

Library News

Spring 2021



President's Message – Del Clark

Hello Friends,

Spring is in the air, a hopeful sign for the coming months ahead. During this season our major activities include conducting our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Meeting where we vote for the 2021-2022 FOL Board, approve our Annual Budget, ratify By-laws, and thank our Volunteers. In addition, we plan a myriad of summer youth, teen, and adult programs in our library.

Unfortunately, our library and book store remain closed with limited access, and at this time and we are unable to predict when we will open our doors again! Join us for our **Virtual Annual Meeting, May 16**. Information will be sent soon to access the meeting.

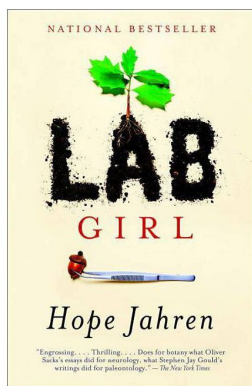
Stay Well, Happy Reading! Del

Los Alamitos-Rossmoor
Library Hours

Grab & Go Service
Now Available

**Tuesday-Thursday | 11
a.m. to 7 p.m. & Friday-
Saturday | 9 a.m. to 5
p.m.**

2021 Big Read Presented by OCPL in Partnership with NEA



OC Public Libraries is proud to participate in the 2021 Big Read presented by the National Endowment of the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. Says County Librarian Julie Quillman, "The NEA Big Read's goal is to broaden our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book."

Showcasing a diverse range of themes, voices and perspectives, the program aims to inspire conversation and discovery. Studies show that reading for pleasure reduces stress, heightens empathy, improves students' test scores, slows the onset of dementia, and makes us more active and aware citizens.

Book clubs and community reading programs extend these benefits by creating opportunities to explore together the issues that are relevant to our lives. The NEA Big Read annually provides support to selected libraries

around the country to host dynamic community-wide reading programs, each designed around a single NEA Big Read selection.

This year, the OC Public Libraries selection is *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. This bestselling memoir tells the story of a young woman who finds friendship in far-off places, battles bipolar disorder, perseveres through setbacks and relishes hard-earned triumphs, and becomes a respected scientist and passionate observer of the natural world.

Lab Girl has been called one of the best books of the year by *Entertainment Weekly*, *Elle*, *Time* and NPR. Through May, OC Public Libraries will feature a series of virtual author events, book clubs, lectures and ways to explore the outdoors virtually (see page ... for a partial list).

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**Please DO NOT leave donations
in front of the bookstore, library,
or inside of bookdrops**

 Orange County, CA
Public Libraries
Open Doors. Free Access. Community.

2021 LITERARY ORANGE

A VIRTUAL CELEBRATION OF AUTHORS, READERS AND LIBRARIES



HARLAN COBEN



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REGISTRATION OPENS TODAY!

LITERARYORANGE.ORG

The 15th annual Literary Orange event is going virtual! Literary Orange connects authors, readers, and libraries. Literary Orange 2021 has amazing lineup of keynote speakers: Harlan Coben, Heather Morris, Lisa Wingate, and Charles Yu, as well as other authors.

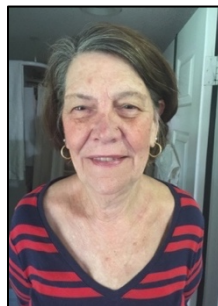
For more information and to register visit literaryorange.org!

Inside and Outside the FOL Bookstore



Happy New Year to everyone, may 2021 be not such a challenge to us all. What an adventure!!!

So no new news - still NO donations and NO sales (from the County).....Very frustrating for us and all our great volunteers. We are all biting at the bit.



So...speaking of volunteers, we are putting out a heartfelt appeal to all our readers.... we desperately need you when we get back to "normal", especially at the Outdoor Sales. Pushing the heavy carts and cabinets (twice a day) for 2 days is backbreaking for our small crew (most of whom have "climbed the hill" and are going down the other side).

I am sure many of you are like us — you hesitate to volunteer to do something because the next time we turn around we are the President of the Board!!! None of us are that pushy....we would just love to have a few more volunteer pushers and pullers!!! If you find you really enjoy our company and like to play with books, we will take you in!!! If you are interested – send an email to friendsoflarlibrary@gmail.com.

Stay safe and Happy Reading, Frieda and Mary

NY Public Library Celebrates Female Librarians During Women's History Month

Inspiring background on these women who forever enriched the way we read will be released weekly ([more information](#)). Here are highlights from the first group:



- Jennie Maas Flexner was the first official Readers' Advisory Librarian. She promoted the dangerous idea that readers should follow their own interests and passions, instead of being directed to The Books Everyone Must Read.
- Augusta Braxton Baker created a trailblazing collection of children's books that positively portrayed people of color. She also encouraged publishers to broaden the diversity of children's books, and she served as a consultant to "Sesame Street."
- Pura Belpré, the NYPL's first Puerto Rican librarian, collected Spanish-language books, sponsored bilingual story hours and made sure Latinx readers felt welcome in the library.

Reprinted courtesy of the Washington Post Book Club and critic Ron Charles.



What Do I Read Next? Spring & Summer Preview

Zoom Virtual Event

Spring and Summer book previews and recommendations with Penguin Random House! To register for this event, email: beatriz.preciado@occr.ocgov.com March 17th @ 6:30pm

Overdue Fines Extended

Not done with your library books? OCPL is extending overdue fines indefinitely. Please note, for the safety of staff and library users, all materials will be checked in after 96 hours of being returned.

At its virtual conference in January, the American Library Association welcomed a teacher you may have heard of: First Lady Dr. Jill Biden reportedly spoke about her life-long love of libraries and their crucial role in teaching literacy ([profile](#)). "When I was a little girl," she said, "I'd walk to our local library every two weeks and take out as many books as I could carry in my arms." She told the nation's librarians, "Never forget what you're doing matters. Someone out there is a better thinker because of you" ([Q&A with kids](#)).

Reprinted courtesy of Washington Post Book Club and critic Ron Charles

Membership and Donations are all Tax Deductible

... Sharon Westafer

Dear Friends,

We are so appreciative of the generous support so many of you showed for the non-event fundraiser! More than \$5,500 was donated. If you have not had a chance to donate yet, it's never too late. We still hope to raise more money through non-book donations since our outdoor book sales and sales in the store have been non-existent. Donations can be made through PayPal by going to the Friends website, www.friendsofalarlibrary.org, you can mail in your donation to the library at 12700 Montecito Road, Seal Beach 90720 or you can drop your donation at the library. As you know, the bookstore, which generates most of the funds raised by the Friends, has been closed for almost a year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We are looking forward to the reopening, as I am sure you are as well.



Please take a moment to see if your membership is up-to-date. If you have not yet renewed, please do so. Your dues help fund the wonderful programs and so many other services provided by the library. While the membership period is from June to June, we are happy to accept renewals and memberships at any time. As a bonus, renewals received now will be good until June of 2022.

Sharon Westafer, Membership Chair

Membership Application

☐ Individual \$20 ☐ Family \$25 ☐ Patron \$50 ☐ Business \$200 ☐ Life \$250
☐ Donation _____ ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal

Please Print:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Make checks payable to Friends of LAR Library. You can also join or renew on-line at <https://friendsofalarlibrary.com/membership> and pay through PayPal. Our email is friendsofalarlibrary@gmail.com

I would like to volunteer in the following:

☐ Bookstore ☐ Outside sales ☐ Event support ☐ Board member ☐ Publicity
☐ I'm not sure, please contact me



Do your shopping and benefit the Friends of the Library.

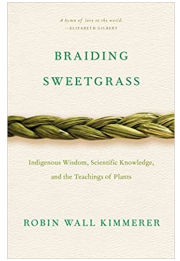
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The Big Read Brings Virtual Author Events, Lectures & More

Meet Robin Wall Kimmerer

Robin Wall Kimmerer is a mother, scientist, decorated professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She is the author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants*. To register for this event email:

beatriz.preciado@occr.ocgov.com Thursday, April 15th @ 7:00 pm



Matt Ritter – The Botany of Trees

Matt Ritter, a professor in the biology department at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, will share his appreciation for California trees, horticulture, and ecology. Join us for a virtual program all about trees and their importance in an urban environment. To register for this event email: samantha.smith@occr.ocgov.com

Tuesday, April 27th @ 6 pm

Edible Landscaping

The Master Gardeners of Orange County will share tips and best practices for planting and caring for your own edible landscape. To register for this event email: cyrise.smith@occr.ocgov.com Tuesday, May 4th @ 6:30 pm.



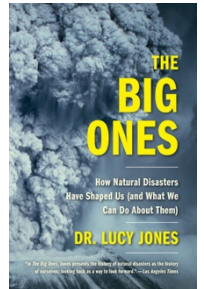
Author Lori Gottlieb in Conversation with Marrie Stone

Lori Gottlieb is a psychotherapist and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*, which is being adapted as a television series with Eva Longoria. Marrie Stone is a writer and co-host of KUCI's Writers on Writing. To register for this event email:

beatriz.preciado@occr.ocgov.com Thursday, May 6th @ 7 pm

Meet Dr. Lucy Jones

Dr. Lucy Jones is the founder of the Dr. Lucy Jones Center for Science and Society. She is the author of *The Big Ones* and is also a research associate at the Seismological Laboratory of Caltech. To register for this event email: beatriz.preciado@occr.ocgov.com Thursday, May 20th @ 7 pm



Partner Events with Casa Romantica Cultural Center & Gardens

Book Chat in the Gardens

Lab Girl book club discussion in the seaside garden in the morning. Saturday, April 3rd @ 10:30 am

Garden Community Day

Free garden tours including garden sensory station for kids and gardening crafts. Sunday, May 2 @ 10 am - 2: pm

Casa Kids' Club

Weekly free STEAM based activities and crafts for children ages 5-12. Last sign in of the day is at 4 pm.

Sign-ups required for Casa Romantica Partner Events in San Clemente. Please call Casa Romantica at 949-498-2139 to reserve your spot. March-May, Every Tuesday from 3:30 pm-5 pm



Mark your calendar: [The Los Angeles Times Festival of Books](#) returns April 17 and runs through April 23 as a virtual series. This year's author lineup will be announced March 23.



**Rossmoor Women's Club and
The Friends of the Los Alamitos/ Rossmoor Library
present**

Success with Succulents
a virtual program from UC Cooperative Extension
Master Gardeners Orange County

Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 2 pm

**Register at
<https://bit.ly/2Ncp89t>**



Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Continues Grab & Go



OC Public Libraries are continuing Grab & Go Library Service! Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Library offers designated browsing areas, self-checkout stations and distanced single-user computer stations by reservation.

Grab & Go hours are Tuesday – Thursday 11 am to 7 pm, Friday – Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. Curbside pick-up is still available Tuesday – Thursday noon to 6 pm, Friday – Saturday 10 am to 4 pm.

The Paris Library

While working as the programs manager at the American Library in Paris, author Janet Skeslien Charles learned all about the history of the library, which celebrated its centennial last year. Included in its storied history are the heroic librarians who stood up to the Nazis during World War II and smuggled books to those the Nazis deemed undesirable. In *The Paris Library*, this fascinating story is told in separate points of view over two time periods: one in 1939 Paris and the other in 1983 Montana. Janet talked to Carol Fitzgerald of Bookreporter.com about the themes she explored, including the relevance of the decades-long gap in the story. She also explained how her life in both Montana and Paris influenced the novel and offered some interesting tidbits about how she chose to conduct her research in order to keep it both true to real-life events and engaging as a story. [Click here](#) to watch the video and [here](#) to listen to the podcast.

OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES PRESENTS

2021 NEA BIG READ

Bionerds®
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March 2-April 5
Every Tuesday @ 5:00 pm

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March 2nd Plants: Know Your Greens! March 9th Human Body: We are Super! (Heart)	March 16th Insects: Bug Me if You Dare (Fruit Flies) March 23rd Mix & Match: Biology (Birds)	March 30th Food Science: Your Food is Alive (Food Coloring) April 5th Thirsty Plants
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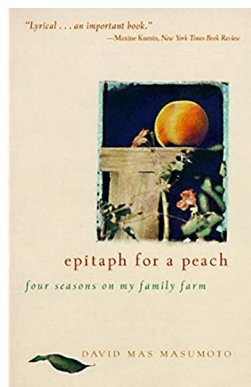
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Friends' Book Recommendation

Calling all you gardeners and nature lovers. I am reading and highly recommending:

Epitaph for a Peach: Four Seasons on My Family Farm by David Mas Masumoto



"A lyrical, sensuous and thoroughly engrossing memoir of one critical year in the life of an organic peach farmer, *Epitaph for a Peach* is "a delightful narrative . . . with poetic flair and a sense of humor" (Library Journal).

I am enjoying every delicious paragraph of this lovely book.

Sandy Tessier

Reading Reduces Stress

Feeling stressed by the pandemic? Pickup a book. "By choosing reading you've chosen one of the best ways to reduce stress. It was found to be 68 per cent better at reducing stress levels than listening to music, 300 per cent better than going for a walk and 700 per cent more than playing video games."

— John Hudson, *How to Survive a Pandemic: Life Lessons for Coping with Covid-19*

Save The Date

Sunday, May 16, 2021 will be the Friends of the Library's Annual Meeting. This meeting will feature a special Zoom speaker. Stay tuned.



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