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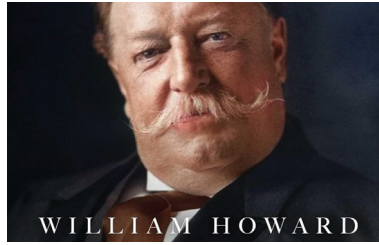
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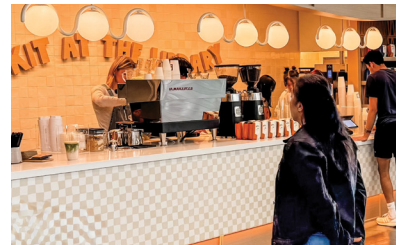
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THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION HONORS DISTINGUISHED PHILANTHROPISTS AT SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Each June, the Library Foundation honors its distinguished philanthropists at our Summer Solstice Celebration. Past honorees include Jill Johnson-Tucker, chair of the Beyond Books campaign; Mike and Polly Smith, underwriters of the Medicine in Our Backyard program series; the late Jene Witte, founding sponsor of the Witte Lecture Series; and Karen Heath Clark, philanthropist and former chair of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

On June 24, the Foundation recognized two couples most deserving of the title "Distinguished Philanthropist." Tod and Linda White, Founding Donors to Witte Hall, generously dedicated their gift to the Foundation, enabling the auditorium to be named The Library Foundation Auditorium. Clarence and Janice Turner have also provided invaluable support; beyond their personal contributions to Witte Hall, they championed the project by encouraging family, friends, and colleagues to join the Beyond Books campaign. Furthermore, during his tenure as a City Councilmember and Mayor of Newport Beach, Clarence was a leading advocate for the construction of the Central Library. He also spearheaded the campaign to build the Foundation's endowment, which continues to fund critical capital projects and library services today.

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Central Library, Clarence wrote: "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 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." Clarence and Janice Turner.

There is no clearer rationale for supporting the Newport Beach Public Library than the understanding that libraries are the "storage facilities of humanity's dreams, aspirations, failures, inventions, literature, and the very history of our planet". When you contribute to the Library Foundation of Newport Beach, your gift becomes the bricks in the building of our collective progress.



*Above: Tod and Linda White signing the beam for Witte Hall.
Below: Janice Turner and Clarence "Bus" Turner*



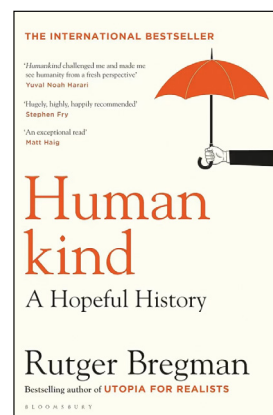
The Foundation is pleased to announce the upcoming 30th Season of The Witte Lecture Series January – April 2027

Rutger Bregman

Humankind: A Hopeful History and Moral Ambition

Friday, January 29, 7:00pm | Saturday, January 30, 2:00pm

Rutger Bregman is a Dutch historian, bestselling author, and co-founder of The School for Moral Ambition. He made his international breakthrough with his bestseller *Utopia for Realists* (36 languages), followed by *Humankind* (46 languages) and *Moral Ambition* (32 languages and counting). His work has sold around 2.5 million copies worldwide. The Guardian described him as 'the Dutch wunderkind of new ideas', and TED named him 'one of Europe's most prominent young thinkers'. Bregman studied History at Utrecht University and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He began his career at the Dutch newspaper De Volkskrant before moving to the independent journalism platform De Correspondent, where he wrote for ten years. In 2024, Rutger co-founded The School for Moral Ambition, a non-profit organization inspired by his latest book. The initiative helps people to take the step toward an impactful career.



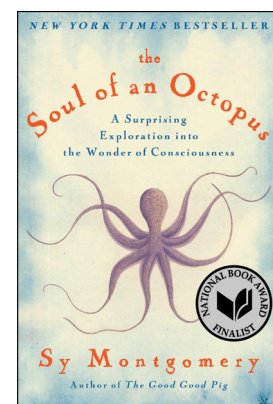
Sy Montgomery

"Wild Wonders: Sy Montgomery's Journey Through the Animal Kingdom"

Friday, February 19, 7:00pm | Saturday, February 20, 2:00pm

To research her books, films, and articles, Sy Montgomery has encountered an array of thrilling experiences: she has been pursued by an irate silverback gorilla in Zaire and bitten by a vampire bat in Costa Rica. She has worked in a pit teeming with 18,000 snakes in Manitoba and handled a wild tarantula in French Guiana. Sy's 38 books for both adults and children have garnered many honors. *The Soul of an Octopus* was a 2015 Finalist for the National Book Awards. *The Good Good Pig*, her memoir of life with her pig, Christopher Hogwood, is an international bestseller. Her work with the man-eating tigers, the subject of her book *Spell of the Tiger*, was made into a National Geographic television documentary she scripted and narrated. Also, for National Geographic TV she developed and scripted *Mother Bear Man*, about her friend, Ben Kilham, who raises and releases orphaned bear cubs, which won a Chris award.

Sy is also the author of the just published *Secrets of Octopus* from National Geographic, the companion volume to the 3-part TV series of the same name. And she wrote the cover story for the May issue of National Geographic Magazine—which is an excerpt from her new book.



Lecture Details

Friday Evening Lectures

Friday, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Lecture, Book Sale & Signing,
Post event Light Supper
with Wine

Witte Season Pass \$250*

General \$75

Library Foundation members at the Book Collector (\$250) and above level get a discount on individual tickets.

Saturday Afternoon Lectures

Saturday, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Lecture, Book Sale & Signing,
Refreshments

Witte Season Pass \$180*

General \$55

Student: \$25 for Saturday Only

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 will be at the Witte Hall.

Season passes go on sale July 17, 2026, for Library Foundation members only. Individual tickets go on sale October 1, 2026. To Purchase Tickets: LibraryFoundationNB.org or 949-717-3892

***Only Foundation members can buy a season pass. To join the Foundation go to: www.LibraryFoundationNB.org/join/**

The 30th season of the highly acclaimed Witte Lecture series launches on January 29-30, 2027. 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 2026 Witte Committee

Karen Clark	Marilyn Krahe	Ellen Shockro
Lisa Edwards	Dorothy Larson	Lizanne Witte
Whitney Gomez	(Library Trustee Liaison)	Miles Yourman
Janet Hadley (Chair)	Rachel Reinus	
Diane Hafer	Latika Sethi	
Signe Keller		

Ronan Farrow

Surveilled and AI

Friday, March 19, 7:00pm | Saturday, March 20, 2:00pm

Ronan Farrow is a contributing writer to *The New Yorker*, where his investigative reporting has won the Pulitzer Prize for public service, the National Magazine Award, and the George Polk Award, among other honors. His stories for *The New Yorker* exposed the first sexual-assault allegations against the movie producer Harvey Weinstein and the first misconduct allegations against CBS executives, including then C.E.O. Leslie Moonves. Farrow's book, *Catch and Kill* is a *New York Times* bestseller with a companion Peabody Award-winning podcast which has topped the Apple Podcast charts. Farrow's latest documentary, *Surveilled*, was an instant hit.

Before his career in journalism, Farrow served as a State Department official in Afghanistan and Pakistan. He is also the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *War on Peace: The End of Diplomacy and the Decline of American Influence*. Farrow has been named one of *TIME* Magazine's "100 Most Influential People" and one of *GQ*'s "Men of the Year".



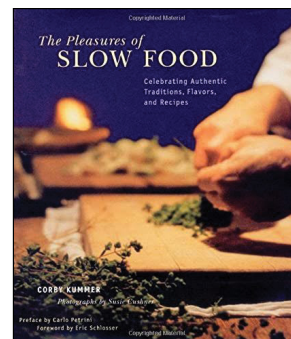
Corby Kummer

Savoring the Future: A Journey into Gastronomy

Friday, April 16, 7:00pm | Saturday, April 17, 2:00pm

Join us for a thought-provoking journey where renowned food writer Corby Kummer delves into the intricate world of gastronomy. In this talk, Kummer will unravel the complex tapestry of culinary arts, culture, and sustainability, offering fresh perspectives on how we perceive, consume, and appreciate food. Get ready to savor insights that will transform your understanding of the food we eat and the world around us.

Corby Kummer is executive director of the Food and Society policy program at the Aspen Institute, editor in chief of Ideas: *The Magazine of the Aspen Institute*, a senior editor of the *Atlantic*, and senior lecturer at the Tufts Friedman School of Nutrition Science. He is the author of *The Joy of Coffee* and *The Pleasures of Slow Food*, the first book in English on the Slow Food movement, and has been restaurant critic of the New York, Boston, and Atlanta magazines and food and food policy columnist for the New Republic. Every week he is a featured commentator on food and food policy on WGBH's Boston Public Radio. He has received six James Beard Journalism Awards.



2026 Witte Lecture Underwriters

Titanium

The Witte Family

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John Rallis and Mary Lynn Bergman-Rallis
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The Library Foundation is pleased to announce the upcoming *Library Live Series 2026-27*

Tim Greiving

John Williams: A Composer's Life

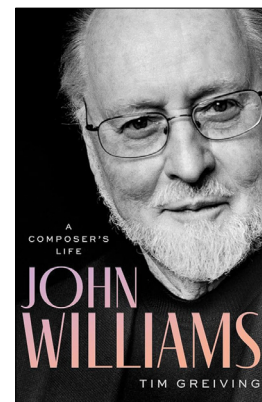
Thursday, August 13, 7:00pm

Special Presentation
for Newport Beach
Art Week



In *John Williams: A Composer's Life*, Tim Greiving presents the first biography of the legendary film composer whose work, including scores for "Star Wars," "Indiana Jones," and "Harry Potter," is widely celebrated. Greiving, an arts journalist specializing in film music, offers an intimate look at Williams' private life and extensive career, highlighting his record number of Oscar nominations. He regularly contributes to NPR, the Los Angeles Times, and the Washington Post. He has written program notes for the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and the Royal Albert Hall. Greiving contributes to the Visual History Program for the Academy and teaches film music history at USC Thornton.

This Library Live lecture is not included in the season pass package. Foundation members that purchase a season pass will get the first opportunity to purchase a ticket for this lecture.



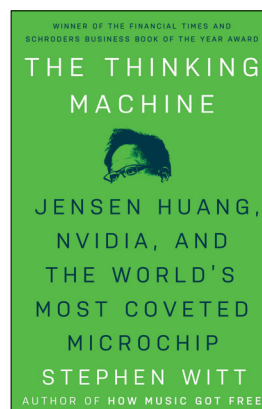
Stephen Witt

The Thinking Machine: Jensen Huang, Nvidia, and the World's Most Coveted Microchip

Thursday, October 15, 7:00pm



Stephen Witt, a New Yorker contributor and leading AI historian, authored the bestseller *The Thinking Machine*, chronicling Nvidia's history and featuring exclusive interviews with CEO Jensen Huang. He offers rare insights into Huang's success and Nvidia's value. An award-winning television producer, Witt previously explored the mp3 revolution in *How Music Got Free*. He discusses AI's impact on creative industries and advises producers on adapting to this technological shift. Witt also contributes to NPR and the New York Times.



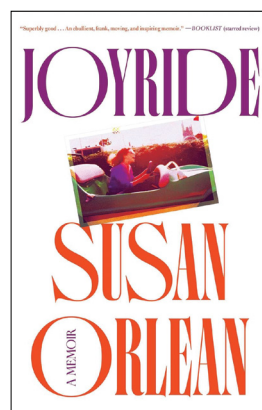
Susan Orlean

Joyride

Thursday, November 5, 7:00pm



"The story of my life is the story of my stories," says Susan Orlean about her latest book, *Joyride*. Throughout her storied career, Orlean's curiosity has drawn her to explore the most ordinary and extraordinary of places, from going deep inside the head of a regular ten-year-old boy for a legendary profile ("The American Man Age Ten") to reporting on a woman who owns twenty-seven tigers. Susan Orlean has been a staff writer at The New Yorker since 1992 and is widely known for books such as *The Orchid Thief* and *The Library Book*. Her writing has appeared in Vogue, Rolling Stone, Esquire, among many others.



2025-26 Distinguished Authors Society

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We are excited to welcome these four brilliant authors to our 2026-27 series. Library Live is for adventurous readers who enjoy hearing from established literary figures and emerging talent. Novelists, poets, historians, journalists, biographers, memoirists and others share their ideas firsthand with our community. Participate, engage, and be challenged by our presentations with today's most gifted scribes.

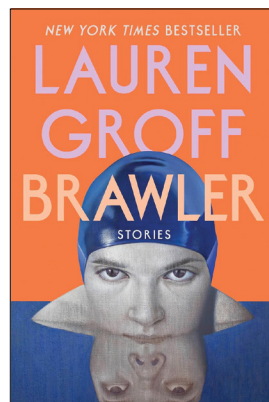
Lauren Groff

Brawler

Thursday, March 11, 7:00pm

Read alone, each story in Lauren Groff's electric collection is an individual triumph, bold, agile, and packed with power. Read together, they hum in exhilarating resonance. Ranging from the 1950s to the present day and moving across age, class, and region — from New England to Florida to California — these nine stories reflect and expand upon a shared theme: the ceaseless battle between humans' dark and light angels.

Lauren Groff is the award-winning and bestselling author of the celebrated short story collections, *Delicate Edible Birds*, *Florida*, a finalist for the National Book Award, and *Brawler*, as well as several novels — *The Monsters of Templeton*, shortlisted for the Orange Prize for New Writers, *Arcadia*, winner of the Medici Book Club Prize, *Fates and Furies*, a finalist for the National Book Award and Amazon's pick for Best Book of the Year, and the instant *New York Times* bestsellers *Matrix* and *The Vaster Wilds*. Groff is a captivating and thoughtful speaker who loves connecting with audiences over discussion of her bestselling works. She is also a co-owner of the independent bookstore The Lynx.



Patrick Ryan

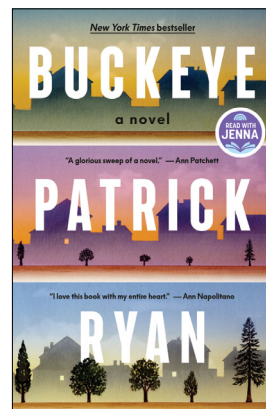
Buckeye

Thursday, April 8, 7:00pm

Buckeye is sweeping yet intimate, resplendent with moments of deep emotion and characters who linger like voices in an old house—familiar, insistent, impossible to ignore.

Set against the bright promise and shadowed reckonings of postwar America, it is a transportive story of what we owe to those we love, what we hide to survive, and what it takes to be forgiven.

Patrick Ryan is the editor of the literary magazine *One Story* and author of the *New York Times*-bestselling novel and Read With Jenna pick, *Buckeye*. He has also written award-winning short stories, including the collections *Send Me* and *The Dream Life of Astronauts*. In his warm, engaging talks, Ryan explores history, identity, and imagination, leaving audiences inspired to see their own stories with fresh clarity and meaning.



Tickets

Thursdays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Lecture, Book Sale & Signing,
Refreshments

Library Live Season Pass \$120*

General \$40
Student: \$20

Library Foundation members at the Book Collector (\$250) and above level get a discount on individual tickets.

Lecture Details

The lectures will be held at Witte Hall. 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.LibraryFoundationNB.org or 949-717-3892.

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Thank you to our 2025-26 Library Live! Committee

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Patricia Dreyfus (Chair)	Ann Stephens
Emily Ford	Adrian Windsor
Amy Fulford	
Elizabeth Hanauer	



THE GRAND OPENING OF WITTE HALL

The weekend of July 10 - 12, 2026, the Library Foundation, the Newport Beach Public Library, and the City of Newport Beach will celebrate the grand opening of Witte Hall. This new venue represents the realization of a vision conceived over twelve years ago: to create a lecture hall and civic auditorium that will transform the quality and scope of programming for the Library, the Foundation, and the greater Newport Beach community.



Witte Hall is designed to enrich lives and serve as a source of community pride. By providing informative and entertaining programs of literary, cultural, artistic, and educational value, the hall will fulfill its core mission: to Engage Learners, Inspire Thinkers, and Nurture Civic Connections.

This milestone coincides with the 32nd anniversary of the opening of the Newport Beach Central Library. That institution was built upon the community's shared aspiration for a place of discovery accessible to all, regardless of age or background—a vision realized through the public's generous volunteer and financial support. Witte Hall stands as a testament to that same enduring commitment.

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed countless volunteer hours to advocate for this project, as well as every donor who supported the Beyond Books campaign.

While the names of major campaign donors will be prominently displayed in the Witte Hall lobby, all contributors will be recognized in the inaugural season program book, *The Next Chapter*. We applaud every individual who supported this campaign at any level.

As you enter Witte Hall to enjoy a lecture, attend a concert, or view a film, please take a moment to thank the volunteer leaders and contributors whose dedication and generosity brought this dream to reality.



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.



The Invisible Universe Within: How Microbes Shape Health, Disease, and the Environment

Rob Knight, PhD

Professor - Pediatrics, Bioengineering, Computer Science & Engineering, and Data Science, US San Diego

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 7:00pm / Doors Open at 6:30pm

Rob Knight is the founding Director of the Center for Microbiome Innovation at UC San Diego and a pioneer in microbiome research. A 2024 National Academy of Engineering inductee and author of *Follow Your Gut* and *Dirt Is Good*, Knight is renowned for developing tools like QIIME and UniFrac. His work has fundamentally advanced our understanding of how microbial communities impact both human health and the environment.



Earth 2.0: How to Find It, Why We May Already Have, and What's Next

Paul Robertson, PhD

Associate Professor – Department of Physics and Astronomy, UCI

Wednesday, November 18, 2026, 7:00pm / Doors open at 7:00pm

Paul Robertson is an Associate Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at UC Irvine. Previously a NASA Sagan Fellow at Penn State, his current research focuses on developing the Habitable Zone Planet Finder to study stellar activity in low-mass stars, with the ultimate goal of identifying potentially habitable exoplanets.



Revolutionizing Chemical Synthesis

David MacMillan, PhD

James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor, Princeton University, Nobel Prize Winner in Chemistry

Wednesday, March 24, 2027, 7:00pm / Doors open at 6:30pm

Sir David MacMillan began his academic career with doctoral studies under Larry Overman at UC Irvine and a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard. After positions at UC Berkeley and Caltech, he joined Princeton University, where he served as Chemistry Department Chair and currently serves as the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of Chemistry. A 2021 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry for his work in asymmetric organocatalysis, he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2022.



One Micron Long, One Mile Deep: How Deep-sea Microbes Shape Our Planet

Victoria Orphan, PhD

James Irvine Professor of Environmental Science and Geobiology at the California Institute of Technology

Wednesday, April 28, 2026, 7:00pm / Doors open at 6:30pm

Vicki Orphan is the James Irvine Professor of Environmental Science and Geobiology at Caltech, where she directs the Kerckhoff Marine Laboratory and the Center for Environmental Microbial Interactions (CEMI). A MacArthur Fellow and member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, she specializes in geobiology and the study of deep-sea microbial communities.

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SPECIAL EVENT

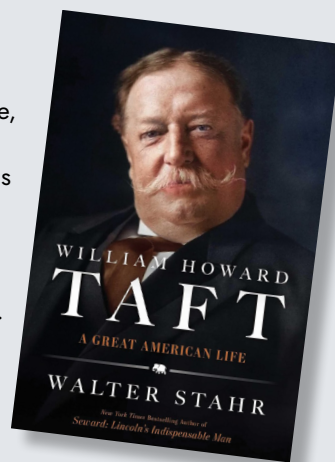
Walter Stahr

William Howard Taft: A Great American Life

Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 7pm

This special event will be held in Witte Hall

William Howard Taft, originally preferring a judicial role, became president in 1908 after Theodore Roosevelt stepped down. Known for his moderate views and focus on executing laws, Taft aimed to lower tariffs, reduce the deficit, and improve government efficiency. His significant impact came later as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, where he influenced judicial practices. This narrative reflects Taft's presidency, suggesting that while grand ambitions often define greatness, Taft's humble dedication to public service is equally commendable.



Walter Stahr is the son of John and Elizabeth Stahr, who founded the Library Foundation more than thirty years ago to raise money to build the Newport Beach Central Library. He is the New York Times bestselling author of biographies of John Jay, William Henry Seward, Edwin Stanton, and Salmon Chase. A two-time winner of the Seward Award for Excellence in Civil War Biography, and a winner of the Cooley Prize from Georgetown Law Center.

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

It's Your Money!

September 21 – October 26, 2027

Every Monday 10am – 11:30am

Held in Friend Room,

Newport Beach Public Library

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

The Spring 2027 Financial Literacy Workshops, **It's Your Estate**, will focus on estate planning and how to make informed decisions about your assets, your healthcare, and the lasting impact you want to leave behind.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP 2026-2027



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 at the Newport Beach Central Library, Friends Room

September 9: *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans

October 14: *All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me* by Patrick Bringley

November 10: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde

December 9: *A Thousand Ships* by Natalie Haynes

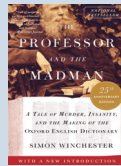
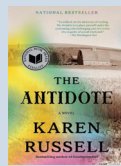
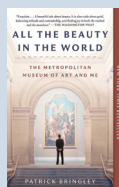
January 13: *The Antidote* by Karen Russell

February 10: *The Vasterwilds* by Lauren Groff

March 10: *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan

April 13: *The Ferryman and his Wife* by Frode Grytten, translated by Alison McCullough

May 11: *The Professor and the Madman* by Simon Winchester



MEDICINE IN OUR BACKYARD

The Newport Beach Public Library Foundation in collaboration with UCI Health is pleased to present the 2026-27 season of Medicine in Our Backyard featuring an extraordinary group of renowned doctors and researchers speaking on a wide range of topics. The UCI doctors present the latest studies and newest technologies in an engaging forum. This series is funded in part by the generosity of long time Library Foundation members Mike and Polly Smith.

Protecting Your Vision: Understanding Glaucoma
Monday, September 21, 2026, 7:00pm

Fall Prevention and Fracture Management
Monday, October 28, 2026, 7:00pm

Understanding Memory Disorders: Early Detection, Prevention and Treatment
Monday, November 16, 2026, 7:00pm

Will be held at the Friends Room, Newport Beach Public Library



SUMMERTIME IS READING TIME

Join us for the Newport Beach Public Library's Summer Reading Program and make it one for the books! It's not too late to join – the program runs through August 1. Readers of all ages—kids, teens, and adults—are invited to read what you love, log your minutes, and enjoy a summer of free family activities, entertaining performances, crafts, prizes, books, and more. Join the challenge and help us reach our goal of one million minutes of reading. All locations, all ages.

Sign up at newportbeachlibrary.org

KIT AT THE LIBRARY

Kit at the Library – the newest Kit in the Kit Coffee family – has arrived at the Central Library! Same exceptional Kit quality but with a bit of a literary vibe and signature drinks like the Strawberry Alarm Clock (espresso + strawberry oat milk), the Salted Maple (espresso or matcha + salted maple milk), the S'mores Latte (espresso + chocolate marshmallow milk topped with cream), a host of coffees, matchas and teas, and even flavored milks and hot cocoa for kids. The food menu has a cheeky take on classic books from Anne of Green Bagels, to Eat Pray Lox, Moby Dill, bagels, toasts and yes, avocado.

Meet a friend, grab a coffee, and check out a book. Open daily from 7:30 am to 4 pm. We look forward to seeing you at the Central Library!



SUNDAY MUSICALES

The Newport Beach Public Library hosts outstanding classical and instrumental music and performers throughout the year. The monthly hour-long Sunday Musicales are held at 3 pm in Witte Hall. Admission is free and registration is not required. Join us for upcoming concerts including:

Ambroise Aubrun & Steven Vanhauwaert

Violin & Piano Duo
September 13, 2026

Marina Grozdanovic

Piano Solo
October 11, 2026

Webern String Quartet

Alex Granger, Stella Cho, Chiai Tajima,
Benjamin Hoffman
November 8, 2026

Seraphour Vocal Quartet

Holiday Program
December 6, 2026

Special Delivery!

bringing the library to you



SPECIAL DELIVERY

The Newport Beach Public Library's Special Delivery Service provides doorstep delivery of books and more to Newport Beach residents who are new parents or primary caregivers.

How it works:

1. Fill out and submit application forms (found under services at newportbeachlibrary.org)
2. Once approved, you will be paired with a trained volunteer.
3. Library volunteers deliver materials to your doorstep and collect items due for return.
4. Items check out for four weeks and there are no late fees.

No time for the library? Just get in touch at 949-717-3821.

When life gets so busy that a trip to the library is out of reach, we're here to help.

COLLEGE PREP

Common App vs. the UC App

Wednesday, September 23 from 7-8pm in the Friends Room

Join us for college prep workshops on topics from choosing a college, to admissions, to gaining the confidence and skills to write college application essays that stand out. For grades 7-12 and parents, presented by Collegewise. Our first fall college prep program is The Common App vs the UC App. How are they different? How are they similar? And how can you make the most of each application to showcase your unique personality to your dream college? You'll leave this workshop with the information and skills needed to make the best impression. Registration required at newportbeachlibrary.org.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Founded in 1957 by a small group of volunteers, the Friends of the Library donates all of its revenue to the Library to fund various needs and projects. Your continued patronage of the Friends Bookstore is vitally important and greatly appreciated.

From vintage to bestsellers, cookbooks to kid's books, vinyl, and more, find the perfect book at the perfect price at the Friends of the Library Bookstore. Located on the first level of the Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue. Hours: Monday - Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SUMMER CONCERTS ON THE GREEN + FALL CONCERT AT MARINA PARK

The City of Newport Beach Arts Commission presents its annual Summer Concerts Series on the Green and a Concert at Marina Park, featuring an array of entertaining performers. Bring your low-slung beach chairs and blankets and enjoy an evening in a fun, outdoor atmosphere. Pack a picnic dinner or purchase from on-site gourmet food trucks. Newport Beach Civic Center Green, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. Admission and parking are free.



Redneck Rodeo

July 19, 2026, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Civic Center Green

For more than 14 years, Redneck Rodeo has been bringing the heart of country music alive onstage with energetic performances by artists including Toby Keith, Tim McGraw, Brooks & Dunn, Jason Aldean, Kenny Chesney, Jake Owen, Dwight Yoakam and more. Wrangling through the top country hits of the last six decades, their sets get the crowds singing and dancing in true honky-tonk fashion.

Pacific Symphony

August 9, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

(Musical Playground 5 pm)

Civic Center Green

Join us for the Pacific Symphony, Sunday, August 9 at 6pm. This family-friendly concert will be a mix of classical favorites, popular music, patriotic tunes, and audience sing alongs. And don't miss the pre-concert Musical Playground filled with interactive, hands-on activities for children — beginning at 5 pm!

Flashback Heart Attack

September 13, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Civic Center Green

Flashback Heart Attack is an award winning 80s tribute band that thoroughly captivates audiences, taking them on an immersive musical journey. High energy and crowd engaging, Flashback Heart Attack plays fan favorites from artists including Prince, Duran Duran, Depeche Mode, Motley Crue, INXS, Billy Idol, The Cure, Bon Jovi and many more.

Diego's Garage

Sunday, October 11, 4 - 5:30 pm

Marina Park

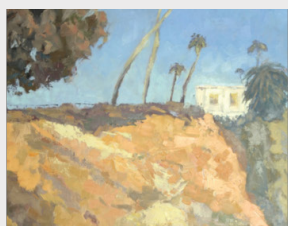
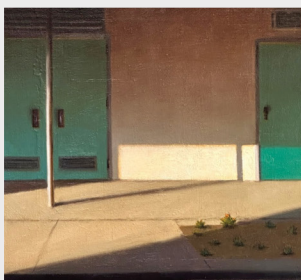
Diego's Garage is Orange County's hottest high energy 90s alternative and rock band playing your favorite tunes from Nirvana, Green Day, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Pearl Jam, Weezer, Blur, Stone Temple Pilots, REM, Lit, Blink-182, Social Distortion, Sublime and more.

ANNOUNCING NEWPORT BEACH ART WEEK

August 9 – August 15, 2026 / Celebrating Art, Culture, and Community

The City of Newport Beach is launching its first-ever Art Week, a celebration of creativity, culture, and community. From exhibitions to live performances to classes across the city, Newport Beach Art Week will spotlight the artistic talent and cultural energy that connects with our community.

The 2026 Art Week will take place from Sunday, August 9, 2026, through Saturday, August 15, 2026. The City Arts Commission will kick off this celebration of the arts with a summer concert on Sunday, August 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. featuring Pacific Symphony and end the week with the 59th Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition, a juried art competition. Both events will take place at the Newport Beach Civic Center (100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach 92660). To see the full list of events taking place during Art Week, visit the City website for more.



59TH ANNUAL NEWPORT BEACH ART EXHIBITION

Saturday, August 15 from 12:00 - 5 p.m., Civic Center / Celebrating Art, Culture, and Community

The 59th Newport Beach Art Exhibition presents an opportunity for artists to show and sell their artwork to the public in a one-day exhibit. This annual exhibition features recently created original artwork in various mediums, including oils and acrylics, pastels, watercolor, charcoal, pen and ink, sculpture, photography and mixed media.

The 2026 Newport Beach Art Exhibition will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at the Newport Beach Civic Center, 100 Civic Center, Newport Beach 92660. Mingle with artists and enjoy an afternoon of fine art, music, food, and fun. Participate in children's art activities, awards, and more. Free admission and free parking.

PROJECT ADULT LITERACY

A program of the Newport Beach Public Library, Project Adult Literacy provides free literacy instruction to adults who live or work in the area. The focus is on developing literacy skills, enabling learners the potential for greater success in their lives. Our team of dedicated volunteers has helped hundreds of people improve their literacy skills over the last three decades – which in turn could mean everything from getting a better job, to reading the prescription without fear of taking the wrong dose, getting a high school diploma, getting into college, helping a child with homework, and more.

A key component of Project Adult Literacy's success is based on our dedicated team of volunteer tutors. If you have an extra 2 hours a week and are interested in getting involved, we'd love to hear from you. (Qualification: must be 24 and older, be able to commit to the program for a year, willing to complete trainings and reports as needed). Please contact Christina Smith, Literacy Coordinator at literacy@newportbeachca.gov or call us at (949) 717-3874. To become a volunteer or to refer a learner to the program, visit our website at www.projectadulthoodliteracy.org.



project adult literacy
A program of the Newport Beach Public Library

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF EMPOWERMENT AT INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

This September 17 marks Project Adult Literacy's 40th Anniversary and International Literacy Day — an event celebrating our learner's incredible accomplishments and features an international potluck to honor our diverse global communities represented. A major highlight of the festivities will be presenting a standout learner with the prestigious Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award. We're also thrilled to unveil the latest edition of *In Our Own Words*, our annual anthology book, written entirely by learners in the PAL program.

In Our Own Words provides a powerful opportunity for learners to see their unique voices in print, boosting their confidence

and inspiring others through their personal journeys. At PAL, learners and volunteers from all around the world come together with one common goal: to develop essential literacy skills and empower each other to achieve greater success at home, at work, and within the community.

Thanks to the countless number of volunteers, learners, family, and friends who have supported this program over the last four decades, Project Adult Literacy has and will continue to make a difference in people's lives through the language of literacy. If you are interested in attending this year's International Literacy Day, please email us at literacy@newportbeachca.gov to reserve your spot. We look forward to celebrating 40 years of changing lives with you.

WHAT SOME OF OUR TUTORS AND LEARNERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT PROJECT ADULT LITERACY.

As a first generation American, daughter of Polish immigrants, I have a personal understanding of the challenges and difficulties of acculturation to the dominant American culture. My parents were strongly encouraged to focus only on using English in our household, as that was the language required in the NY Public School system. As a PAL tutor, I'm grateful for the opportunity to assist my learners to improve their English reading and language proficiency with materials and tutorials at my disposal. Additionally, I'm encouraged to promote self-esteem, confidence, and socialization so my learners are able to comfortably approach authority figures, i.e., school officials and teachers, to discuss concerns for their individual child's needs to further their educational goals.

Rochelle Stephens, PAL Tutor

PAL and all its work is amazing! Christina and Jennifer provide so much support to my learner Naoya and me.

Soo Ihm, PAL Tutor

I highly recommend Project Adult Literacy to new tutors as a rewarding way to give back to your community. You will experience a sense of fulfillment as a tutor helping adults improve their reading, writing and speaking skills. You will observe your learner as he/she achieves personal growth and reach their goals such as finding a job, attending school, meetings with their children's school teachers and more. I recommend the Project Adult Literacy Program to future learners interested in unique one-on-one tutoring. This program will help you build confidence and independence achieving your goals such as talking with your doctor or children's teacher, taking classes, reading a book or newspaper and looking for a job.

Marcia Drew, PAL Tutor/Class Instructor

I have been part of the PAL program for over four years, and it has been a truly meaningful experience. The program offers a wide variety of engaging classes that have helped me improve my English and feel more confident in becoming an active part of my community. The tutors are dedicated volunteers who are not only knowledgeable, but also incredibly supportive and encouraging. What I appreciate most is the welcoming environment; there is no pressure or judgment, and I always feel at ease in every class I attend. Beyond learning, this program has also given me the opportunity to meet wonderful people, some of whom have become my friends. I would highly recommend PAL to any learner looking for a supportive, enriching, and community-centered place to grow and improve their English skills.

Mercedes Adrian Sans, PAL Learner

Project Adult Literacy is an essential program of the Newport Beach Public Library, and the Library Foundation is very supportive of its mission to foster independence, improve employment opportunities, and build a more confident community, one reader at a time. It recently made a \$25,000 grant to support the program for the coming year. To support Project Adult Literacy go to www.newportbeachlibrary.org/services/literacy-services and scroll down to Support Our Mission.

Thank you for attending the 2025-2026 program season with us. We presented and supported forty-seven (47) events this season with thirty-five (35) of them free to the community. Due to the delay in the opening of the Witte Hall, we had to move our events to the community room and the Oasis Senior Center. We would like to thank Oasis Senior Center, Recreation & Senior Services and the City of Newport Beach for their help and support with the venue changes. A special thank you to our audience for your patience and support as we showcased our outstanding lineup of speakers this past season.

Library Live enjoyed an incredible SOLD-OUT season! The season commenced with author and New York Times journalist Thomas Fuller, whose book *The Boys of Riverside* chronicles the inspiring journey of the California School for the Deaf Riverside high school football team's undefeated season. During the event, the author engaged in a conversation with Laird Hayes, a professional football official for 23 years, along with Keith Adams, the former head coach and current Athletic Director of CSDR, who is featured in the book. The whole event was joined with two American sign language interpreters.

"The ASL interpreters made the experience seamless. They really brought home how deafness does not have to be a disability."

We were delighted to welcome another cherished California author, Susan Straight, whose latest book, *Sacramento*, highlights the tireless and courageous nurses during the COVID pandemic, along with their personal struggles. The two authors scheduled for Spring were highly anticipated. Colm Toibin, a prolific writer known for *Brooklyn* and *Long Island*, shared insights into his writing process, his sources of inspiration, and how much of his childhood has influenced his works. Finally, Anthony Doerr, the acclaimed author of *All the Light We Cannot See* and *Cloud Cuckoo Land*, engaged in a conversation with Judy Wu, Professor and Director of the Humanities Center at University of California, Irvine (UCI). Their discussion illuminated Doerr's infectious energy and captivating personality, providing us with valuable insights into his writing journey and a deeper understanding of his books.

"Mr. Doerr has the most amazing personality, enthusiastic, engaging and very funny. His explanation of how the ideas and themes for his novel come to him was very interesting to me."

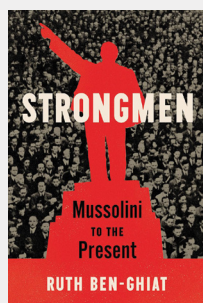


1. Julian Gewirtz
2. Attendee, Thomas Fuller and Laird Hayes
3. Colm Toibin
4. Attendees at Colm Toibin event
5. Annie Griffith
6. Dr. Charles Norton
7. Anthony Doerr in conversation with Dr. Judy Wu

SEASON WRAP-UP



- 8. Attendee signing during Q&A at Thomas Fuller event
- 9. Dr. Irene Chen
- 10. Attendees at Spotlight on Science event
- 11. Dr. Barry Barish
- 12. Attendees at Ruth Ben-Ghiat event
- 13. Pippa Malmgren book signing
- 14. Doug Finke



Due to the construction of Witte Hall, the Witte Lectures commenced later than usual this season. The inaugural speaker, Julian Gewirtz—diplomat, historian, author, and scholar at Columbia University—shared valuable insights into China's political landscape and the future of U.S.-China relations. Following him was Pippa Malmgren, an economist, author, and economic advisor to President George W. Bush, who shed light on the ongoing war with Iran and technological advancements. The third speaker, National Geographic photographer Annie Griffith, captivated the audience with her stunning photographs and the heartfelt stories behind them, evoking a sense of warmth, kindness, and community.

"One of the best presenters in recent history!!! We have been attending the Witte Series for the past 25 years."

Finally, the last speaker at Witte who completely SOLD OUT both days, was Ruth Ben-Ghiat. Her book, *Strongmen: Mussolini to the Present*, provided valuable insights into autocratic leaders and their strategies.

The Library Foundation has offered 35 free programs to the community, including our highly popular Spotlight on Science series. This season, we had the pleasure of featuring four outstanding scientists and researchers. Dr. Irene Chen, a professor in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), shared her insights into the origins of life, discussing the journey from molecules to humanity and the crucial role of RNA. Doug Finke, the Chief Content Officer of Global Quantum Intelligence, passionately explained quantum computing and emphasized its significance in our daily lives. Dr. Charles Norton, the Chief Technologist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, detailed how small satellites are essential for space missions and the future of space exploration. Finally, Dr. Barry Barish, a Nobel Prize winner in Physics in 2017, presented his groundbreaking research on the LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory) and discussed its future implications.

The Medicine in Our Backyard series remains dedicated to engaging the community by sharing insights into health and medical advancements from UCI Health experts. The Financial Literacy Workshops continue to present the latest developments in financial and estate planning, delivered by ethical professionals to an audience eager to learn.. Our Book Discussion Group is experiencing steady growth as we aim to feature works across various genres, encompassing both classic and contemporary literature.

Looking forward, we are thrilled to expand our offerings and seek innovative ways to connect with our community. Our commitment lies in fostering an environment where everyone feels welcomed and inspired to learn. We invite you to join us in the upcoming season as we embark on another journey of discovery and knowledge sharing in the new Witte Hall.

LIBRARY LEADERSHIP CIRCLE RECEPTION

On May 6, Board member Andrew Gerken graciously hosted a reception at his home for Library Leadership Circle donors. The event offered an exclusive opportunity to honor Nobel Laureate Barry Barish, Ph.D., ahead of his presentation as part of our Spotlight on Science series. Dr. Barish, a recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physics, delivered a fascinating lecture titled "Matter, Antimatter, and the Evolution of the Universe."

The Spotlight on Science series has become a mainstay of our community, programs consistently drawing capacity crowds across venues such as the Friends Room, the Civic Center Community Room, and the Oasis Senior Center. We are thrilled to announce that next season, this popular series will find a new home in the state-of-the-art Witte Hall. The visual presentations that accompany the lectures will be stunning on the Foundation-funded high definition large video wall.



1. Dr. Gary Deng presenting *Integrative Whole Person Cancer Care*
2. Dr. Jay Shah presenting *Spotting Stroke*
3. Ruth Ben-Ghiat post event supper
4. Pre event reception: Patricia Dreyfus, Liz Manji, Elizabeth Hanauer, author Anthony Doerr, Amy Fulford and Emily Ford
5. Dr. Andrew Browne presenting *Age-Related Macular Degeneration*
6. Dr. Hamid Djallilian presenting *Understanding Hearing Loss*
7. Dr. Sonia Sehgal presenting *Preventing Cognitive Decline*
8. Dr. Andy Huang presenting *Heart Disease Prevention and Treatment*

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Library Foundation will need volunteer ushers for its presentations in Witte Hall this coming season. Ushers will need to attend a training and be available in the evening from 6pm to 9pm. Ushers will attend the lectures for free. If you are interested in being an usher for Witte Hall, please email info@LibraryFoundationNB.org. Please include your full contact information. The Library Foundation encourages you to volunteer for the Newport Beach Public Library. To learn more, email CEO@LibraryFoundationNB.org

THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION OF NEWPORT BEACH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TRANSITIONS

New Members: This year the Library Foundation welcomed new members to its Board of Directors.



Kathryn Mowat-Nicholson joined the Board in January 2026. She brings experience in community engagement, communications strategy, and program development, along with a strong commitment to expanding educational opportunities and lifelong learning for all ages. She is also the founder and narrator of The Reading Lap, a YouTube story-time channel that promotes early literacy, accessibility, and the joy of reading aloud.



Matthew Witte has been involved with the library since shortly after its opening in 1994. He was member of the design committee representing the Foundation in overseeing the design of what became Witte Hall. Matt graduated from Cornell University in 1979 with a degree in Architecture and began his career with Grosvenor International, the overseas investment arm of the Grosvenor Estate of London. Matt subsequently joined The Related Companies as a Principal and leads their large scale commercial and residential developments throughout California.

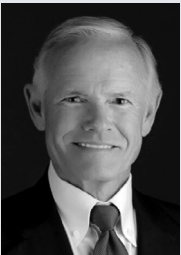
Leadership Transitions: There are new officers of the Board for the Fiscal Year 2027, starting July 1, 2026.



Mireya Llauroado, a member of the Board since 2023, is the Vice Chair of the Board. Mireya previously served as Secretary of the Board. She is an attorney.



Dev Ghose, a member of the Board since 2025, will become Treasurer of the Board on August 1. Miles Yourman will remain Treasurer until that date. Dev has served on the Finance Committee this past year and chairs the Audit Committee. Dev is a retired CFO for publicly traded companies.



Paul Watkins, a member of the Board since 2025, will become the Secretary of the Board. Paul is the Chair of the Foundation's Literacy Committee that oversees the Foundation's Literacy Endowment and the Library's grant requests for that fund. Paul is an active real estate attorney.



Marilyn Roche Krahe continues as the Board Chair and Chief Elected Officer. She has been a Board member since 2021.

Transitioning off the Board of Directors: Completing their terms of service but remaining active in the Foundation.



Kevin Barlow has served as a member of the Board since 2016. Kevin has served in many leadership roles, including Treasurer, Vice Chair, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair. Kevin is the Managing Director and Senior Wealth Advisor for Mariner and an important advisor on Foundation finances and the endowment investment policy.



Ann Doyle Stephens joined the Foundation Board in 2022. She is an active member of the Library Live Committee and will continue to add her knowledge of authors and literature to that committee.

HOW TO SUPPORT THE NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Your contribution to the Library Foundation of Newport Beach helps to sustain your Library. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the Library Foundation contributed over \$400,000 to the Newport Beach Public Library for programs, direct grants to the Library, and campaign expenses for the construction of Witte Hall. The Library Foundation has also raised over \$12 million in the past three years to fund 50% of the cost of construction of Witte Hall. It is the community's support for the Library Foundation that makes this funding possible.

The Library Foundation makes giving flexible—we accept gifts of cash, securities, Donor Advised Funds (DAFs), and IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). Detailed contribution information is available on our website at www.LibraryFoundationNB.org/give/.

THE 2026 TAX CHANGES

New charitable gift provisions from H.R.1 went into effect January 1, 2026. Starting in 2026, the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCDs) from an IRA maximum annual amount has increased to \$111,000. There is also a significant change for taxpayers that do not itemize. In 2026 and beyond, non-itemizers may now deduct up to \$1,000 (\$2,000 for those filing jointly) for charitable contributions.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

If you have a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) you can recommend a grant to the Library Foundation from your DAF. If you are a client of Fidelity Charitable, DAF Giving 360 (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.

Please note that those that recommend a gift from a Donor Advised Fund can only receive incidental donor benefits by law. These benefits include recognition, invitations to donor events, access to recordings of past programs, discounts on tickets, and priority seating for lectures.

RETIREMENT PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS—THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

A special opportunity for those 70½ years old and older is the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You can give any amount (up to a maximum of \$111,000 per year) from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as the Library Foundation without having to pay income taxes on the distribution. This popular giving option is commonly called an IRA charitable rollover.

STOCK TRANSFERS

The Foundation accepts shares of stock which are sold upon receipt and directed to the Annual Fund, Library Endowment, Literacy Endowment or other programs in accordance with your designation. To donate shares of stock, the Foundation website has specific directions for your broker under the Ways to Give tab.

CREDIT CARD AND ACH

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 a downloadable form if you want to send your contribution through the mail, or you can use the return envelope enclosed in this Bookmark.

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 real estate gifts, remediates assets for market, converts them to cash and uses the net proceeds to make grants to non-profit organizations. You can also use a gift of real estate to fund a Donor Advised Fund or family foundation.

LEGACY GIVING

Legacy giving, often referred to as estate gifts such as bequests or charitable trusts, ensures the Library Foundation's financial stability and support for the Library for the long term. Planned giving allows you to leave a lasting legacy and can be particularly appealing to those who want to make a significant impact but may not have the means to do so during their lifetime. There are also important tax advantages for donors making a planned gift.

If you have already included the Library Foundation in your estate planning, please let us know so that we can include you in The Elizabeth and John Stahr Legacy Society. You can use the secure form on the Foundation's website to notify us.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Foundation members receive valuable benefits, including early access to program information, special event notifications, and access to recordings of Library Live and Witte Lectures, plus Bookmark Magazine. Contributors of \$1,000 or more are welcomed into the Library Leadership Circle. This elite group is dedicated to keeping the Library a center of knowledge for future generations. You will enjoy exclusive event invitations and the satisfaction of furthering the Foundation's mission to fund valuable resources and programs for the Newport Beach Public Library.

Program Underwriters (\$1,000 plus) also receive special benefits and recognition for the program that they underwrite. You can designate your gift to the Witte Lectures, Library Live, or Spotlight on Science.

THE ELIZABETH AND JOHN STAHR LEGACY SOCIETY

Jeffrey Dweck, the trustee of the estate for Dr. Steven Dweck, reached out to the Library Foundation in January 2026 and informed us that Dr. Dweck had designated a legacy gift for the Newport Beach Public Library in his estate. Dr. Dweck was a long-time Corona del Mar resident and a frequent user of the Newport Beach Public Library, especially the Corona del Mar branch. Providing an estate gift was a wonderful way for Dr. Dweck to leave a lasting impact on the community. The Library, and particularly the Corona del Mar branch, meant a great deal to him.



Elizabeth and John Stahr at the time of the campaign for the Central Library.

By supporting both the Beyond Books Campaign for Witte Hall and the Foundation's endowment—with the endowment funds specifically designated for the Corona del Mar branch—his gift ensures that the Library will benefit from both a state-of-the-art facility at the Central Library and sustained financial support for the neighborhood branch he loved.

You will see Dr. Dweck's name on the donor plaque in the Woolsey Lobby of Witte Hall, and each year the Foundation will provide a grant to the Library for the Corona Del Mar branch.

As you plan your estate, think of how important the Newport Beach Public Library means to you, your children, your grandchildren, your friends. Think of what this library has meant to the greater Newport Beach community. Your legacy contribution can leave a lasting impact, just as Dr. Dweck's has and will for the future.

You can learn more about how to provide a legacy gift to the Library Foundation on the Foundation's website under the Ways to Give/Estate Giving tab. If you have already included the Library in your estate plans, or would like to learn more, please contact us. We would be honored to thank you and welcome you into the Elizabeth and John Stahr Legacy Society.

FREEWILL

As part of the Library Foundation's commitment to financial literacy, we are offering the FreeWill service to the community. FreeWill is an online tool to simplify the estate planning process. You can create a legally valid will or simple estate plan online at no cost, providing peace of mind and security for what you hold dear. We hope that you will include the Library Foundation in your legacy planning, but our goal is for Library patrons to create your estate plan whether you include the Library Foundation or not.



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