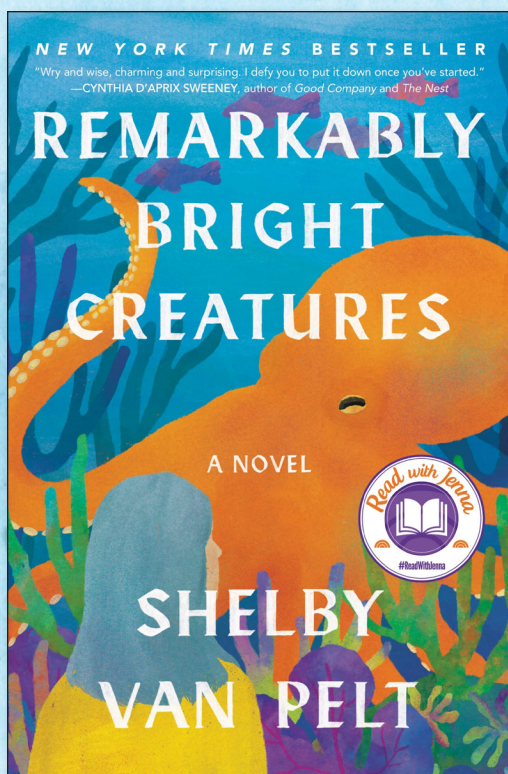


THOUSAND OAKS
READS
2023
ONE CITY ONE BOOK



THE 15TH ANNUAL
**CITYWIDE
BOOK CLUB**

February 25 - April 16, 2023



Book Discussions

Speakers

Films

CLU Faculty Panel

Crafts

Concert

Virtual Reality

Poetry

Workshops

Author Talk



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KICKOFF FEATURING AQUARIUM ON WHEELS

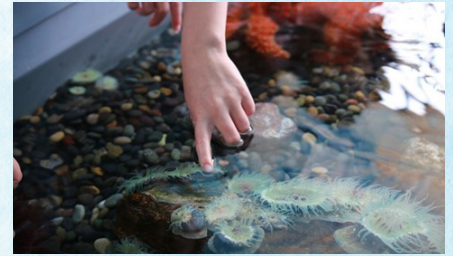
Saturday, February 25 • 11:00am - 1:00pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room

Kick off this year's One City, One Book with sea-themed crafts by CReaTE

Studios, "underwater" virtual reality, button making, and a special visit from

the Aquarium of the Pacific's Aquarium on Wheels. The Aquarium on Wheels can serve typically serve 20 - 25 guests every 15 minutes with a limit of 200 total visitors. First come, first served.



VIRTUAL UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY

Saturday, March 4 • 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room

A virtual lecture with underwater photographer Josh Musselwhite. Join online or attend the live stream at the library.



CREATE STUDIO: SEA CRAFTS

Saturday, March 11 • 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room

Sea-themed family crafts will be led by Jemma Wildermuth of CReATE Studio. Drop in to create a fun craft project using recycled material. All materials will be provided while supplies last. For school ages and up. Adults are welcome to join.



CAL LUTHERAN FACULTY DISCUSSION PANEL

Wednesday, March 8 • 7:00pm - 8:30pm

California Lutheran University Lundring Events Center

Professors explore unique perspectives and offer thoughtful responses to many of the themes and issues presented in *Remarkably Bright Creatures*.



CRAFTERNOON FOR ADULTS: STICKER-BY-NUMBERS

Thursday, March 9 • 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Newbury Park Library Meeting Room

Keep your brain engaged while creating fun, beautiful art with Sticker by Numbers. Watch as a full colored image emerges from the original unfinished illustration. Walk-ins welcome.



MORRISON DRIVE CONCERT: SEA SHANTIES

Sunday, March 12 • 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room

Morrison Drive is a primarily acoustic group that plays regularly in Ventura County. Join them for a fun afternoon of "sea shanties" as they recount the adventure, tragedy and romance of life at sea.



COLORING FOR ADULTS: OCEAN & MARINE THEME

Friday, March 10 • 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room

Relax with friends and other coloring enthusiasts. Materials provided. Walk-ins welcome.



GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Thursday, March 16 • 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room

Get started using Thousand Oaks Library's Genealogy Resources, including the basics of Ancestry Library Edition, Family Search, and finding obituaries and more in newspaper indexes: Los Angeles Times (1881- current).



COMMUNITY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

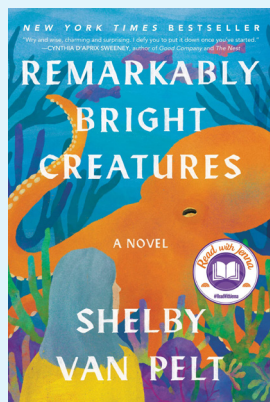
Free and open to the public.
No registration is required.

Tuesday, March 14
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library
Community Room

Tuesday, March 28
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Goebel Adult
Community Center

Hosted by the Thousand Oaks Council on Aging
and Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library.

Wednesday, March 29 • 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Newbury Park Library Meeting Room



THE PROCESS OF LIFE-REVIEW AS WE AGE. HOW REMINISCENCE CAN BE USED TO RE-TELL OUR OWN STORY

Thursday, March 23 • 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room

Martha Shapiro is the Director of Programs for Senior Concerns. Join her for a discussion on reminiscence – or the recall of past experiences and facts – and how it can be used as an effective tool in understanding the process of living as we age. In partnership with the Thousand Oaks Council on Aging.



CRAFTERNOON FOR ADULTS: OYSTER SHELL TRINKET DISHES

Friday, March 24 • 3:30pm - 5:00pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room

Materials provided. Registration required. Space is limited.



OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT

Wednesday, March 22 • 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room

A joint program between the Thousand Oaks Library and The Ventura County Poetry Project. Listen to local poets present their work inspired by the themes of *Remarkably Bright Creatures*.

What questions do you have for Shelby Van Pelt?

We will cover as many questions as time allows during the live Q&A on Sunday, April 16, 2023.

Submit a question at: www.tolibrary.org/ocob



GET THAT JOB! JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES FOR OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Thursday, March 30 • 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Newbury Park Library Meeting Room

This workshop is designed to provide helpful information for older adults and people with disabilities seeking employment in today's job market. Come learn up-to-date job search strategies. The workshop will be led by Monique Nowlin, Deputy Director of Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) and Dr. Karen Gorbach, Chair of the Advisory Council of the VCAAA. In partnership with the Thousand Oaks Council on Aging.

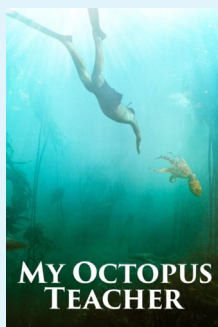
CINEMA & CEPHALOPODS



MY OCTOPUS TEACHER

Friday, March 17 • 7pm - 8:30pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library
Community Room

A filmmaker forges an unusual friendship with an octopus living in a South African kelp forest, learning as the animal shares the mysteries of her world. Join us for an after-hours screening of this Oscar winning documentary. Light refreshments will be served. *Netflix, 85 minutes, 2020.*



FINDING DORY

Wednesday, April 12
10:30am - 12:10pm
Grant R. Brimhall Library
Community Room

Bring the whole family for a spring break movie at the library!
Pixar Animation Studios/Walt Disney Pictures, Rated PG, 97 minutes, 2016.





3D PRINTED OCTOPUS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Sunday, March 26 • 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library Teen Space

Learn about the basics of 3D printing! Bring your own laptop and connect to the Library's wifi to learn how to design a 3D printable octopus using TinkerCAD. Recommended ages 11+.



CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 1 • 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room

Remarkably Bright Creatures was inspired by a prompt in a creative writing workshop! Dr. Linda Rader Overman is a professor of English at California State University, Northridge and will be leading a creative workshop for beginning and aspiring writers. Pen and paper will be provided or bring your laptop. Teens 16+ are welcome to join.



WONDERS OF THE AQUARIUM

Monday, April 10 • 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Grant R. Brimhall Children's Library

Join Brian Hoover, and staff from Aquatic Contractors, for a special presentation about the Library's 3,600 gallon saltwater aquarium.



STORY SLAM

Friday, April 14 • 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room

Join us for an after-hours reading of selected stories read on stage by the authors. Audience favorite will win a prize. Interested in submitting a story? **Theme:** Submit a story based on the themes of the ocean, animal companions, aging, loss, family, self-discovery, and found family.

Word Count: Maximum 1,200 words or 8-9 minutes.

Submission: Any service counter at the library or emailed to info@tolibrary.org with the subject heading "Story Slam." Entries must be autobiographical, true stories, and rated PG. Please include your name and contact information.

Deadline: March 27, 2023.

Selected storytellers will be notified by April 1, 2023 and will read their stories on April 14, 2023.

AN AFTERNOON WITH SHELBY VAN PELT AUTHOR OF *REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES*

Sunday, April 16, 2023 • 2:00pm

Bank of America Performing Arts
Center – Fred Kavli Theatre

The 2023 Thousand Oaks Reads: One City One Book is *Remarkably Bright Creatures: A Novel* by Shelby Van Pelt.

A luminous debut novel about a widow's unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus reluctantly residing at the local aquarium—and the truths she finally uncovers about her son's disappearance 30 years ago.



After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope. As she works, Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine, but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight tentacles for his human captors—until he forms an unlikely friendship with Tova.

Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. As his affection for Tova grows, Marcellus must use every trick his old, invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late.

Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, Shelby Van Pelt lives in the suburbs of Chicago with her family. *Remarkably Bright Creatures* is her first novel.

Tickets are required for this event and will be available at both the Newbury Park and Grant R. Brimhall Libraries beginning February 25, 2023. Members of the Friends of the Library will be given priority admission 30 minutes before the event. Membership details can be obtained at the Information Desks.