

To: Conejo Valley Genealogical Society Board of Directors
From: Heather Cousin, Library Services Director
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Subject: **Library Update**

Continued Library Services

Curbside services continue as the City and Library evaluate possible reopening scenarios. City staff have begun vaccination protocols in anticipation of the County moving into less restrictive COVID tiers as the Summer months approach.

National Library Week

April 4-10, 2021 is National Library Week, a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Welcome to Your Library," which promotes the idea libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and everyone is welcome to use their services. Whether people visit virtually or in person, libraries are accessible and inclusive places fostering a sense of belonging and community through learning, discovery and exploration.

During these challenging times, libraries of all types have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons. Libraries across the country are making a difference in people's lives by providing electronic learning resources like online homework help, job search resources, and technology training classes. Thousand Oaks Library is supporting the community with additional services such as [Curbside Pickup Service](#), which has circulated over 150,000 materials and [Ask-a-Librarian](#), which has handled over 3,700 reference questions.

This National Library Week, the public can show their appreciation and support for the library by leaving a comment on their [Virtual Bulletin Board](#). Library lovers of all ages may also enter a [Guessing Jar Opportunity Drawing](#) for a chance to win a prize, play Local History Collection [digital puzzles](#), and enjoy other virtual activities during April 4-10, 2021.

Programming

In addition to celebrating National Library Week from April 4-10, the Library team has created a month of fun and informative programs including how to browse for books online. A complete list of the Library's programming is attached to this update.

ESL Conversation Group

This program is open to all non-native English language speakers who are interested in developing their speaking fluency. Participants of varying levels of English proficiency are welcome. Registration required. The program will be hosted via Zoom on the first Tuesday of the month on April 6, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

eBooks & More

Learn how to download and stream free eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers, eMusic and Streaming Video through the library's website. Bring your own mobile device, the email address

and password that you use to download apps, along with your library card and PIN number. The program will be hosted via Zoom on Thursday, April 8, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Open Mic Poetry

Join us for a joint program between the Thousand Oaks Library and The Ventura County Poetry Project as we present Open Mic Poetry Nights. Come listen to local poets and share your own work every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Every fourth Wednesday will include a reading from a guest reader. Open Mic will be hosted via Zoom on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 and April 28, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thousand Oaks Library Film Club - Metropolis

Based on the same format as a book club, this once-a-month film club is a place for film lovers to meet and talk about a movie they have watched in the last month. Movies are selected from the digital collection available on Kanopy and can be watched there before each meeting. Librarians will lead a discussion on each film and participants are invited to bring everything they liked, disliked, and any other thoughts. Participants must be 17 or older. The program will be hosted via Zoom on Thursday, April 15, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Spanish Language Conversation Hour

This is an informal setting to practice your Spanish and meet other Spanish language learners. The program will be hosted via Zoom on Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Google Sheets

Create powerful spreadsheets that you can edit from anywhere, or open and edit existing Excel spreadsheets. Save your sheets in Google Drive, and access them anywhere. All for free. Prerequisites: You must have a Google Gmail account prior to class and be familiar with using keyboard and mouse. Suggested: complete the Google Drive class. The program will be hosted via Zoom on Friday, April 23, 2021 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

B.Y.O. Book Club

In a new take on book clubs, the Thousand Oaks Library invites readers to bring their current or recent read to discuss with others. A perfect way to find new book recommendations! Whether it be a mystery, biography, graphic novel, fantasy, romance, thriller, history, or science fiction, all genres are welcome at the Bring Your Own Book Club. Registration required. The program will be hosted via Zoom on Monday, April 26, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Search Beyond the Shelves - Browsing for Beginners

This class brings the fun and serendipity of browsing to the online environment. We will learn to use NoveList, Encore, etc. to find books in the online catalog. The program will be hosted via Zoom on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

