

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# THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

When it comes to charitable giving, many people are familiar with using a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their retirement accounts to make donations. However, there is another option that can be even more beneficial: using a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). The qualified charitable distribution is often called the IRA Charitable Rollover.

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from an IRA, up to \$100,000 per year, to a qualified charitable organization. The transfer counts toward the IRA owner's RMD but is not included in their taxable income. In contrast, an RMD taken as a distribution and then donated to charity would be included in the IRA owner's taxable income, even if they itemize deductions.

There are several advantages to using a QCD over an RMD for charitable giving. First, it can reduce the IRA owner's taxable income, which can have a significant impact on their overall tax liability. For example, if an IRA owner's RMD is \$50,000 and they donate \$10,000 to charity, their taxable income would still be \$50,000. However, if they make a QCD of \$10,000 to charity, their taxable income would be reduced to \$40,000.

Second, using a QCD can provide a tax benefit for those who do not itemize their deductions. The standard deduction for 2023 is \$13,850 for individuals and \$27,700 for married couples filing jointly. If an IRA owner's itemized deductions are less than the standard deduction, they would not receive any tax benefit from their charitable donation. However, by using a QCD, they can still receive a tax benefit by reducing their taxable income.

Third, using a QCD can help reduce the IRA owner's Medicare premiums. Medicare premiums are based on income, so reducing taxable income can help lower these premiums. For example, in 2023, individuals with incomes over \$97,000 and married couples with incomes over \$194,000 will pay higher Medicare premiums. By using a QCD to reduce their taxable income, an IRA owner can potentially lower their Medicare premiums.

Fourth, using a QCD can help simplify the charitable giving process. With an RMD, the IRA owner must take the distribution, pay taxes on the distribution, and then donate the remaining funds to charity. With a QCD, the funds are directly transferred to the charity, eliminating the need for the IRA owner to take a distribution and pay taxes on the funds.

Finally, using a QCD can help ensure that the charity receives the full benefit of the donation. With an RMD, the IRA owner may have to pay taxes on the distribution, reducing the amount that can be donated to charity. With a QCD, the funds are directly transferred to the charity, ensuring that they receive the full benefit of the donation.

In conclusion, using a QCD for charitable giving can be a smart financial move for IRA owners. It can reduce taxable income, provide a tax benefit for those who do not itemize their deductions, help reduce Medicare premiums, simplify the charitable giving process, and ensure that the charity receives the full benefit of the donation. As always, it is important to consult with a financial advisor or tax professional before making any decisions regarding your retirement accounts and charitable giving.

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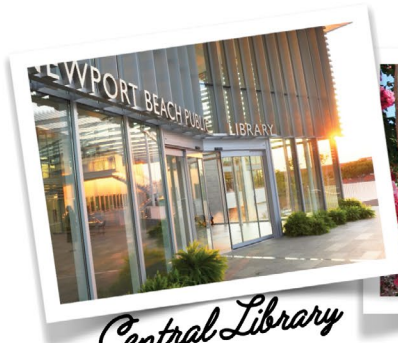




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