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*Legacy giving provides the Newport Beach Public Library with vital funds — helping to ensure that the Library remains relevant, state-of-the-art, and available for many generations to come.*

## Dear NBPLF Members and Friends,

The Central Library opened its doors in July 1994, and as we celebrate our 30th anniversary, we look back on the role that the Newport Beach Public Library has played and continues to play in our community. And we look forward to what the future holds.

Our mission is to be the cultural, educational, and informational heart of Newport Beach. By continually integrating innovative tech, emerging trends, and responding to the needs of our patrons, we are doing just that.

Proof that the Library is *in the community for the community* can be found in our wide array of services and offerings. We provide print and electronic books, magazines, and newspapers, both in the libraries and on our always open eBranch. We are proud of the engaging lectures and arts programming we present for both adults and children. We are dedicated to fostering creativity in our state-of-the-art media lab and with our high tech "Tech Toys" check-outs. And as always, we provide places for studying, relaxing, meeting, and socializing.

The four physical library locations are spread throughout the city, but the connection to patrons extends far beyond our walls. Digital resources allow for 24/7 access to information. Passport services grant experiences and convenience for international travel. Our concierge services bring the Library to those who cannot make it to us. Our community outreach includes a presence at events, expos, festivals, resource fairs, schools, and senior centers. In short, the Library connects with people where they are.

To meet the expectations of patrons, the Library must fulfill both current needs and evolve based on changes in society. The Library will uphold the importance of literacy for all ages. It will continue to empower people to fully participate and contribute within our society. It will continue to be part of the social infrastructure: a community hub to gather, learn, create, and nurture social connections.

Rather than shying away from change, the Library embraces it. This is how the Newport Beach Public Library has existed for over 100 years. It is an institution that continues to define and redefine itself. Decades from now, the Library will maintain its relevance as a marketplace for culture, education, information, and coming together.

Thank you for your continued support,



Melissa Hartson  
*Director*  
Newport Beach Public Library



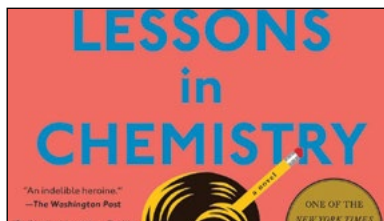
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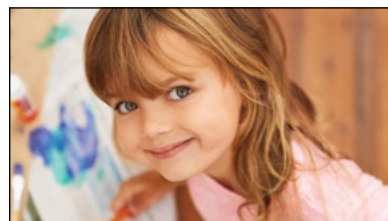
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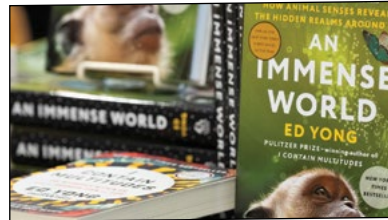
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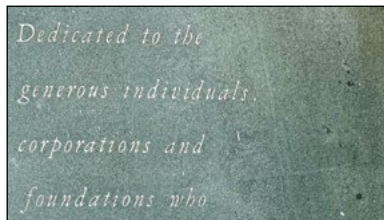
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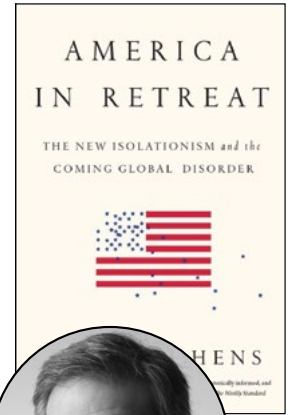
The Kids Marketplace event helped to raise funds and awareness for the construction of Witte Hall.

## Bret Stephens

*Here and Now: Where We Are and Where We Are Going  
Post Election*

Friday, January 24, 7:00pm / Saturday, January 25, 2:00pm

Bret Stephens is a prominent American journalist and columnist known for his incisive and often provocative commentary on political and social issues. Stephens has built a distinguished career, contributing to several high-profile publications. He began his journey in journalism with *The Wall Street Journal*, where he eventually served as the deputy editorial page editor and a foreign-affairs columnist. In 2017, Stephens joined *The New York Times* as an op-ed columnist. His book *America in Retreat: The New Isolationism and the Coming Global Disorder* was published in November 2014. Stephens has received multiple awards, including three honorary doctorates, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, and the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for commentary. Noted for his sharp intellect and willingness to challenge conventional wisdom, Stephens remains a significant voice in contemporary journalism, engaging readers with his thoughtful analysis and insightful commentary.



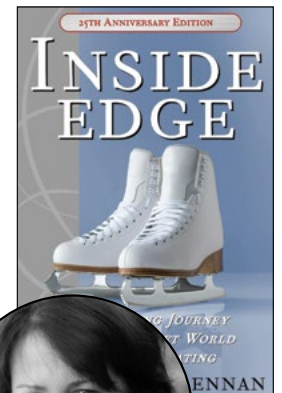
## Christine Brennan

*Today is the Greatest Day for Women in Sports – Until Tomorrow.  
The Story of Title IX and the Empowerment of Women in Sports*

Friday, February 21, 7:00pm / Saturday, February 22, 2:00pm

Christine Brennan is an award-winning national sports columnist for *USA Today*, a commentator for *CNN*, *ABC News*, *PBS NewsHour* and *National Public Radio*, and a best-selling author. Named one of the country's top 10 sports columnists multiple times by the *Associated Press Sports Editors*, she has covered the last 21 Olympic Games, summer and winter.

Title IX has been pivotal in empowering women and leveling the playing field in sports, dramatically increasing opportunities for female athletes at all levels. Through Brennan's insightful reporting and commentary, she has highlighted the progress made, the challenges that remain, and the inspiring stories of women athletes who have benefited from Title IX. Her contributions continue to inspire and advocate for equality and inclusion in sports.



### Lecture Details

#### Fridays Evening Lectures

Friday, 7:00pm - 9:00pm,  
Doors open at 6:30pm  
Lecture, Book Sale & Signing,  
Light Supper with Wine

**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

**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](http://nbplf.foundation) or 949-717-3892.

**Tickets go on sale October 1, 2024 at [www.nbplf.foundation/programs/witte-lectures/](http://www.nbplf.foundation/programs/witte-lectures/)**

**\*Only NBPLF members can buy season pass**

NBPLF members that are Book Collector \$250 level and above get a discount on individual ticket.

The 28th season of the highly acclaimed Witte Lecture series launches on January 24-25, 2025. 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 2024 Witte Committee

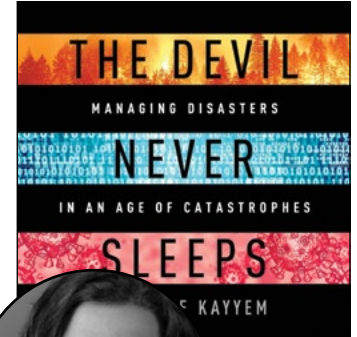
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## Juliette Kayyem In conversation with Jacob Ware National Security, Climate Migration & Pandemics: Managing Risks in a Borderless World

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

Professor Juliette Kayyem is an international leader in crisis management and homeland security, serving as the faculty chair of the Homeland Security and Global Health Projects at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Previously, she served as President Obama's Assistant Secretary at the Department of Homeland Security and as Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick's Homeland Security Advisor. A CNN Senior National Security Analyst, Pulitzer Prize finalist, and contributing writer for *The Atlantic* and Boston's local NPR station, GBH. Kayyem is the author of *The Devil Never Sleeps: Learning to Live in an Age of Disasters*.

Jacob Ware is a research fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and an adjunct professor at Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, where he teaches a class on domestic terrorism. He serves on the editorial board at the Modern War Institute at West Point for Conflict & Terrorism and the Irregular Warfare Initiative. He was also a visiting fellow at the University of Oslo's Center for Research on Extremism.

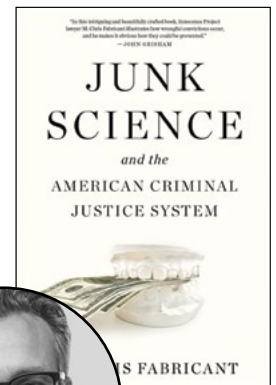


## M. Chris Fabricant Junk Science and the American Criminal Justice System

Friday, April 18, 7:00pm / Saturday, April 19, 2:00pm

From CSI to Forensic Files to the celebrated reputation of the FBI crime lab, forensic scientists have long been mythologized in American popular culture as infallible crime solvers. Juries put their faith in "expert witnesses" and innocent people have been executed as a result. Innocent people are still on death row today, condemned by junk science.

M. Chris Fabricant is a renowned attorney and a fierce advocate for criminal justice reform. In his compelling book, *Junk Science and the American Criminal Justice System*, Fabricant delves into the pervasive issue of flawed forensic science that has led to wrongful convictions across the United States. By weaving together real-life case studies and meticulous research, he exposes the alarming impact of pseudo-scientific evidence on innocent lives. Fabricant's work not only underscores the urgent need for systemic change but also offers a poignant call to action for ensuring justice and accuracy in the legal process.



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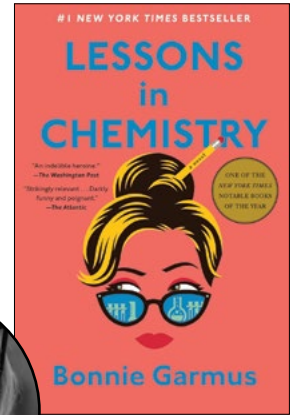
The Newport Beach Public Library Foundation is pleased to announce  
*Library Live / Oct 2024 – April 2025*

## Bonnie Garmus

### *Lessons in Chemistry*

Friday, October 4, 6:00pm\*

In captivating conversations, Bonnie Garmus talks about her journey from copywriter and creative director to writing and publishing her own bestselling novel. With wit and candor, she describes the process of creating her subversive protagonist Elizabeth Zott and how real-life experience fueled and inspired *Lessons in Chemistry*. Bonnie Garmus is the author of *Lessons in Chemistry*, a number-one global bestseller that has captivated readers worldwide and won multiple national and international awards. Set in 1960s California, the book introduces us to Elizabeth Zott, a gifted research chemist whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show.

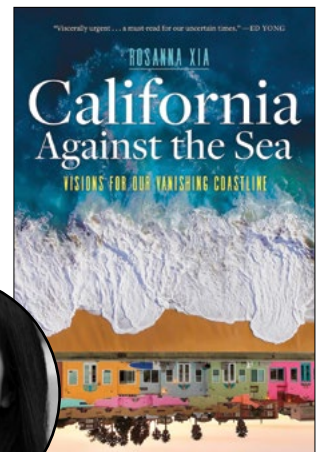


## Rosanna Xia

### *California Against the Sea: Visions for our Vanishing Coastline*

Thursday, November 7, 7:00pm

Celebrated environmental journalist Rosanna Xia explores sea level rise along the West Coast, focusing on California's coastline imperiled by the rising Pacific Ocean. Through human stories and ecological dramas, she delves into the impacts of engineered landscapes, development pressures, and activism shaping the coastline. Xia's investigation spans from the Mexican border to the North Coast, highlighting the voices of various stakeholders advocating for climate-wise coastal stewardship. The narrative emphasizes the urgency of addressing climate change to secure a sustainable future for coastal communities in California. Rosanna Xia is an environmental reporter for the *Los Angeles Times* and was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2020 for explanatory reporting.



## Lecture Details

Thursdays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Lecture, Book Sale & Signing,  
Refreshments

**Library Live Season Pass \$100**

General \$35

NBPLF Member: \$30

NBPLF members that are Book Collector \$250 level and above get a discount on individual ticket.

## 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](http://www.nbplf.foundation) or 949-717-3892.

**Tickets go on sale September 1, 2024 at [nbplf.foundation/programs/library-live/](http://nbplf.foundation/programs/library-live/)**

**\*Bonnie Garmus event starts at 6:00pm and will be held on the Civic Center Lawn.**

**Only NBPLF members can buy a season pass.**

We are excited to welcome these four brilliant authors to our 2024-2025 series. Library Live is for adventurous readers who enjoy hearing from established literary figures and emerging talent. Novelists, poets, historians, journalists, biographers, memoirists and more share their ideas firsthand with our community. Participate, engage, and be challenged by our presentations with today's most gifted scribes.

## Thank you to our 2023-24 Library Live! Committee

Loren Blackwood  
Patricia Dreyfus, (Chair)  
Amy Fulford  
Dorothy Larson, (Library Trustee Liaison)

Ann Stephens  
Adrian Windsor

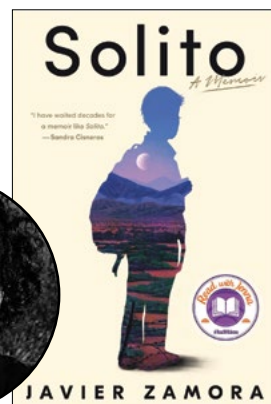
## Javier Zamora in conversation with Gustavo Arellano

### *Solito: Home, Identity, and the Immigrant Experience*

Thursday, February 27, 7:00pm

What is the meaning of home? At only nine years old, Javier Zamora left his native El Salvador to embark on a 3000-mile journey to reunite with his parents in the United States. Alone except for the other migrants in his group and the "coyote" hired to guide them across the border, he survived perilous trips across oceans and deserts. Javier Zamora shares his harrowing journey and explores how identity influences our ideas of home and brings humanity and warmth to the figure of the "immigrant," stressing there are always moments of joy, love, and hope, even in the worst of circumstances. Zamora puts a face to child immigrants and the humanitarian crisis along the US-Mexico border.

**Gustavo Arellano** is a columnist for the *Los Angeles Times* and former *OC Weekly* investigative reporter and editor. He authored *Taco USA: How Mexican Food Conquered America* and is the child of Mexican immigrants, one of whom arrived in the U.S. in a Chevy trunk.



## Viet Thanh Nguyen

### *A Man of Two Faces: A Memoir, A History, A Memorial*

Thursday, April 24, 7:00pm

With insight, humor, formal invention, and lyricism, in *A Man of Two Faces*, Viet Thanh Nguyen rewinds the film of his own life. He expands the genre of personal memoir by acknowledging larger stories of refugeehood, colonization, and ideas about Vietnam and America, writing with his trademark sardonic wit and incisive analysis, as well as a deep emotional openness about his life as a father and a son. Viet Thanh Nguyen's novel *The Sympathizer* is a *New York Times* best seller and won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. It is now an HBO TV series.



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# HOW THE IMPOSSIBLE BECAME POSSIBLE

A brief history of the development of the Central Library by Clarence Turner as told to Tom Johnson, Publisher, *Stu News*

The Newport Beach Central Library just celebrated 30 years in the Newport Beach Civic Center location this summer.

There are many people responsible for attaining that accomplishment, but one name that certainly should be near the top of nearly any list is former Newport Beach Mayor and City Councilman Clarence “Bus” Turner. Following his election to city council in 1986, he immediately got involved in the efforts to build a new Central Library. At the time the city’s library consisted of a branch system with a small central library in Newport Center. However, he knew that such a project as building a new central library could be controversial.

In fact, Turner at that time was called aside by then-City Manager Bob Wynn who told him “there weren’t four votes on the council to support the effort,” and that “he himself had his own doubts.”

Still, Turner persevered. First up was a study of “what the city actually needed in a library, where would it be located (if it were built) and how would it be funded?”

Under his leadership, Turner and his councilmates authorized \$10,000 to have “a study completed in the summer of 1987 recommending “a 54,000-sq.-ft. facility.”

Next up, where? According to Turner, “six different sites were evaluated, before council finally turned to the Irvine Company in search of a final answer. Ultimately, a land swap and cash transaction occurred between the city and the Irvine Company, making the 1.7-acre site where it is now located the new home.

Still, how would they fund the project? Turner admitted that “a number of methods were suggested, including a sale-lease back, general obligations bonds, borrowing from surplus city funds and Certificates of Participation.”

The council adopted the Certificates of Participation funding mechanism method. At that point, Turner believed





“the heavy lifting was behind us.” He even admitted that “the tenor of the council shifted from apprehension (for the project), to how do we make it work.”

Enter John and Elizabeth Stahr and their contribution and subsequent raising of over \$2,200,000, of what would be needed to complete the entire new library.

Through continued support and fundraising from the Stahrs and the Library Foundation, along with Turner and other city leadership, the money was raised, and the Central Library became a reality.

On July 10, 1994, with Turner presiding as mayor of the city, the dedication of the Central Library took place. “The impossible became possible,” according to Turner.

With 100% council support, the dedication gathering was “an opportunity to thank all of those unsung people who came together to make (it) happen.”

Years later, Turner proudly shared, “On a personal note, I could reflect on the irony of coming from a background where books were rare to helping create a library of this magnitude...it was gratifying. I owe a lot to Newport Beach citizens for the trust they gave me to help complete (it).”

Now, years later, Turner is re-engaged. “Once again, the citizens of Newport Beach are called upon to lend their support to help fund a badly needed expansion of (our) library. This expansion is for a lecture hall at a cost of \$23,400,000, one half to be paid for by the city and one half to be paid by through the fundraising efforts of the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation.

“It is with pleasure that Janice and I have pledged to make a major donation to the library building fund,” said Turner. “One may wonder why, so I will tell you.

“Our core belief is that libraries are the storage facilities of humanity’s dreams, aspirations, failures, inventions, literature, laws and indeed the history of our planet. Without them each generation would be denied wisdom left behind by previous generations. With them current and future generations can improve the lot for their generations while laying bricks in the building of progress.

“We speak from the standpoint of a former school principal and a guy who discovered the wealth contained between the covers of books.”

To join Clarence Turner in this effort, go to <https://nbplf.foundation/give/>.

*“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never-failing spring in the desert.” – Andrew Carnegie*



# LEGACY

Communities are strengthened and made vibrant by those who create a legacy by supporting institutions and nonprofit organizations that serve the community.

Newport Beach Public Library patrons have greatly benefited from those who have made legacy contributions to the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation.

When you walk through the front doors of the Central Library and look to your left you will see a wall of names of the hundreds of donors whose legacy is the beautiful Central Library—a building filled with young and old seeking knowledge, adventure, mystery, and whimsy. Books, films, music, technology, meetings, and lectures all make this building a community resource and gathering place that exists because these donors gave a legacy to Newport Beach by contributing to the campaign to build the Central Library in the early 1990s.

If you walk down the portico to the left of the main entrance towards the Bamboo Courtyard (soon to be closed because of the construction of Witte Hall), you will see names on the wall tiles of the donors who have continued to make a major contribution to the Foundation for support of the Library.

Walk around the Central Library and the three branches—Corona del Mar, Balboa, and Crean Mariners—and see the plaques with names of the donors and businesses that have made a special gift. The Foundation offices have the names of William and Barbara Roberts, Arnold and Ruth Feuerstein, Glen and Dorothy Stillwell, and Eugenia B. Dean.

The Central Library celebrated the 30th anniversary of its grand opening this July. *Library Journal* recognizes the Newport Beach Library as a “Four Star” library, the only “Star” library in Orange County. Exceptional patron services, and the three million patron “touches” this Library makes annually, is the legacy of the donors who invested in the vision of an outstanding Library in Newport Beach.

*The Newport Beach Public Library complies with the California Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act and may contribute up to 5% of the endowment funds to the Library annually.*

There is another group of legacy donors to celebrate. In 1996, former Newport Beach mayor Clarence Turner realized that for the Foundation to be sustainable and support the Newport Beach Library for years to come, an endowment was necessary. That successful campaign resulted in an endowment whose proceeds have funded critical capital improvements and patron services for the past two decades. The legacy of the donors to the endowment are the Media Lab, the Broadcast Lab, Tech Toys, the Wayfinder at the main entrance, self-checkout machines, laptops for use in the Library, the Business Center, Stahr Children’s Room furniture and audio/video equipment, stand-up computer desks, eBranch databases, and so much more.

## **The community can be part of the legacy of Newport Beach once more.**

On February 27, the ground was broken for the construction of Witte Hall, the lecture hall and civic auditorium on the grounds of the Newport Beach Public Library. Witte Hall, so named with the lead gift from William Witte and Keiko Sakamoto, is a ten-year vision for a hall that will transform the quality and character of programs and events of the Newport Beach Public Library as well as the extended Newport Beach community. It will enrich people’s lives and be a source of pride for the community by providing informative and entertaining programming of literary, cultural, artistic, and educational value. Lectures, music, films, educational and entertaining, will enliven this “jewel of the Civic Center.”

The lobby of Witte Hall is the Louise and Roy Woolsey Memorial Lobby and the courtyard, named the Stahr Courtyard with a major gift from the founder of the Library Foundation, Elizabeth Stahr, will provide outdoor space for pre- and post- events.

Just as for the building of the Central Library, Witte Hall is a public/philanthropic partnership. The Library Foundation is raising 50% of the funds needed to build Witte Hall. Donors to the Hall will be creating a legacy for generations—a legacy of community support, not just for a building, but for the thousands of young people, students, and adults whose lives will be enriched by Witte Hall.

To learn how you can leave a legacy for the community that will engage learners, inspire thinkers, and nurture civic connections, contact Jerold Kappel, Foundation CEO, at CEO@nbplf foundation, or by phone 949-717-3890.

To see a video of the construction progress, visit [nbplf.foundation/witte-hall/](http://nbplf.foundation/witte-hall/)



# WHAT A RIDE! WHAT A BRIGHT FUTURE!

Proud and privileged to have served on the Board of Library Trustees these past eight years. Too many folks to thank and I'm missing a ton:

- Dorothy Larson, *Board Vice Chair*
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- Elizabeth and John Stahr, *Foundation Founders*
- Maria Nicklin, *Marketing Specialist*
- Ronnie Watkins, my understanding wife who never missed a meeting
- Jim Mosher, who kept us on our toes

## Accomplishments by the Library:

- The Lecture Hall
- Corona del Mar Branch/Fire Station Replacement Project
- Balboa Branch/Fire Station Replacement Project (pending)
- 4-Star Status (awarded by "Library Journal")
- Collection Development Policy revisions and administration of Appeals of Children's Collection titles

## The Crystal Ball:

Our Library has a 2024-2025 Budget of nearly \$10.5 Million and it continues to be the second most visited asset in the City (behind our spectacular beaches).

In my view and given the recent fervent attention devoted to the Lecture Hall, the Balboa Branch Replacement Project, and access to Children's Collection titles, the Library and our Board need to continue to be sensitive, respectful, thoughtful, thorough, innovative, results-oriented, humble, grateful, and a good listener to our Patrons.

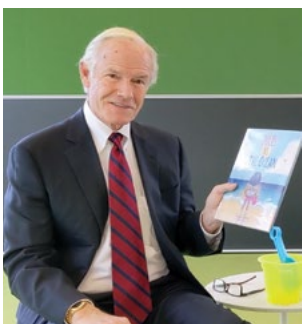
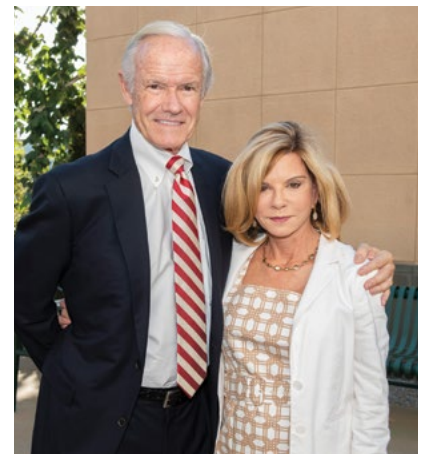
We have a strong youthful Board and a strong youthful (yet experienced) Director and Senior Staff.

The Newport Beach Public Library is the best in Orange County and beyond and is in good hands for the future.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Sincerely,

Paul K. Watkins  
*Outgoing Chair,  
 Board of Library Trustees*



# SUNDAY MUSICALES

The Newport Beach Public Library is pleased to announce the 2024 Fall Sunday Musicales. The hour-long concerts are held monthly from 3:00 – 4:00 pm at the Central Library. Admission is free. Join us!

## **SAXOPHONE & PIANO DUO, SOPHIA FLORES & ANDREW EDWARDS Sunday, September 15, 2024**

Classical saxophonist Sophia Flores and pianist Andrew Edwards will be performing music significant to the Holocaust, including works by Jacobi, Ullmann, Gebirtig, Messiaen, Schulhoff and others. This performance is in remembrance of the six million murdered Jews, who used music as an outlet for resistance and hope, even when their music was silenced.

## **THE LATSOS PIANO DUO, ANNA FEDOROVA-LATSO & GIORGI LATSO Sunday, October 13, 2024**

Described as having "awe-inspiring artistry," the Latsos piano duo are a global piano force. Their upcoming October program at the Newport Beach Public Library will include pieces by Mozart, Schubert, Chopin, Kapustin, as well as their own 4 hands arrangement on J. William's music from the masterpiece movie, *Shindler's List*.

## **PIANO SOLO, LEAH KANG Sunday, November 10, 2024**

Pianist Leah Kang will present an eclectic program featuring works by Mozart, Liszt, as well as the enchanting music of Takashi Yoshimatsu, classical-jazz fusion of Nikolai Kapustin, and a rare version of *Ma Mère l'Oye* for solo piano arranged by Ravel's close friend Jacques Charlot.



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# CALLING ALL KIDS!

Check out the children's calendar for fun fall happenings at the Library! Activities include BARK: Read to a Dog, Steam Lab, Crafternoons, Middle Grade Book Club, Storytime, Toy Train Thursdays, Makerspace, and much more. Complete information is on our website at [newportkids.org](http://newportkids.org). We look forward to seeing you at the Library!





# 2024 CONCERTS ON THE GREEN + A FALL CONCERT AT MARINA PARK



**WILBURY SUPER GROUP  
(Rock Tribute)**  
August 11, 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
Civic Center Green

Imagine if Tom Petty, George Harrison, Roy Orbison, Bob Dylan, and Jeff Lynne took the stage together live to perform a concert full of their greatest hits! Well it almost happened in the 1980's when these 5 legends of rock and roll joined forces to form the Super Band 'The Traveling Wilburys'. Sadly, Roy Orbison passed away before the band got to tour live, but now you can enjoy a night full of legendary hits from Petty, The Beatles, Harrison, Dylan, Orbison, and Lynne.



**ABSOLUTE (R&B, Funk, Soul,  
Classic Rock Tribute)**  
September 22, 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
Civic Center Green

AbSOULute is a 9-piece band featuring lead vocals, guitar, bass, drums, percussion, keyboards, and a 3-piece horn section. With smooth soulful vocals, AbSOULute will delight you with highly danceable and well-loved songs from old school funk, soul, and R&B artists like Stevie Wonder, Sly and the Family Stone, Chicago, Al Green, Earth Wind & Fire, The Average White Band, Tower of Power, Steely Dan, James Brown, The Isley Brothers and many more.



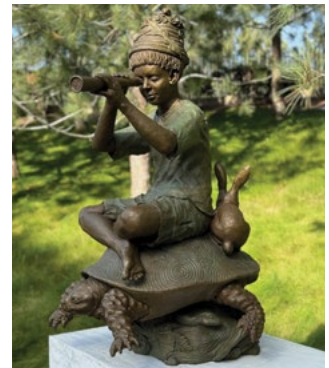
**GOTHAM CITY SWINGERS  
(Jazz and Swing Tribute)**  
October 13, 4 – 5:30 p.m.  
Marina Park

Performing music from the Swing Era to the Rat Pack Stylings of the 1950's and 60's, with a smattering of Pop Culture and theme songs from classic TV and film, Gotham City Swingers will set the stage and carry you back to an era when sultry and swinging music was the "Pop" of the day.

*Bring blankets, low-slung beach chairs, and a picnic dinner, or purchase from food trucks on site. Please, no alcohol. Free admission.*

## NATURE + ART IN CIVIC CENTER PARK

Take a stroll and enjoy the 10 new sculptures installed in June 2024 for Phase IX of the Newport Beach Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach.



On June 27, the Foundation lost a valued member of our community, and the founding sponsor of the Witte Lecture Series, Jene Witte. The Foundation had just recently honored her philanthropy and leadership of the Witte Lecture Series at the June 12 Summer Solstice Celebration.

Janet Hadley, member of the Foundation Board and Chair of the Witte Lectures Committee writes: "Jene's dry wit, keen sense of politics, capacity to listen, and straightforwardness were her trademarks. Her commitment to the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation was unwavering. We and the Newport Beach community at large can be thankful for her contribution to both the Witte committee's work and her generosity in founding the beloved Witte Lecture Series. We shall carry on her legacy by continuing to select fantastic speakers for the stellar Witte Series."

With Jene Witte, Lizanne Witte was part of the first group of advocates that saw the need for a distinguished speaker series at the Newport Beach Library. "As one of her daughters-in-law, close friend and library colleague – I delighted in each moment spent together over the years. Jene kept everyone on their toes with her humor and smarts...always checking in on her ever-growing blended family of Wittes, Lessers and Magilnicks. This includes 18 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and more to come. Jene was the glue holding us all together. As a creative person... that was her masterpiece."



Karen H. Clark, Immediate Past Chair of the Foundation, and member of the Witte Committee: "Jene was a remarkable person in so many ways – bright, very funny, and interested in everything in the world. Her age in years always amazed those who met her – she never acted old. She loved a good time and good conversation. I am so grateful she was able to exit on her own terms – in her own bed, awaiting her beloved New York Times. Bon voyage, Jene."

In memorium contributions for Jene Witte will be held in a special fund to support the Witte Lectures opening season in Witte Hall, a season dedicated to Jene. Witte Hall is scheduled to open in the Spring of 2026.



# SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

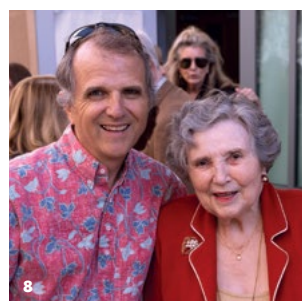
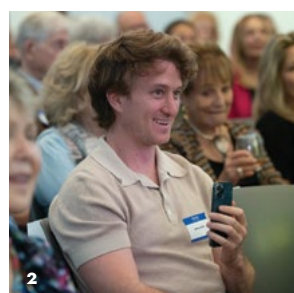
The Foundation inaugurated the Summer Solstice Celebration in June 2022 to celebrate members that joined during the Covid pandemic shut down. The celebration has continued as a benefit to new members and to honor a distinguished philanthropist that has made a significant contribution to the Foundation and to the Library.

The Foundation held the 2024 Summer Solstice Celebration on June 12. Library Leadership Circle members, new members, Library Trustees, Library staff leadership, and distinguished guests gathered to honor Jene Witte, founding sponsor of the Witte Lecture Series. Also attending were Jene Witte's family and friends.

Jene was honored with a presentation by Chair of the Witte Lectures Committee, Janet Hadley, Committee member Lizanne Witte, and Immediate Past Chair of the Board, Karen Heath Clark. To commemorate the event, the Foundation presented Jene with crystal bookends inscribed with the Witte Lectures logo and "In Honor of Jene Witte, Founding Sponsor and Champion of the Witte Lecture Series."

In honoring Jene, Karen Clark said: "Philanthropy is the magnanimous, selfless donation of one's Time, one's Talent, and, if possible, one's Treasure, for a just cause, a cause that benefits one's community, or indeed all of humanity. Jene, you have given of your time, your talent, and your treasure to elevate the Library Foundation and the entire Newport Beach community. Most especially, your contributions to the Witte Lecture Series have been unwavering. You were essential in both launching the series and keeping it viable for the entire 27 years since its founding. Thousands of audience members have been inspired, provoked, motivated and sometimes even irritated, by the 128 distinguished speakers that have stood on the Witte stage. Jene, on behalf of the Foundation, the Library, and the community as a whole, we thank you and celebrate you as our Distinguished Philanthropist."

After the presentation, author and wildfire photographer Stuart Palley was in conversation with author and former California Chief of Fire Protection, Clare Frank. Autographed copies of Frank's book *Burnt: A Memoir of Fighting Fire*, and Palley's book *Into the Inferno: A Photographer's Journey Through California's Megafires and Fallout*, were available after their dialogue and Q and A.



1) Jene Witte, Lizanne Witte, Marilyn and Francis Krahe 2) Sam Witte 3) Loren Blackwood, Joe Lewis and Signe Keller 4) Linda Beimfohr and Antonella Castro 5) Richard and Amy Fulford 6) Latika Sethi, Sophie Moshayedi and Mary Anderson 7) Rebecca Lightfoot, Andy Kachaturian, Annika Helmuth and Melissa Hartson 8) Walter Stahr and Elizabeth Stahr

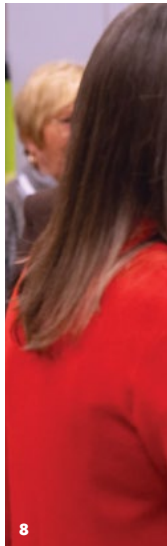
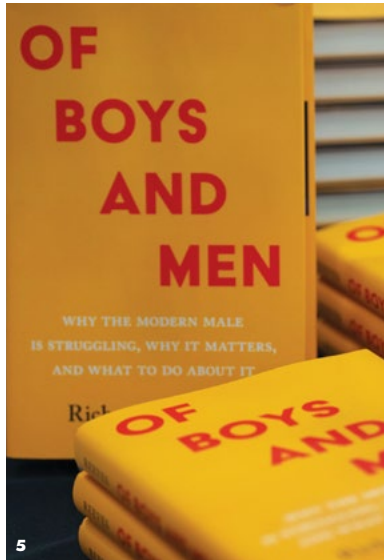


Thank you for attending the 2023-2024 program season with us. We presented and supported forty-eight (48) events this season with thirty-six (36) of them free to the community. We are always grateful that so many community members attend our programs and trust that the Library Foundation can provide a space for learning, exploration, and sharing of knowledge.

This year’s lineup featured an impressive array of speakers, each bringing their unique perspectives and expertise to the podium. From renowned authors and journalists to scientists and doctors, the program provided attendees with an opportunity to delve into contemporary issues, explore new ideas, and broaden their intellectual horizons. The 27th season of the Witte Lectures and 2023-2024 season of Library Live Author series were both sold out events!

Here are the highlights from the Witte Lectures Series. Fiona Hill, the former deputy assistant to the President and an expert on Russian affairs, started our Witte season with incredible sold-out events. She spoke candidly about working for the Trump administration and on the rise of Vladimir Putin.

In a similar vein, the nation’s foremost legal correspondents, Dahlia Lithwick and Georgetown Law Professor Michele Goodwin unpacked the Supreme Court’s recent rulings on everything from reproductive rights to the second amendment. We also watched Pulitzer Prize winner Ed Yong captivate audiences with his insights into animal behavior and their super senses. Finally, Richard Reeves, an economist and president of the American Institute for Boys and Men offered a compelling analysis of the social, economic, and political forces at work on men and boys that have left them overlooked and underpowered in America.



1) Michael Scott Moore 2) Tess Gunty  
3) Michael Scott Moore signing his book  
4) Tess Gunty at the book signing table  
5) Of Boys and Men Book by Richard Reeves  
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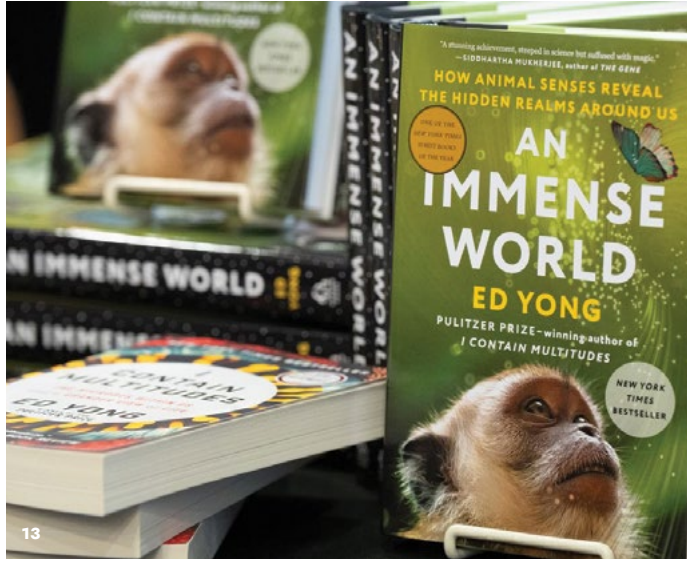
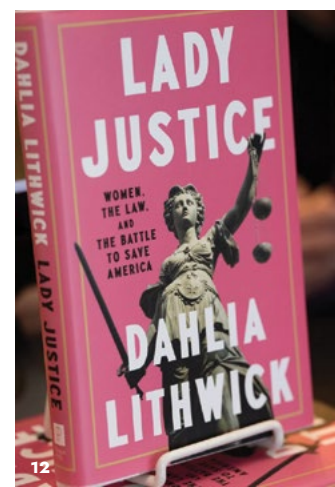




Library Live continued to have a strong season this year. This season's events were particularly notable for their diverse topics. Lisa See, a national bestselling author, presented her new book, *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*, which tells the captivating story of a 15th-century Chinese woman doctor. Steve Lopez, a multiple Pulitzer Prize-winning Los Angeles Times columnist, shared a humorous look at his experience writing *Independence Day*, a book about aging and retirement. International bestselling journalist Michael Scott Moore offered a gripping account of his ordeal in his book, *The Desert and the Sea*, detailing his 955-day kidnapping by Somali pirates. The season ended with National Book Award winner Tess Gunty in conversation with Professor of Journalism at UCI Patricia Pierson, about her debut novel *The Rabbit Hutch* and being a writer during the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Our new free program Spotlight on Science started this season with a sold-out event on artificial intelligence and the science behind it with Distinguished Professor of Computer Science at UCI, Padhraic Smyth, PhD. Our next two speakers

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9) Richard Reeves at the reception  
 10) Dahlia Lithwick 11) Ed Yong  
 12) Lady Justice by Dahlia Lithwick display  
 13) An Immense World by Ed Yong display  
 14) Patricia Pierson, PhD  
 15) Lisa See 16) Lisa See on stage





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were world renowned glaciologists Eric Rignot, PhD, and Isabella Velicogna, PhD, who each gave us a peek into their projects which uses AI technologies and satellites to track ice to predict the long term impact of melting glacier on our climate, and using the same tools to predict weather patterns to help California manage its water supply for the coming dry season. The final speaker, Brett Sanders, PhD, spoke extensively on different technologies that are being used to monitor sand movements along our local coastline to identify the cause and hopefully a solution to beach loss that so many of our beach towns are experiencing.

The Medicine in our Backyard series continues to foster engagement and help the community to understand health and medical advances from experts at UCI Health. The Financial Literacy Workshops bring the latest advances in financial and estate planning from ethical professionals to an ever-inquisitive audience. Finally, our Book Discussion Group has been growing ever since the end of the pandemic closure and has allowed our readers to connect, learn and share their thoughts about a myriad of books—from *Lessons in Chemistry* to *Frankenstein*—and make new friends!

As the season came to an exciting end, we are very thrilled to present our next season, with a goal to build on this success and continue to provide an enriching and thought-provoking experience for all.



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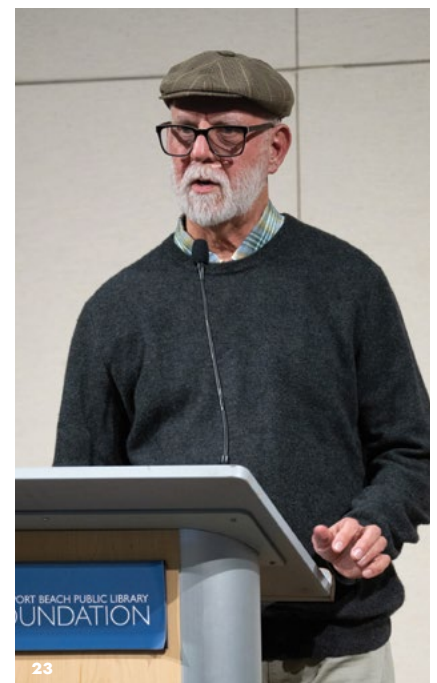


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17) Michele Goodwin 18) Attendees at Witte Lectures post event supper 19) Brett Sanders, PhD 20) Padhraic Smyth, PhD 21) Eric Rignot, PhD 22) Isabella Velicogna, PhD 23) Steve Lopez



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# Strategic Giving Options to Transform Your Philanthropy

The Library Foundation accepts contributions of securities, Donor Advised Funds, real estate, estate gifts, IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions, and even cryptocurrency to fulfill your charitable intent.

Please consult with your attorney or tax advisor to find out the most beneficial means of contributing to the Library through the Library Foundation. You may be able to realize substantial tax savings for yourself, your family and future heirs. To learn more about ways to give, contact the Foundation at [CEO@nbplf.foundation](mailto:CEO@nbplf.foundation) or 949-717-3890.

## Contributions of Stock

Donating appreciated stock to the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation offers a double tax benefit, making it an attractive option for a charitable gift.

- 1. Avoid Capital Gains Tax:** When you sell appreciated stock (stock that has increased in value since you bought it), you typically owe capital gains tax on the profit. By donating the appreciated stock directly to the Foundation, you bypass paying capital gains tax altogether.
- 2. Charitable Deduction:** You can deduct the fair market value (FMV) of the donated stock from your taxable income, which reduces your overall tax burden. The fair market value is determined by the date the Foundation receives the stock gift and is the median of the high and low price of the stock.

Stock Transfer Instructions for your broker are available on the Foundation's website under the Ways to Give tab.

## Donor Advised Funds

Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) are a tax-efficient way to manage charitable donations. Donor Advised Funds allow donors to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax deduction, and then recommend grants from the fund over time. You can contribute cash, appreciated assets, or investments that have been held for more than a year without paying capital gains taxes. You can contribute to your account and grant to a charity at any time, not just at year-end.

If you are a client of Fidelity Charitable, Schwab Charitable (now DAFgiving360), and BNY Mellon you can easily make a designation through the DAF Direct window on the Foundation's website under Ways to Give.

If your DAF is with another charitable fund or trust, please contact your financial advisor or trust administrator directly for details. For further information, call (949) 717-3890.

Please note that there are specific IRS regulations regarding benefits the Foundation can provide to an "advisor" of a DAF. Further information is available under Ways to Give.

## Qualified Charitable Distributions Form & IRA

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of stock or cash from an eligible IRA to a qualifying charity like the Library Foundation. When you make a QCD, the distribution is excluded from your taxable income, unlike a typical IRA withdrawal. The donation may keep you in a lower tax bracket, and it can be

counted toward your IRA's required minimum distribution (RMD) for that tax year. You can give any amount up to a maximum of \$105,000 in 2024. This gift option is often called the IRA charitable rollover. Donors must be at least 70 ½ when they make the QCD.

## Gifts of Real Estate

The Library Foundation has partnered with Realty Gift Fund to provide the option of gifts of real estate. Realty Gift fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that accepts gifts of real estate and converts them to cash. It uses the net proceeds to make grants to nonprofit charities. You can also use a gift of real estate to fund a Donor Advised Fund or family foundation. With a gift of real estate, you will get a charitable income tax deduction equal to the property's full fair market value. You also avoid paying capital gains taxes on the sale of the property. The Foundation has a detailed FAQ about gifts of real estate and the Realty Gift Fund under the Ways to Give tab.

## Digital or Cryptocurrency

The Foundation partners with the nonprofit organization every.org to accept gifts of cryptocurrency. Every.org accepts the digital currency, issues the proper IRS documentation to you, converts the currency to dollars, and transmits the funds to the Foundation. You receive a tax deduction for the full price of the currency at the time of the gift through every.org

## Legacy and Estate Gifts

Bequests are nearly 10% of all contributions to charitable nonprofits in the United States. Leaving a legacy or estate gift to the Foundation does not need to be complicated. In fact, one of the easiest ways you can contribute a planned gift to the Library Foundation is by leaving a portion of your estate to the Foundation by naming it in your will or trust. You can reduce the amount of your estate tax by specifying a percentage of your estate, designating the Library Foundation as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy, donating a block of stock, or simply contributing a fixed sum of money. The Library Foundation will also benefit from being named a beneficiary in a Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust. It is always appropriate to consult with your professional advisors when considering an estate gift. You can find information for your estate advisor, including recommended language for bequests and testamentary gifts, on the Estate Giving page under the Ways to Give tab on the Foundation's website <https://nbplf.foundation/estate-giving/>

For further information on ways to give strategically to the Foundation, contact Jerold Kappel, CEO, at [CEO@NBPLF.Foundation](mailto:CEO@NBPLF.Foundation) or call 949-717-3890

# The Newport Beach Public Library Foundation Endowment

Founded by Clarence Turner, former Newport Beach Mayor and Foundation Board member, the Foundation's endowment has ensured that the Foundation can continue to fund important resources for the Newport Beach Public Library now and for the future.

In honor of the 30th anniversary of the dynamic Central Library and the legacy of John and Elizabeth Stahr, the Foundation has established The Elizabeth and John Stahr Legacy Society to honor those who have left or will leave an Estate Gift to the Foundation. Although an estate gift—a bequest or a form of charitable trust—may be designated to a program or general support, designating the estate gift to the Foundation's restricted endowment will be an important contribution in insuring that the annual gift to the Library will be sustainable and increase annually.

The Foundation recently received a gift from the estate of Carol M. Beitscher. Her daughter, Felicia Siegal, wrote this regarding her mother: "My mom was as avid reader as well as a huge advocate and utilizer of the public library system. She came from modest means in Brooklyn, NY, and understood the need for public service and resources, especially when it came to education and reading. She was proud that her circumstances later in life allowed her to give back to the community. I know she would be honored to be part of the Newport Beach Library Legacy program."

For further information on how you can achieve your philanthropic goals through an estate gift to the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation contact Jerold Kappel, Foundation CEO, at CEO@NBPLF.Foundation, or call 949-717-3890.

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If you are in the process of creating or revamping your estate plan, you can utilize the FreeWill service while in that process, FreeWill provides the free forms and a free summary of your will intentions to bring to an attorney.

For more information go to:  
[www.nbplf.foundation/estate-giving/](http://www.nbplf.foundation/estate-giving/)  
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The Library Foundation has been nurtured by members of the community that have stepped forward to provide the leadership necessary for the Foundation to thrive and to achieve its mission to fund valuable library resources, programs and services, and engage the community through the creation and sponsorship of diverse literary, cultural, and intellectual programs. These individuals have left a legacy of service not only to the Foundation, but to every Newport Beach Public Library patron that steps into one of its four branches, signs on to the eBranch, or receives books, audiobooks, music CD's, children's materials, and movies through its Homebound Delivery.

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# BEYOND BOOKS KIDS MARKETPLACE

The Newport Beach Public Library Foundation hosted a Kids Marketplace in support of the Beyond Books Witte Hall civic auditorium project on Sunday, June 23, 2024. The Kids Marketplace raised funds and awareness for the construction of Witte Hall, the new 10,000-square-foot, 299-seat civic auditorium currently under construction.

Children’s creativity, imagination, and entrepreneurial spirit were on full display across dozens of marketplace stalls featuring home baked goods, jewelry, 3D printed toys, crafts, carnival games, potted plants and more! Their enthusiasm for selling their prized goods to their community was infectious and children and adults alike purchased goods to benefit Witte Hall.

In addition to shopping, the 200 attendees also enjoyed hand dipped ice cream bars, frozen bananas, gourmet coffee and a live demonstration by Hawk on Hand with three different birds of prey. While at the Library, children also signed up for library cards and registered for the Summer Reading Program.

“Looking around today at all the kids selling goods, I’m excited about our future as a community. These children understand the importance of community activism and have demonstrated leadership traits well beyond their years. Their engagement with Witte Hall and its future programming will be all the more meaningful as a result of their contributions today” Erin Grody Kingsley, Beyond Books Campaign Family Events Chair said.



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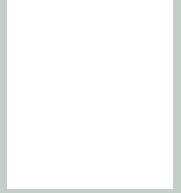
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– Clarence and Janice Turner

