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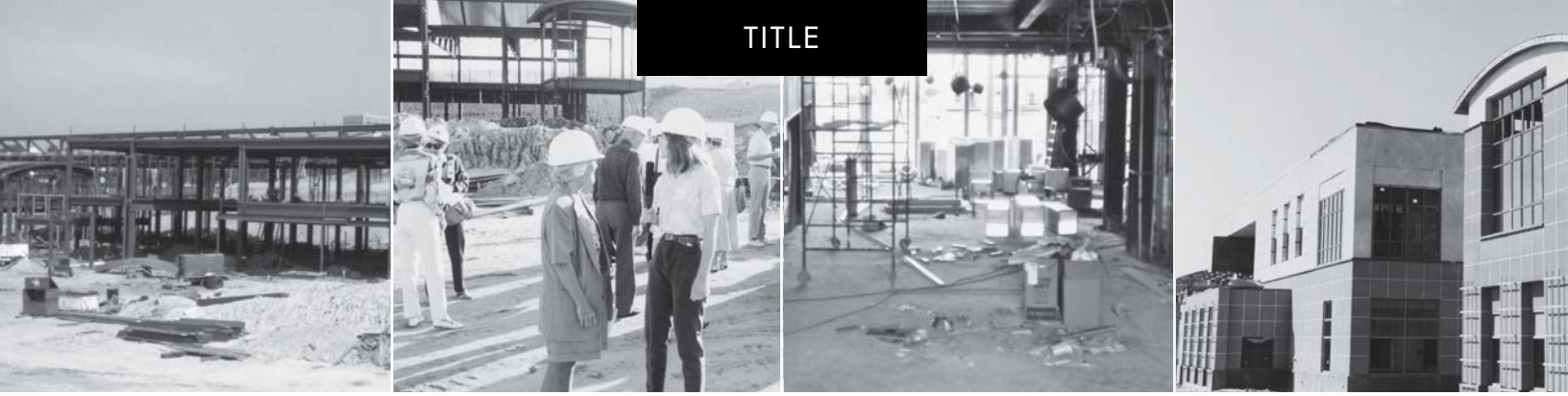
FALL 2023



The Central Library turns 30!

*Join us in celebrating
three decades as the cultural
heart of the community.*





Celebrating 30 Years of the Central Library and Investing in the Future

In 2024 the Foundation celebrates two milestones. It was 35 years ago that Elizabeth and John Stahr gathered advocates in the community and began a movement to convince the City Council that Newport Beach needed a central library that would be a reflection of the quality of this City and be the educational and cultural center for Newport Beach and its surrounding communities. That group of dedicated citizens became the Newport Beach Library Foundation. The Foundation, with the support of the Library Trustees, launched a capital campaign that raised \$2.2 million (over \$4.5 million in today's dollars!) to help fund the construction of the Central Library. In July 1994 the Central Library opened its doors. Look for announcements of special events to celebrate 30 years of serving the public—of all ages—in 2024.

Thirty years later, our patrons crowd the library for Library Live and Witte Lectures, for the Library's Sunday Musicales, for children's programs like Storytime and Crafternoons and our read to a dog program, to hear local authors, medical professionals and scientists, to use the computers, Media Lab, and Broadcast Booth—and, yes, to borrow books.

You can make an investment in the future of the Newport Beach Public Library by leaving an estate gift to the Foundation and being part of The Elizabeth and John Stahr Legacy Society. The Stahr Legacy Society honors those who have left an estate gift to the Foundation or those that have notified the Foundation that they intend to do so. Members of the Stahr Legacy Society to season opening and season closing Library Leadership Circle events and are listed in the Annual Report.

The Library Foundation is also offering the FreeWill service to Foundation members and all Library patrons. FreeWill is an online tool to simplify the estate planning process. You can create a legally valid will online at no cost, providing peace of mind and security for what you hold dear.

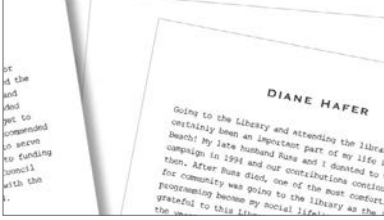
If you have already included the Library Foundation in your legacy planning, please let us know so that we can include you in The Elizabeth and John Stahr Legacy Society.

For financial advisor information and the Estate Gift Intent Form, go to:

www.NBPLF.Foundation/Estate-Giving

For further information, contact Jerold D Kappel CFRE, Library Foundation CEO, at jkappel@nbplf.foundation, or by phone at 949-717-3890.

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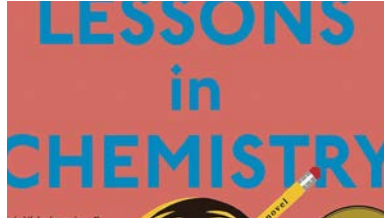
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Many Thanks for Your Kind Words

Thanks to the time, talent and generous donations of the community in the last three decades, the Central Library has become an invaluable asset and resource for Newport Beach residents. Your continued support is vital to maintain excellence in service and programs. We're immensely grateful.

CLARENCE TURNER

In the late 1980s the Board of Library Trustees for the Newport Beach Public Library system approached the Newport Beach City Council with a request to expand the Central Library facility. The Council responded by providing the Trustees with a \$10,000.00 budget to conduct a Needs Assessment Study. That study recommended a 63,555 square foot central library building to serve the library needs of the city until 2010. Due to funding issues the square footage was reduced by the Council to approximately 50,000 s.f. A STAR WAS BORN with the dedication of the new Central Library in 1994.

Clarence Turner

DIANE HAFER

Going to the Library and attending the library events has certainly been an important part of my life in Newport Beach! My late husband Russ and I donated to the capital campaign in 1994 and our contributions continued from then. After Russ died, one of the most comforting places for community was going to the library as the library programming became my social lifeline. I continue to be grateful to this Library and the friends I have made over the years. This Library means so much to our community.

Diane Hafer

KAREN EVARTS

Our library board in about 1984 decided to work towards a new central library, in spite of being told just to go to Huntington Beach or UC Irvine, as Newport was just a recreational city. We proceeded, however, and once armed with a savvy new librarian and a willing mayor, a Needs Assessment was completed. Lots of community support got ginned up, resulting in unanimous Council support. Next, we took receipt, from The Irvine Company - I was board chair, thus delivery person too-of paperwork for a proper plot of land, \$11 million worth, if memory suffices. Private fund-raising ensued, plus creation of an ambitious library foundation to show that our recreational city wanted books and speakers and learning too.

What a marvel we've all created!

Karen Everts

(Newport Beach Library Board, 1983-1991)

DAVID CARMICHAEL

The Newport Beach Public Library has been a beloved institution in the community since the Balboa branch opened its doors in 1920. The opening of the Corona del Mar branch in 1947, Mariners in 1963, and Newport Center in 1980 brought libraries to more neighborhoods. But as the City grew, the need became apparent for a major library to replace the small one-story building in Newport Center. From its grand opening in 1994, the new Central Library became an important landmark in Newport Beach and people flocked to it. The large, modern building has served as a hub for learning, culture, and community events.

The library's expansion has allowed it to offer more resources, programs, and meeting spaces for people of all ages and backgrounds. The Stahr Children's Room, for instance, has made it possible to accommodate more young readers, and its well-attended storytimes are crowded with energetic young people and their parents and caregivers. The library's embrace of the radical changes in technology has provided access to digital resources and learning opportunities, expanding its reach to an ever-changing patron population.

The library has played a significant role in building community spirit, drawing people together from all walks of life. The bustling parking lot on any given day is a testament to its enduring popularity and its importance to the residents of Newport Beach.

David Carmichael

LISA EDWARDS

First Lady Laura Bush said it best "Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open." And as a child grows the library remains that beacon of knowledge. Thirty years ago the Newport Beach City Council had the foresight to plan and construct a new and marvelous library. The Council understood that the library would be a place to explore, imagine and achieve. May we all continue to imagine, explore and achieve.

Thirty years ago Newport Beach got it right.

Thank you and Happy 30th Birthday!

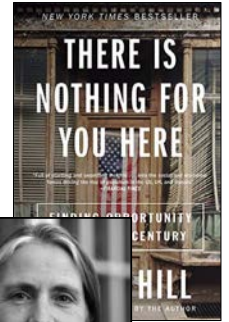
Lisa Edwards

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*.

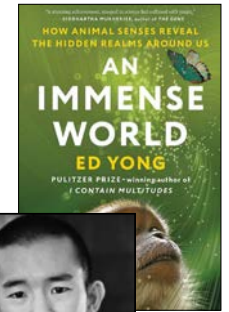


Ed Yong

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.

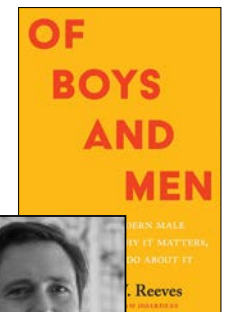


Richard Reeves

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.



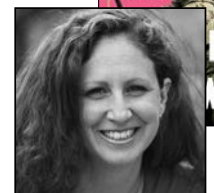
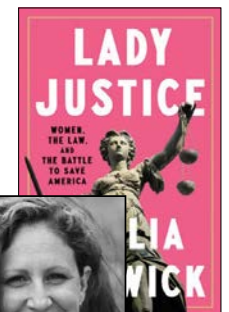
Dahlia Lithwick in Conversation with Michele Bratcher Goodwin

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.

LAST CHANCE FOR A WITTE SEASON PASS!

The Season Pass is only available for members of the Foundation and not only offers a discounted ticket price, but guarantees a seat for the lecture, an important consideration when lectures sell out weeks ahead of the presentation.

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

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 or scan the QR code below.



Witte Lectures

The Witte Lecture Series is a prestigious annual lecture series that features speakers who are experts in their fields. The Committee that selects the speakers is composed of curious and avid readers who are passionate about bringing timely and important topics to the community. The Committee carefully considers each speaker's expertise, public speaking ability, recognition, and speaking fee when making their selections. They also strive to have a diverse slate of speakers who represent a variety of subjects and viewpoints. The Witte Committee has been very successful in booking speakers who have gone on to become nationally recognized experts in their fields.

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LIVE

The Newport Beach Public Library Foundation is pleased to announce Library Live
Thru April 2024

Lisa See

Lady Tan's Circle of Women

Thursday, October 19, 7:00pm

Lisa See is the New York Times bestselling author of books including *The Island at the End of the World* and *Sold Mountain*. Her latest historical novel will be published in June and is inspired by true story of a woman physician from 15th-century China.

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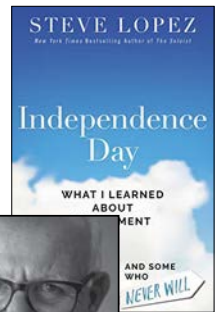
Steve Lopez

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 Pulitzer Prize finalist Steve Lopez is 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.

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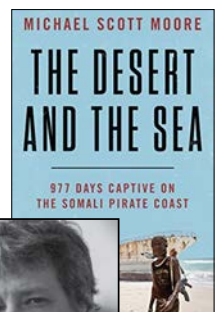
Michael Scott Moore

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.



BARK!

READ TO A DOG

Practice reading aloud to a friendly BARK dog the first Tuesday of every month at Central Library and in the coming weeks at the branches. 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. For dates and times check the calendar at newportkids.org

FRIEND'S BOOKSTORE

Founded in 1961 by a small group of volunteers, the Friends of the Library donates all of its revenue to fund various Library needs and projects. This revenue is raised by selling used books — about a half million books each year to be exact. In fact, in the last 25 years alone, the Friends have donated more than \$5 million to support the Newport Beach Public Library. Considering that the average price of a book is just \$1, that's a lot of books.

From vintage to bestsellers, cookbooks to kid's books, vinyl, and more, find the perfect gift at the perfect price. Stop by the bookstore, located on the first level of the Central Library Monday through Saturday, 10:30 am to 3:00 pm.



SUNDAY MUSICALES

The Newport Beach Public Library is pleased to announce the Winter 2024 Sunday Musicales. The hour-long concerts are held monthly on Sundays from 3-4:00 pm in the Friends Room of the Central Library. Admission is free.

Join us on Sunday, January 21 for the West Coast Wind Quintet in a program that features galactic works such as Under the stars, Jupiter from the Planets by Holst, and more. Featuring a flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, and horn.

On Sunday, February 18, join us for Duo Unbound, who will present an eclectic program of music for two violins, from Telemann's Canonic Sonatas to Mark O'Connor's bluegrass, as well as original arrangements of classic jazz songs and tango music.

Celebrate this St. Patrick's day (March 17) with "Welsh Woman" sung by Rigby Jones and accompanied by John Zechiel. St. Patrick was Welsh, after all!. The program will feature famous Welsh folk songs (sung entirely in Welsh) as well as some traditional Irish tunes with special guest vocalist Carrie Dike. True to Welsh form, there will be a sing-along, so please bring your best singing voices!

For more information visit the Library's website at <https://www.newportbeachlibrary.org/calendar/sunday-musicales>.

CALLING ALL STUDENT ARTISTS!

The Student Art Exhibition is an opportunity for students grades pre-K through 12 to showcase their creativity. Artists may submit one original work of art, two-dimensional format only, that will be displayed at the Newport Beach Central Library, 1000 Avocado Ave., Newport Beach 92660. Jurors will select winning entries and awards are gift card prizes. Artwork submissions are open from January 8 through February 16, 2024. Exhibit dates will be from April 15 through May 17, 2024 at the Newport Beach Central Library. A printable application form can be downloaded at newportbeachca.gov/culturalarts.

Please contact the Newport Beach Cultural Arts Office at 949-717-3802 or arts@newportbeachca.gov for further information.



ART AT THE LIBRARY

Oriana Poindexter, February 12 - April 5

Oriana Poindexter is a photographer and marine scientist focused on the intersection of art, science, and the marine realm. Oriana earned her degrees from Princeton and the Scripps Institute of Oceanography at UC San Diego. She went on to work for nearly a decade with academic institutions, government agencies, and environmental organizations as an expert in the sustainable seafood and fisheries management arenas.



Today she focuses on interdisciplinary projects that bridge art and science, applying her expertise in both fields to engage the senses, inspire awe, and impact positive change for the oceans. Her photographs and cyanotypes have been featured by the Getty Museum and The Wall Street Journal, and she has created interpretive visual exhibits for the Aquarium of the Pacific and the Birch Aquarium. Oriana is based in San Diego, where she is working on her first book, *The Iridescent Ones*, to visualize the natural and cultural history of abalone species on the Pacific Coast. Come and see her work at the Central Library from February 12 through April 5, 2024.

LIBRARY LEADERSHIP RECEPTION

The annual Library Leadership Reception honored all those whose leadership has made the Newport Beach Public Library an exceptional library, and an exceptional community resource. And as we approach the 30th anniversary of the Central Library, we also pause to reflect upon three decades of expert guidance that has contributed to that success.

Guests included the Foundation’s current and former Board of Directors, Library Leadership Circle donors, Library Trustees and senior Library administrative staff, City Council members and City senior staff, and the leadership of community organizations. It is with the financial and governing support of these individuals and organizations that make this Central Library and three NBPL branches able to provide such rich resources to the community.

Special guest for the evening was the California State Librarian, Greg Lucas. He spoke of the importance of libraries in a community as a public educational and cultural resource and how his position, appointed by Governor Jerry Brown, is entrusted with “preserving California’s cultural heritage and connecting people, libraries, and government to the resources and tools they need to succeed and to build a strong California.”

The reception honored the Library’s current and recent leaders — and also provided the perfect opportunity to honor and show gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the growth and success of the Central Library over these past thirty years. The visionaries, those who stepped up with their time and talent, and of course, our donors. We could not have done it without you.



1) Melissa Hartson, Library Director 2) Elizabeth Stahr and Greg Lucas (behind are Ann Stephens and Loren Blackwood) 3) Kevin Barlow, Chair of the Library Foundation Board 4) Jerrold D Kappel, CEO Library Foundation 5) Dorothy Larson, Diane Dixon (CA State Assemblywoman) and Jill Johnson-Tucker 6) Library Staff Leaders Andrew Khachatourian, Rebecca Lightfoot, Melissa Hartson, Annika Helmuth and Erin Spivey.



SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

The Newport Beach Public Library Foundation is pleased to present Spotlight on Science, a program featuring extraordinary and renowned scientists who will shed light on innovative and exciting research in the sciences. This season's spotlight will focus on Artificial Intelligence and the latest scientific research.



Tracking Ice and Water in a Changing Climate with AI

Eric Rignot, PhD.
Professor – Earth System Science, UCI

Isabella Velicogna, PhD.
Professor – Earth System Science, UCI

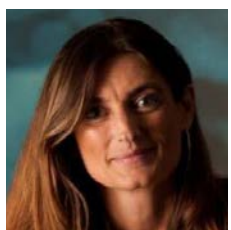
Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 7:00pm
Doors open at 6:30pm

Drs. Rignot and Velicogna are professors in the department of Earth Science at UCI, and are senior scientists of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Both of them are world-renowned glaciologists who study the effects of global climate change on polar ice sheets. Their research uses satellites to understand the dynamics of glacier ice in Antarctica, Greenland, Alaska, and Patagonia.

Dr. Rignot is a recipient of the NASA Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal.

Dr. Velicogna was honored with Joanne Simpson Medal from American Geophysical Union for her trailblazing research.



Digital Tools for Projecting Coastal Erosion and Flooding

Brett Sanders, PhD.
Professor – Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UCI

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 7:00pm
Doors open at 6:30pm

Dr. Sanders is a professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at UCI. His focus is on developing simulation technologies to identify flooding and erosion dynamics of coastal system to ultimately help affected communities' access and integrate these technologies into usable information to create better policies for management. He will enlighten us on his latest research findings and how utilizing big-data can help mitigate flood risk.



SPOTLIGHT
on
SCIENCE

PROGRAM DETAILS

Held in Friends Room at:
Central Library
1000 Avocado Avenue,
Newport Beach, CA 92660
Free parking on the ground
level and in the parking structure
Limited Seating

7:00pm – 8:30pm
Doors open at 6:30pm
Free Event

QUESTIONS?

Contact Director of Programs
Kunga Wangmo at 949-717-3818
or programs@nbplf.foundation

2023-2024 SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE COMMITTEE

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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.

December 13: *Trust* by Hernan Diaz

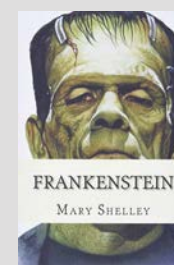
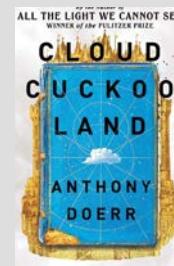
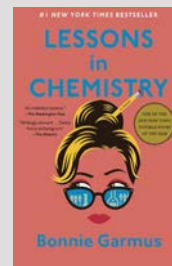
January 10: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

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



HUMAN STORIES BEHIND LIBRARY NUMBERS

There are many things the Newport Beach Public Library does that can be easily quantified: counting how many patrons visit the buildings on any given day, how many items are checked out, how many library cards are issued, how many reference questions answered, and how many people attend a program.

But what about the human stories behind those numbers? There are human connections that are made every day: children attending their first storytime, patrons getting their first library card, staff connecting people to much needed social services. Library staff are able to witness and be a part of life-changing moments every day, such as an adult learner reading on their own for the first time or a patron using technology to connect with a long-lost family member.

We refer to these connections as “touches” and in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the Library had over 3,000,000 patron touches. Those touches are not just people coming through the doors of Central and the three neighborhood libraries, but people using the eBranch of eBooks and audiobooks, over 60 searchable databases, eMagazines, streaming videos, and the Beanstack tracking platform. It includes the Passport service, test proctoring, program attendance including the Adult Literacy program, use of the public computers, Media Lab, and Broadcast Booth, and people that call the Library for specific information. 3,000,000 touches a year. That is community impact.

Offentimes people come to the Library when they are at a low point in their lives. Staff are able to offer a warm, friendly smile and a touch of human kindness in what can seem like an inhumane world. Libraries have always done this. Everyone who walks through the doors are welcome to enjoy the resources and the environment.

We are here to help however we can. For most of us it is more than just a job. We’re proud to know that we make a real difference in our community and the lives of everyone who chooses to come through our doors.

– *Rebecca Lightfoot, Library Services Manager*



CHANGING LIVES THROUGH PROJECT ADULT LITERACY

The Newport Beach Public Library’s Project Adult Literacy (PAL) Program provides free help for adults to improve their reading and writing skills. The program creates a foundation for its learners to achieve greater success in their lives.

Sarah, a 31-year-old female, joined PAL in 2022. She has severe learning disabilities and anxiety issues. These challenges, compounded with her inability to read and write, have made her life very challenging. In fact, Sarah was homeless when she learned about PAL. She did not know a program like this existed. Sarah joined and was matched with a tutor to work with her on a weekly basis.

Despite numerous challenges, Sarah has been committed to PAL. When Sarah first joined PAL, it was difficult for her to write a simple sentence. A year later, she can write sentences, short speeches, and thank you letters. Listen to what Sarah wrote about her experience transitioning from homelessness to housing:

“I am truly grateful. I’m living in my place for 6 months. I have a roof over my head. It’s a new experience and a new journey.”

Project Adult Literacy has helped Sarah express herself in new ways. It has given her a voice. The confidence this has given her has helped make positive changes in her life. She’s registered at Orange Coast College, began volunteering at her church, and has shown a desire to become more involved in the community. For these reasons and more, Sarah was selected as the PAL recipient of the 2023 Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award for outstanding achievement. She is truly a capable and deserving individual. We are so proud of Sarah and all the success that she has made!

– *Melissa Hartson, Library Services Director*

MAKING A STRATEGIC END OF TAX YEAR GIFT TO THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Library Foundation accepts contributory support in a variety of ways. As you make your plans for your end of the calendar year contribution to the Foundation, consider options other than a cash contribution. Of course, we recommend that you consult with your attorney or tax advisor to find the most beneficial means of contributing to the Foundation. There is full information on the Foundation's website [NBPLF.Foundation](#) under the Ways to Give tab.

You may consider the following options:

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

A Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) is like your own charitable savings account. You contribute to the fund as frequently as you like and then recommend grants to nonprofits like the Library Foundation, while potentially earning immediate tax benefits. There are specific IRS regulations regarding the benefits you can receive as the "advisor" for your DAF. The Library Foundation cannot provide any benefit other than "incidental benefits." As such, for a contribution from a DAF, the Foundation cannot give complimentary tickets. If you are a client of Fidelity Charitable, Schwab Charitable, or BNY Mellon you can easily make a designation through the DAF Direct window on the Foundation website. If your DAF is with another charitable fund or trust, contact your financial advisor or trust administrator for details.

DIGITAL OR CRYPTOCURRENCY

The Library Foundation accepts contributions of digital or crypto-currency through the nonprofit organization every.org. Every.org accepts the digital currency, issues IRS documentation to you, converts the currency to dollars and transmits it to the Foundation. You receive a tax deduction for the full price of the currency at the time of the gift through every.org. Like a Donor Advised Fund gift, you will receive recognition and incidental benefits for the full amount of the contribution. A link to donate digital currency is on the website.

RETIREMENT PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS— THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

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If you are contributing by credit card, the Foundation recommends you do so through the secure giving page on our website. You also have the option of contributing directly from your checking account through the ACH option on that page. There is also a downloadable form if you want to send your contribution through the mail, or you can use the return envelope enclosed in this Bookmark.

The Foundation salutes its volunteer leadership, both current and those that have fulfilled their tenure.

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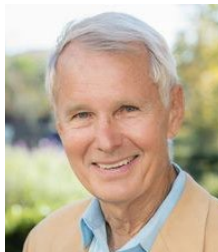


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Dear NBPLF Members and Friends,

After guiding the Library Foundation through the pandemic, the shift to virtual programming, a return to in-person programming, hiring a new CEO, negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Newport Beach to raise 50% of the funds needed to build a state-of-the-art lecture hall/civic auditorium, Karen Heath Clark passed the leadership of the Board of Directors to me in June of 2023. Karen deserves praise for her steady hand and wisdom in guiding the Foundation during these past years and I will rely on her guidance during my tenure as Chair of the Board.

The Foundation has seen valued Board members complete their tenure as leaders of the Foundation. Completing their service to the Foundation are Dorothy Larson, Toby Larson, John Prichard, Lizanne Witte, Adrian Windsor, and Felix Yan. Dorothy Larson and Antonella Castro remain Library leaders by being appointed to the Library Board of Trustees. Lizanne Witte and Adrian Windsor continue their volunteer service as members of Board Committees. We value these volunteer leaders who have served the Foundation and the Library.

Joining the Foundation Board are Linda Beimfohr, Joy Brenner, Randy Heyler, Emilie Menghin, and Mireya Llauro. I welcome their commitment and look forward to working with them to fulfill the Foundation's mission to "fund valuable library resources and engage the community through diverse literary, cultural, and intellectual programs."

This past year we continued the campaign for Witte Hall, Beyond Books, chaired by Jill Johnson-Tucker. The Hall, a civic auditorium for the Newport Beach community, continues to draw support from community leaders. Rising costs have had a significant impact on the construction bids for the project, but the Foundation is confident that the community will philanthropically support this critical addition to the Library and Civic Center.

It was 30 years ago in 1994 that the Central Library opened its doors to the Newport Beach community. It was the Foundation, established by the foresight and drive of John and Elizabeth Stahr, and joined by many Newport Beach community leaders, which advocated for a Central Library and raised \$2.2 million, 25% of the eventual cost, for its construction. That insight of the need for a Central Library has resulted in an institution that, as Library Services Manager Rebecca Lightfoot documented, has three million "touches" with patrons each year. That support has provided a library for the Newport Beach community that is rated a "Four Star" library—the only "Star" library in Orange County and one of only twelve in California.

Your continued contributory support as members and as ticket purchasers to the Witte Lectures and Library Live, and attendance of our free programs of Medicine in Our Backyard, Financial Literacy Workshop, Spotlight on Science, and the Book Discussion Group, makes the Library Foundation an important and vital partner of the Newport Beach Public Library. I urge you to continue your support, increase it if possible, and encourage your family, friends, and colleagues to join you in that support.

We are also seeking leadership volunteers to join our Board of Directors and Board committees. 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.

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PROGRAMS

The Foundation presented 45 programs in the 2022-2023 season, 30 of which were free for the community. Free programs included Medicine in Our Backyard, the Financial Literacy Workshops, Book Discussion Group, and the new initiative, Spotlight on Science. The Foundation continues its successful partnership with the University of California Irvine Health for the Medicine series and has begun a partnership with UCI Science for the Spotlight on Science series, which will expand to three programs this current season. Total attendance for the programs presented by the Foundation was over 3800.

The demand for the Foundation's program is strong, with both Library Live presentations this fall sold out and the Spotlight on Science first lecture over-registered. Medicine in Our Backyard and the Financial Literacy Workshops and the Book Discussion Group were all back to pre-pandemic attendance, and often exceeding it.

WITTE DISTINGUISHED AUTHOR SERIES

The 26th season of the Witte Lectures kicked off with a SOLD-OUT event featuring Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author Anne Applebaum. Over 1300 people attended the Winter-Spring 2023 Witte Lecture Series. Audience members were enthused to be able to attend compelling presentations by:

- Anne Applebaum, author of *Twilight of Democracy: The Seductive Lure of Authoritarianism*
- Arthur Caplan, PhD, renowned medical ethicist, spoke on *Ethical Challenges on the Frontiers of Medicine*
- Cristina Mittermeier, National Geographic and Smithsonian Conservation photographer, spoke on *Enoughness: Ocean Conservation*
- Dacher Keltner, Ph.D., visionary and Faculty Director of the Berkeley Greater Good Science Center, spoke on *The Promise and Peril of Power in the 21st Century* and on his research and book on *Awe*

LIBRARY LIVE

Library Live featured a wide array of authors in a variety of genres including science and historical fiction that gave rise to stories of immigration, identity, climate change and refugee crises. The speakers were:

- Rebecca Scherm, author of *A House Between Earth and the Moon*
- Bill Plaschke, author of *Paradise Found: A High School Football Team's Rise from the Ashes*
- Omar El Akkad, author of *What Strange Paradise*
- Min Jin Lee, author of *Pachinko*

SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

The Library Foundation initiated a new free program that will focus on innovative and exciting scientific research, utilizing extraordinary and renowned scientists from our local universities. The first event was held on May 4, 2023, with James Bullock, PhD., Dean of UCI Physical Sciences. The free event was over-registered in 5 days and was very successful. Dr. Bullock captivated us with the stunning images from the James Webb Space Telescope. Enthusiastic audience feedback has prompted the Foundation to program three Spotlight on Science presentations this season.

MEDICINE IN OUR BACKYARD

Through the Library Foundation's partnership with UCI Health and the support of Mike and Polly Smith, Medicine in Our Backyard engaged internationally renowned UCI medical faculty to address a broad range of health issues: nutrition, breast cancer, hearing loss, Alzheimer's disease, heart failure, Crohn's disease, aging and the spine, and skin cancers. As many as 150 people registered for these free lectures, each ending with a wide-ranging Q & A exchange with the audience.

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS

The Financial Literacy Workshops started in September and saw an increase in participation, exceeding pre-pandemic numbers. The workshops are free programs presented by the Library Foundation for the public. Financial Literacy presents *It's Your Money Series* in the Fall and *It's Your Estate* workshop in the Spring. Each series has six workshops.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

This free program also saw a significant increase in participation. The Discussion Group, curated and moderated by Director of Programs Kunga Wangmo, suggests books to read and discuss, and then Kunga Wangmo curates the suggestions and includes the works by the Library Live authors who will speak on that series for the season. Book Discussion Group begins in September and ends in May for nine sessions.

VIDEOS

Due to licensing restrictions, 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 are available on the Foundation's website free to both Members and non-Members.

MEMBER EVENTS

The season opened with the annual Library Leadership Reception in the Bamboo Courtyard, celebrating those Foundation donors that make generous annual contributions to fund the Witte Lectures, Library Live, and other Foundation programs as well as provide support for the Foundation’s support of the Newport Beach Library. As you walk along the portico in front of the Central Library you will see tiles with the names of those that have made leadership contributions over the past 30 years.

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. At this event the Foundation honored Mike and Polly Smith who have sponsored Medicine in Our Backyard since its inception ten years ago. After the reception, Susan Straight, Southern California award-winning author, spoke about her book, *Mecca*, which is a homage to Southern California. She was very well received and her novels were available for purchase and signing after her presentation.

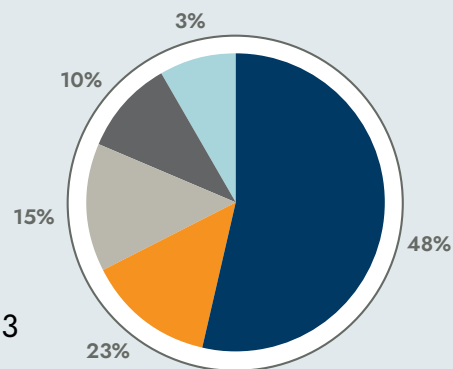
SPECIAL EVENT IN SUPPORT OF THE TECHNOLOGY FUND FOR WITTE HALL

In January, the Foundation hosted a presentation by Greg MacGillivray of MacGillivray Freeman Films on the publication of his memoir *Five Hundred Summer Stories: A Life in Imax*. MacGillivray spoke about his life as the filmmaker of 45 groundbreaking and award-winning IMAX productions created to raise awareness about the natural world. Attendees celebrated MacGillivray’s outstanding career and raised funds to support the audio/visual technology that will make Witte Hall an outstanding experience.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

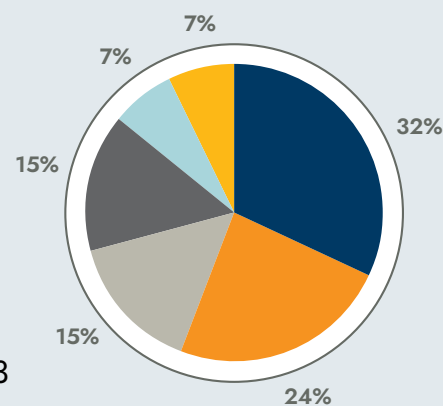
The Foundation had a 7.7% increase in contributed revenue for the fiscal year, and with earned revenue from the Witte Lectures and Library Live presentations, the Foundation experienced an overall net operating revenue increase of 12%. This excludes the Paycheck Protection Program grant of \$100,000 that was forgiven in Fiscal 2022.

Operating expenses were on budget, and revenue exceeded expenses by nearly \$30,000. The Foundation contributed \$48,600 to the Library and underwrote \$49,290 in campaign expenses for the Beyond Books capital campaign for Witte Hall. Total programming was \$320,780 of which \$100,180 was for free community programming. Overall, the Foundation provided support to the Library of over \$197,000.



FISCAL 2023 REVENUE

■ Contributed Revenue	\$385,349.00
■ Grants	\$184,978.00
■ Investment Income	\$118,666.00
■ Earned Revenue	\$ 82,083.00
■ Special Events	\$ 27,600.00



FISCAL 2023 EXPENSES

■ Fee Program Expenses	\$220,602.00
■ Management.....	\$164,600.00
■ Free Community Programs	\$100,179.00
■ Fundraising	\$100,802.00
■ Capital Campaign.....	\$ 49,287.00
■ Library Contribution	\$ 48,555.00

The Foundation raised \$2.9 million in the capital campaign for Witte Hall with an additional \$5.2 million in confirmed gift agreements. The Foundation’s endowment, restricted to support of the Library, is \$2.97 million.

The Foundation has received a Platinum rating for transparency from Guidestar.org (Candid) and a Four Star rating from Charity Navigator. These independent rating agencies assure donors, and the community, that contributions will be stewarded, used for the intended purpose, and managed for the good of the Foundation, the Newport Beach Library, and the community that uses and enjoys the Library. The Foundation’s audit and IRS Form 990 are on the Foundation’s website under the About/Financial Responsibility tab.

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 members Linda Beimfohr, Joy Brenner, Randy Heyler, Emilie Menghin, and Mireya Llauro. Dorothy Larson, Toby Larson, John Prichard, Lizanne Witte, Adrian Windsor, and Felix Yan completed their terms of service. The Board also appreciates the service of Tammy Tang who left the Board and Antonella Castro who was appointed to the Board of Library Trustees. Dorothy Larson also became a Trustee.

Karen Clark completed her term as Board Chair in June and now serves as Immediate Past Chair. Kevin Barlow assumed the role of Chair, Marilyn Krahe serves as Vice Chair and corporate Secretary, and new Board member Emilie Menghin serves as Treasurer.

Janet Ray was the Trustee liaison to the Foundation Board this past fiscal year, Trustee Chair Paul Watkins was the liaison to the Witte Lectures Committee and Trustee Ash Kumra to the Library Live Committee. The Foundation thanks them for their support and service.

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