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## Shakespeare by the Sea Founder To Address Omnilore's 25th Annual Meeting

by Lori Geittmann

Lisa Coffi had an idea for her master's thesis in theater management. She didn't realize what it would turn into. Who among us hasn't been to Shakespeare by the Sea, which she founded and is now managing director. Lisa will be our speaker at our Annual Membership Meeting and Forum Luncheon on Monday, October, 31. This probably will nudge our attendees to come as their favorite Shakespearean character.



Lisa Coffi

The nonprofit organization presents ten weeks of Shakespearean plays in twenty outdoor locations from El Segundo to San Pedro during the summer. The players perform one comedy one night and one tragedy the next. Admission is free and the crowds are enthusiastic, probably like the original Shakespeare audiences.

She also manages and produces the Little Fish Theater in San Pedro, a 60-seat venue...but more about that later. Her organization's mission is:

- To create theatrical experiences for audiences in culturally diverse communities to make theatre accessible to all.
- To provide theatre presentations that incorporate community values and ideas into a timeless and dynamic theatrical experience.
- To ignite imagination, promote literacy, and encourage artistic expression, while offering a venue for technical and performing artists to exercise their passion.

Lisa has a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from California State University Sacramento and her Master's in Fine Arts from California State University Long Beach.

For those who are new to Omnilore, come in costume if you wish—Halloween, Shakespeare . . .? Prizes will be given for the best.

This forum luncheon will be held at our usual place, the Los Verdes Golf Club, in the banquet room overlooking the ocean with a view of Santa Catalina Island. You may register for the Forum by using the coupon on the flyer you will receive or use the coupon on page 9.

Menu for this luncheon is salad of mixed field greens, grilled chicken breast with champagne honey mustard sauce, baby carrots, potatoes au gratin with white cheddar, and chocolate mousse cake for dessert. All the coffee, water and tea that you can drink is available for free with your luncheon. Cost is \$22 per person. A vegetarian plate is available if you order at the time you make your reservation.

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Editor Mary Golob  
Staff Member Open

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Art Irizarry

This is my last “President’s Message” article and I want to let you know it has been a pleasure to serve as president of Omnilore for the past two years. What an opportunity it has been to observe and be part of this dynamic organization, loaded with talented, dedicated, hardworking leaders and volunteers, themselves leaders in a number of ways. Our **Board of Directors** has been a great team of which to be a part.

Over the past two years, among other things, we celebrated Omnilore’s 25th anniversary, revised our ByLaws and procedures, added members to offset the loss of members due to the Edison Center move, and found and settled into a new, more comfortable and friendly home. Thanks to **Johan Smith** for her unstinting, long term administrative support. She has been and is an important part of Omnilore functions.

I also want to thank and recognize as Omnilore leaders the coordinators and co-coordinators, who have volunteered and continue to volunteer their time and effort to contribute to Omnilore’s success. They are and have been at the core of Omnilore’s success for more than a quarter century at this point. And we cannot forget all of the committee members who develop and implement our curriculum, organize and host the Forums, publish the newsletter and other communications, maintain technology and our website, assist with membership recruitment and orientation, and contribute through ad hoc groups in areas such as budget and finance.

I thank the CSUDH and College of Extended and International Education administrative team members for their trust and support with Omnilore’s functions, as well as the OLLI endeavors. There are thanks due to **Dean Kim McNutt** for support of our relocation to the Beach Cities Health Center, which he has made a cost-free endeavor for Omnilore. During my first year, **Teresa Stevens** was our primary contact, as the CEIE experienced a massive staffing change. She has been outstanding throughout the process of CEIE changeover and our own

relocation. Aside from her great support, Teresa is effectively part of Omnilore history given that, as administrative assistant to **Dean Gordon**, in 1992 she worked on the documentation of Omnilore’s association with the College and CSUDH. **Ed Cleek** has worked with us to get the Omnilore-CEIE interface back to where it had been, including detailed financial reports sent to our treasurer. And there are thanks to **Garth Kwicien** and **John Tamura** of the Procurement office for their part in getting our lease and other items done.

### *Beach Cities Here We Are*

After a two-year search and a significant time investment on the part of a team of volunteers, we have settled into our new home. The Beach Cities Health Center, which is owned by the Beach Cities Health District, is a significant improvement over our experience at our previous location. The improvement has been noticeable in terms of the morale of Omnilore members. All members with whom I have spoken have said how pleased they are with the move.

However, we are not completely settled in as the College of Extended and International Education, our institutional home at CSUDH, and the Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) complete their own endeavors. Signage will be updated by the BCHD, which takes care of the “common areas” of the Beach Cities Health Center. The CEIE will be installing wall-mounted screens, white-boards and bulletin boards as it prepares for the scheduling of Extension classes, and plans are to employ a cleaning service. Omnilore has a detail or two to finish the move, but S/DGs are functioning and members are satisfied.

The results of team effort are noteworthy and there are many to thank. By my count there have been about twenty members involved in the move and others who supported the effort in one way or another. Those directly involved include the two “iron men” of the move, **Hal Hart** and **Jim Slattery**, and a “movers team” which included in alphabetical order: **Linda Jensen**, **Carol Johnson**, **Joy Jurena**, **Howard Korman**, **Kent McDonald**, **Florence**

**Murphy, Jade Neely, Frank Pohlner, Frank Reiner, Lori Spillane, Rick Spillane, Mary Watson and me** (out of alpha order).



Hal and Jim, our equipment co-managers, took on the job of sorting, packing and moving every piece of equipment, then installing it so we can use it with minimal effort. The “movers team” helped sort, pack, move and unpack the various non-equipment items and took on other tasks as needed. **Teresa Stevens** contributed to the move in a number of ways, including coming to the Center on weekends to get things done. Conversations, emails and phone calls with her helped keep us on track and she still is working with us to finalize details of the move.

### *Board Nominations on Tap*

This is the time of year Omnilore leadership is subject to change and this year we will have significant change. Our Board officers have all completed their terms and the Nominations Committee has engaged in a search for 2016-17 Board candidates. The Committee considered candidates who have demonstrated skills or experience which fit needs in specific positions. The Committee prepared and Board approved a slate of candidates who are well matched to their positions. If you would be interested in Board service next year or sometime in the future, please send me an email to let me know of your interest and to which position you think your skills and experience would apply.

### *Interest Group Proposals*

Over my two years I have made it a point to communicate to everyone ideas proposed by individual members and here are four that have come through and still are open to exploration:

**Mel Schrier proposed an informal interest group to share travel experiences, video materials and discussion of travel details**, including sharing of tips about specific areas, transport and other trip details. He is listed on our Member Roster, so you can contact him directly about your interest and to work with him on details.

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## Omnilore Profile—Kate Nelson

by Marion Smith

Have you taken an Omnilore class with Kate Nelson? Maybe one of the Shakespeare classes? Or a class that studies the brain? Or an art or music class? For most terms, Kate takes two S/DGs. Or you may recognize Kate’s name from the many profiles she’s written for Omnilore News.

A native of Portland, Oregon, Kate spent three years at the University of Oregon before obtaining bachelor’s and master’s degrees from CSU Los Angeles, which she earned after moving to Los Angeles as a young bride.

Kate started her career as a very young (21 year old) English teacher at Bishop Conaty High School at Pico and Western in Los Angeles. After being reprimanded by the principal on her first day on the job with the words “Young lady—get to your classroom!”, Kate adopted a drab middle-aged wardrobe so as to avoid being confused with a student in the future. Note: She no longer abides by that wardrobe choice.

She then worked for 27 years at Mira Costa High School, initially as an English teacher, then as Activities Director and Counselor, and ultimately, as Vice Principal. Her career in education expanded by her serving as Principal of the South Bay Adult School for five years, and then moving to the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Manhattan Beach



Unified School District (MBUSD). Kate retired 15 years ago from her position at MBUSD.

Kate’s son (from her first marriage) lives in Atlanta, GA with his wife and three sons. Kate’s husband, Jim Ruderman has a daughter and a seven-year-old granddaughter who live in Vancouver, British Columbia. As you can imagine, the locations of their family provide Kate and Jim an opportunity to enjoy trips to many parts of the United States and western Canada. And when she’s not in class, Kate and Jim enjoy going to movies and opera.

When she’s in town, Kate plays tennis at least once a week, and she has belonged to a book club for 25 years. She volunteers for the Manhattan Beach Older Adult Program, participating recently in a program called Coffee, Tech, and You. In this innovative program, high school AP calculus students mentor senior citizens—for example, a student shows a senior how to use her/his cell phone. This program recently won a well-deserved statewide award for “best intergenerational program”. And until recently, Kate served as Chair of the Senior Advisory Committee for the City of Manhattan Beach.

Ok. Here comes Shakespeare: All the World’s a Stage... And we know where we can find Kate.

## In Memoriam

### Kathleen Whitehead

Kathleen was born and raised right here in Los Angeles, attending LA High School with her siblings. She had to cut her education short, leaving UCLA to help her family through the Depression, although she finished her education at other institutions later on. She met her husband during the 1933 earthquake while living in Long Beach. Kathleen’s husband, William “Bill” Whitehead, served in the Navy for 2 ½ years. After World War II, they moved to Manhattan Beach where she eventually lived for more than 70 years in one residence.

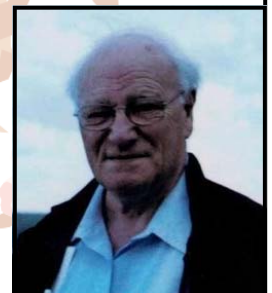
Kathleen was well known for her lifelong commitment to community activities ranging from Scouts to senior education. She joined Omnilore about 2007, and loved anything about music. She was 96.



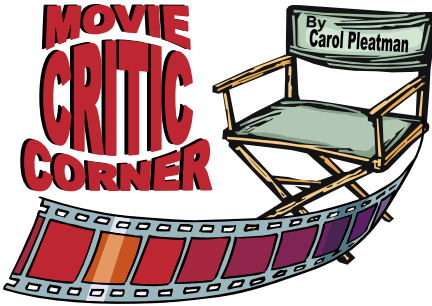
### Bernard Gee

Bernard Gee joined Omnilore four years ago after a long and distinguished career in the medical profession, retiring most recently from teaching medicine at Yale University where he specialized in pulmonary and occupational lung diseases. A native of England, he came to our country in 1961 where he taught at the schools of medicine at both Wisconsin and Pittsburgh Universities before moving on to Yale.

Bernard loved travel, witty conversation, good food and good wine, along with the companionship of friends and family. He enjoyed imparting his great love of classical music, opera and books to others. He and his wife Peggy, also an Omnilorean, took classes together, enjoying Shakespeare and studying current issues concerning our country. He was 89.







*The Hunt for the Wilderpeople*—now showing at the Arclight in El Segundo and the AMC in Rolling Hills.

Ricky Baker, (Julian Dennison) is a 13 year old rebellious, defiant city kid who is sent by child welfare services to live in the country with yet another set of foster parents, Aunt Bella (Rima Te Wiata) and a grumpy Uncle Hec (Sam Neil). He's been to many foster homes and this is the last one before juvenile detention.

The movie is divided into novelistic chapters with titles such as "The Bad Egg," "War" or "Broken Foot Camp." It is a perfectly balanced blend of drama, comedy, action and heart. And it gets better, with veteran actor Sam Neil teamed with Julien Dennison, the actor playing Ricky Baker, and director Taika Waititi – all three award winning New Zealanders.

Ricky is unhappy with his new home and surroundings, a dilapidated cottage in the middle of New Zealand. Although Aunt Bella does all the right things to make him happy, comfortable and cared for, he attempts to run away and hide in the unforgiving wilderness. Cantankerous Uncle Hec has to find him and bring him home.

Due to unfortunate circumstances (and for reasons I won't explain for fear of spoiling the plot) this difficult, hard to handle foster kid from the big city and a grouchy, 60 year old man from rural New Zealand are made to forge an unlikely alliance to survive in the New Zealand Wilderness as they are forced to be on the run. What ensues is a funny and heartwarming experience as they are pushed to get over their differences to survive, and we watch as they slowly build a warm and trusting relationship.

Rotten Tomatoes gave it 99%.

*Nightcrawler* is a crime thriller written and directed by first timer Dan Gilroy.

*Nightcrawler* was easily one of the most underrated films of 2014. Jake Gyllenhaal gives a career-best performance in this nocturnal noir film. I really loved this movie and thought it brilliant on many levels.

A creepy, petty thief and night drifter,

Louis Bloom (Jake Gyllenhaal) is living on the fringes. He is out of work, looking for a job. After stumbling upon a pre-dawn car wreck, he spots a cameraman (Bill Praxton) recording the bloodbath. Hours later he sees the same images on the morning news. Finally Louis Bloom has a job.

With just a camcorder and a police radio scanner he starts recording the aftermath of a fatal carjacking, and sells the footage to a local station where he meets the morning news director Nina (Rene Russo). He starts shooting live footage of accidents and crimes in Los Angeles. He muscled his way into the world of L.A. crime journalism, and starts rearranging the crime scenes, blurring the lines between observer and participant to become the star of his own story. The idea that such work is invasive, maybe illegal and immoral never troubles him. The movie depicts how news reporting uses blood and guts and anything and everything awful to increase readership at all costs.

Most interesting and frightening of all is the relationship between Nina and Lou. "The movie is about psychological manipulation over plot twists," according to the one movie reviewer.

**You, too, can be a film critic!**

**Send your review to**

**[Newsletter@Omnilore.org](mailto:Newsletter@Omnilore.org)**



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**John Taber has proposed renewal of S/DG with a Travel Component.** This idea is moving along, albeit slowly. A meeting was held with a travel broker, and **Marilyn Brashear** is working with the broker and small committee on the idea. You can contact her or me if you would be interested in this idea. In addition, OLLI is exploring the idea of a trip to Cuba with the help of a faculty member experienced with travel in Cuba. You can contact her or me if you would be interested in John's idea.

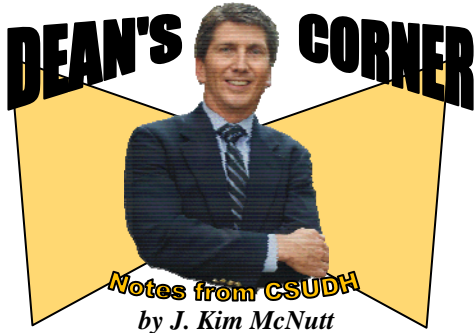
**Charles Golden proposed the formation of a special interest group for those in Omnilore who play a musical instrument** and would enjoy getting together with others to play as a group for the ensemble experience. He noted how beneficial music has been found to be in terms of learning and brain health.

**Charles Golden also has proposed the formation of a tennis special interest group, for those who enjoy playing tennis.** Players of various levels would be welcome. Charles pointed out how important some form of exercise is to overall well-being.

### *Signing Off*

Thanks again to all of you and to our outstanding leaders at every level of activity and function. I greatly appreciated your support, advice, suggestions, recommendations and expression of concern for large and small issues and items. The pleasure has been mine to follow on the path forged by previous presidents and leaders, each of whom has contributed to what is now our superb organization, Omnilore. I have no doubt the incoming Board and other leaders will continue the tradition of excellence, dedication and inspired learning opportunities.

I look forward to many happy, engaging, intriguing S/DGs, SIGs and other experiences with you and for us, Omnilore, throughout the years ahead.



Dean, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute  
College of Extended & International Education  
CSUDH

**G**reetings Omnimore members!  
January 1<sup>st</sup> marks the official start of the year. However, after 25 years working in higher education, the Fall season marks the beginning of the new year for me. This is my favorite time of year. The sun sets earlier, evenings get crisper, college and pro football is underway. More importantly, Fall is clearly indicated by the large number of university students hunting for parking spaces and crowding the halls and

classrooms on campus. September is my January.

As mentioned in my summer column, we are now open for business at the Beach Cities Health District location near the intersection of 190<sup>th</sup> and Prospect in Redondo Beach. Reviews from Omnimore members have been extremely positive. The College of Extended and International Education (CEIE) is excited about the new location as well. It affords CEIE the opportunity to pilot professional development courses and training programs, extending our reach into the Beach Communities. The new facility should serve us well for years to come.

Finally, I want to compliment the Omnimore organization for its professionalism. It is well organized and managed. The programmatic offerings are well thought out and stimulating. The College is proud to be the “mother ship” for this complementary organization to OLLI. Until next time, keep up the good work and Go Seahawks!

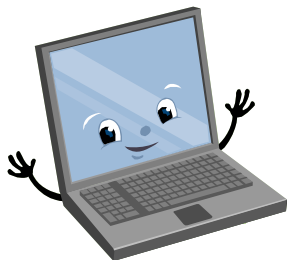
**About Our College IDs . . .**

*by La Margo Washington*

**W**hen you join Omnimore, you also become a student of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the CSU, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) College of Extended and International Education (CEIE). You are assigned a student identification number (OLLI student ID/registration number) through the College and are issued a paper OLLI identification card with the number and a sticker to verify current enrollment. But, you may want to get a student photo ID card, which is required on campus for all transactions and use of the University Library, Admissions and Records, and Student Health Center. Whether you obtain the OLLI ID card or student photo ID card, a student ID card containing the student ID number is unique and assigned to each Omnimore / OLLI member for life.

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## Computer Talks



**September 22nd- Noon to 1:00 - Suite A**  
**And Now for Something Completely Different:**  
**The Trouble Shooting Hour**



*Presented by Rick Spillane*

**A**re you having problems with your iPhone, IPAD, or IPOD? This month’s Computer talk by Rick Spillane will dedicate the hour to solving your problems. Bring your devices in, tell me your problems and I will try to solve them while making you a little more comfortable with the device.

Is your problem figuring out the Apps on your device and what they do?

Do you know how to get Apps, find the good ones, and update them when needed? What Apps should you have? Consider trips, restaurants, motels, social media, etc. - what Apps will make your life easier and not just add complexity.

Hope to see you 12 Noon on Thursday September 22nd in Suite A.

**October 27th - Noon to 1:00 - Suite A**  
**PowerPoint-Less Presentations**

*Presented by Mary Jo Little*

**I**s it possible to make a great Omnimore presentation without using PowerPoint? Of course yes, and we have seen creative people do marvelous things to make it happen. But in this meeting we will discuss how to make a simple presentation using the Desktop Presenter, and a few simple management tools. Organizing is the key. Put your words where you can find them. Manage the maps, graphs and pictures that you find in the library, on Google or wherever, with a few easy tools.

I believe that simple is better, and we will talk about how to make your presentation easy on your nerves.

This will be a discussion meeting. Questions welcome.



**OLLI Prepares for Fall 2016**  
 by Janice Champion  
*La Margo Washington, OLLI Director*  
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The OLLI Curriculum Committee is working on the class offerings for the fall. We have some exciting new classes and field trips in store for you.

We are continuing an aeronautics mini-theme. In the spring, we visited the LAX Flight Path Museum. In September, we will be visiting the Goodyear Blimp in Carson! A docent will give us a tour of a blimp hangar; we will view a blimp up-close-and-personal, and we will learn about the blimps and their histories.

In November, we will visit the Robinson Helicopter Company in Torrance where we will learn about the Rolls Royce of helicopters and how the company manufactures them.

Also new this fall: a field trip to Rancho Los Cerritos in Long Beach where we will learn about the early history of the rancho and enjoy the beautiful gardens.

We are also offering some new classes:

- ✦ Frankie Stewart will be teaching Aging Gracefully, a lively discussion about issues for seniors, from hearing loss to sleep apnea to gray hair and everything in between.
- ✦ Other new lectures especially targeting seniors include a class on Medicare and one on investing for seniors.
- ✦ A new OLLI member, Dr. Stephen Sloane, will be teaching a course on the causes, conduct and consequences of war. This is an especially timely topic for us.
- ✦ For your musical enjoyment, we will offer a six-week class on Jazz!
- ✦ For the foodies in the group, we will be offering a class entitled “I want to eat healthier – Now how do I get more plant-based food in my diet?” We will learn some easy ways to change your diet. The class will finish with a lunch at the 1910 Café & Lounge on campus.

Reminder: the OLLI Office has moved to Welch Hall, room WH A-127. Students still register in the same Registration Office and classes still meet in the Extended Education buildings. Only the director and student assistant have moved to Welch Hall.

The \$20 annual parking permits are available for purchase or renewal. To purchase the annual permit, go to Welch Hall, WH A-127. Ask the director, La Margo Washington, for a signed permit form. Then take the permit to the cashier’s office, also in Welch Hall.

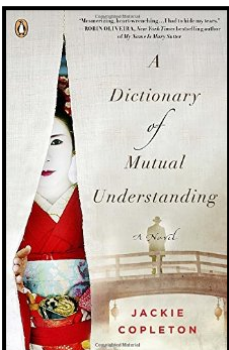
As always, you can see on-line the latest news about OLLI, view the current catalog, and see the OLLI calendar (including the fall 2016 dates) at the CSUDH OLLI website: <http://www4.csudh.edu/olli/>

## Summer & Onward—Best Sellers SIG Reads

by Patricia Edie & Cindy Eggert

Omniloreans love to read a good book! And more than that, they love to talk about it!

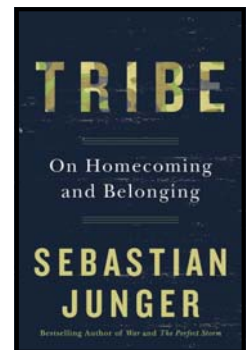
Each month, at 12 noon, on the second Monday of the month, about 20 plus members and guests meet in Suite A to discuss the chosen book for the month. We alternate each month between various works of fiction and non-fiction. The subject matter is varied and the discussion always animated. Upcoming dates and book selections are:



Monday  
 September 12:  
 Fiction  
*A Dictionary of Mutual Understanding*  
 by Jackie Copleton

**OCTOBER:  
 NO BOOK GROUP  
 MEETING  
 THIS MONTH**

Monday  
 November 14:  
 Non-Fiction  
*Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging*  
 by Sebastian Junger



As with any SIG,  
 you do not need to register to participate...  
 just show up on the date prepared to participate.  
 Guests are always welcomed.



**Palos Verdes Peninsula Village presents:**

**The Upside of Aging:  
Celebrating the Palos Verdes Peninsula Village**

by Judy Bayer



**Paul H. Irving** is the chairman of the Milken Institute Center for the Future of Aging and Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the Davis School at USC's Andrus Gerontology Center. The editor of "The Upside of Aging: How Long Life is Changing the World of Health, Work, Policy and Purpose", Mr. Irving's experience in the field is vast and impressive.

**Thursday  
October 13, 2016, 2 - 4 p.m.  
Palos Verdes Golf Club**



**Helen Dennis**, a Palos Verdes Peninsula Village Board Director, also teaches at the Davis School at USC's Andrus Gerontology Center. She is a nationally recognized columnist with the Los Angeles Newspaper Group, key-note speaker, co-author of the bestseller, "Project Renewment: the First Retirement Model for Career Women," and leader on issues of aging, employment, and retirement.

**P**aul Irving and Helen Dennis will get together for a lively conversation on the Upside of Aging Club on October 13, 2016 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the Palos Verdes Golf Club. This special event is a celebration of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Village, the people who have made it possible through their hard work and innovation, and those who envision enhancing the way we are aging in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century through community, volunteerism, and humor. Members and non-members are invited. Guests will include your local elected officials and community leaders.

**RSVP to Colleen Cotter at [peninsulavillagepvp@gmail.com](mailto:peninsulavillagepvp@gmail.com) (RSVP required).**

**Omniole's Walking Group Takes in South Coast Botanic Gardens**

by Steve Miller

**O**n September 16, 2016 the Omniole Walking Group joined by a few friends gathered at the South Coast Botanic Gardens in Palos Verdes to listen to a talk by Peter Olpe, the President of the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation, on the history of the land beneath the Garden and on the Garden's past and planned future development. This was followed by a very informative and interesting walk through the upper area of the grounds led by Steve Jordan, a docent at the Garden. After the walk several members gathered for lunch at the Garden's picnic tables.



*Omniole Members listening to South Coast Botanic Gardens docent, Steve Jordan, explaining the Koi Pond in the Japanese Garden during the September 16 Walking Group event.*



## New, Simplified, No Setup, No Storage Omnilore Equipment Usage

by Hal Hart, Omnilore Equipment Manager ([equipment@omnilore.org](mailto:equipment@omnilore.org))

In our new classrooms at the Beach Cities Health facility, we are going to try leaving our primary presentation equipment (*projector, desktop presenter, Windows laptop, 3-microphone system*) set up, cabled up, and plugged in all the time. This should eliminate most of the *human error* we think has been responsible for the increased equipment failures we have experienced in recent years. This is an experiment and we appreciate member reports of problems, improvement suggestions, and other feedback.

Here are the simple steps to get presentation equipment going, and then to shut it down when done:

**AT START OF CLASS:** *Find equipment ready-to-go on tables (projector on a cart in Suite B)*

1. Turn **ON** Power Strip
2. Push left button to turn **ON** projector
3. Presenter should go to table at front left, angled in front of screen, to use the desktop presenter or laptop  
*OR*  
Use a cable from extra-equipment table (*front left corner*) to cable personal laptop or tablet to the projector
4. Choose one of three microphones to use from that angled-at-front table (*spare 9V batteries are on extra-equipment table*)
5. Be sure projector is aligned & sized to project on wall/screen

For internet usage, connect to wifi network “CSUDH-Suite A” or “CSUDH-Suite B” with the same network password we have used for all our wifi networks since 2009.

**WHEN DONE WITH EQUIPMENT:** *Leave angled table and all primary equipment in place.*

1. Hit left button on projector **twice** to turn **OFF** projector and start cool-down (*orange light blinks during cool-down*)
2. Turn **OFF** hand-held mic and transmitter for other 2 mics. *Leave microphone speaker box plugged in & turned ON.*
3. **Shut Down laptop** (*if used*)
4. Leave desktop presenter & laptop on table at front-left of screen; return extra cables to other table (or cart in Suite B)
5. When projector fan turns **OFF** and orange light goes **solid**, turn **OFF** power strip.

### **FREEDOM OF TABLES:**

When presentation equipment is not being used, if you want to arrange tables into a more intimate rectangle or other arrangement for oral presentations and discussion/question periods, feel free to move the table or cart with the projector out of the middle of the room and closer to the angled table. All our tables have wheels and are easy to rearrange as desired.

Email [Equipment@Omnilore.org](mailto:Equipment@Omnilore.org) with problems, suggestions, and other comments.

### **My First Omnilore S/DG**—by Teddie Milner

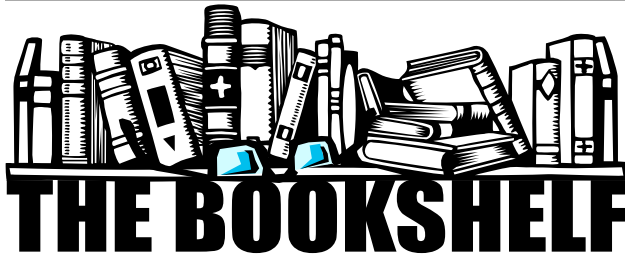
I am pleased to notify you that I have completed my first Omnilore S/DG! The summer 2016 selection: *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*, was coordinated by Chuck Gray and Ralph Ford. They were two welcoming, respectful and accommodating leaders. They dedicated themselves to making sure that we covered the 400, fact-overloaded pages of our text and got time for presentations. To enhance our discussions, they emailed information about supporting articles they found on the web, or on TV programs or in movies.

The amazing participants in our S/DG were from legal, scientific, engineering, teaching and administrative backgrounds so the interpretations of the text and the selections of topics for presentations ranged from the social sciences to physics. We enjoyed the treats and informal conversation that the breaks allowed as well.

If you are new to Omnilore or thinking of joining, I want to encourage you to give it a try. Omnilore is run effectively by a small group of members who volunteer their time to make sure the organization works. I have met only a few of the leadership of Omnilore and so as a gesture of my appreciation, I send this thank you. Art Irizzary, President, congratulations on finding a better home to launch our continued study; Johan Smith, the only person employed by Omnilore, runs the administrative side of the house so effectively; Lori Geittmann who runs the Forum; Hal Hart, Technical Wizard, whose expertise and leadership keeps us not only from losing our computing skills but encourages us to learn more in his sessions. There are others who should be singled out for their roles in Omnilore, but I just haven't met them yet.







who only prays over them. A horrifying tale of cults, ultra orthodox followers and how a once-normal woman could be twisted by a brutal husband.

to maintain their ability to amass money and power. The DUI happened in California, yet killed a D.C. lawyer who was involved in this web of intrigue and whose law firm colleague plots to bury her dark secrets with her. An assassin, cutting edge auto electronics, blackmail, off-shore bank accounts, untouchable bosses, senators and lobbyists all play their parts in this intricate drama, culminating, as ever, in Madriani saving his daughter's friend and several others.

*Zero K* by **Don Delillo** is a fascinating and beautifully written book. Part science fiction, part an existential examination of our attitudes towards death and dying, Delillo looks at urban living and its effect on us all, as well as looking at family relationships. His writing, woven in truth with wry humor and horror, keeps one glued to the page. A very different read and well worth the time.

*The Expatriates*, by **Janice Lee** is a story of three multicultural expats living in Hong Kong. Wonderful characters and an emotionally involving story weaves the three lives together around the harrowing account of a kidnapped child. Loved this book!

*Book suggestions from Omniloreans make this column work. Thanks to Helen Leven for contributing to this month's list. Please send your titles, with author's name and a brief description, to Johan (johansmith@ca.rr.com). Please put "Omnilore Books" as the subject of your email. We look forward to hearing from you.*

*Devil in Jerusalem* by **Naomi Ragen** is based on a true event. The novel tells of two brothers brought to the hospital because of serious child abuse and a mother

In *The Enemy Inside*, **Steve Martini's** main character – a lawyer named Paul Madriani – takes on a seemingly simple DUI case as a favor, never guessing the twists and turns and complications that will develop. It ends up a study of greed and corruption that underlies many in Washington and the lengths some will go



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## INTRODUCING OMNIOLORE MEETINGS:

**Thursday, October 27th - 1:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, November 29th - 1:30 p.m.**

**Help Spread the Word! RSVP 310-514-1415**



### OMNIOLORE Annual Forum Luncheon Reservation Form

WHEN: **Monday, October 31st, 2016—11 a.m.**

WHERE: **Los Verdes Country Club**  
7000 W. Los Verdes Drive  
Rancho Palos Verdes

**NO Reservations**  
accepted after October 19th!

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for the **Omnilore Annual Forum Luncheon** at **\$22.00** each:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Enclosed is a check for:  \$22.00 each

Vegetarian plate: #  Regular plate: #

Total number of meals:

Please make checks out to **CSUDH**, and put in the Forum Committee's box in Suite A or send to:

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