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A Report on Omnilore's Spring Forum:

Elizabeth Letts *The Wonderful Women of Oz*

By Teddie Milner



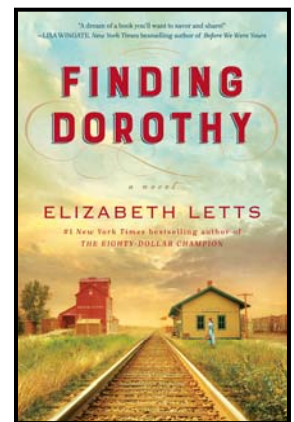
Elizabeth Letts

Omnilore's April Forum featured author Elizabeth Letts. She was introduced by the Forum Committee Chair, Bob Mallano. Letts is a #1 best-selling author of *The Eighty Dollar Champion* and *The Perfect Horse*, which won the 2017 Pen Center USA Literary Award for Research Nonfiction. She has also written two previous books: *Quality of Care* and *Family Planning*, while working as a certified nurse-midwife. Elizabeth Letts also served in the Peace Corps in Morocco. Her most recent book published in 2019, *Finding Dorothy*, was the focus of the Forum discussion.

To set the stage for her presentation of *Finding Dorothy*, Letts began with a humorous YouTube video presentation, featuring Seth Myers and Fred Armisen. In it, Fred Armisen claims that he has no time to read fiction, so he's developed a way to judge a book solely by its cover.

When asked how he did this, he told Seth that it is just because he's smart. In his view, *Finding Dorothy* took about 4 ½ years to write and is about a baker who has been selected to bake a wedding cake. The snag—without the regular kind of ingredients, instead:

- Train tracks**
- Barn materials**
- Wood**
- A house**
- Dorothy**
- A wedding cake for 1 person**
- A fog machine**



After a few laughs about Armisen's review, Ms. Letts discussed her book. She described *Finding Dorothy* as a fictionalized yet thoroughly researched peek behind the curtain of the famous stories of Oz. She explores the lives of L. Frank Baum, the writer of the novel, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* and his wife, Maud. Frank was a mostly successful writer of children's books. Maud is the daughter of a famous suffragette (Matilda Gage), who allowed Maud to call her friend, Susan B. Anthony "Auntie". Maud was a modern woman, enrolling in a boys' high school, attending Cornell University and becoming the owner and an actor of a theater company. Maud married Frank in 1881. She became the wife of a dreamer, a man deeply committed to providing for his family and madly in love with his wife. They remained married for 37 years until Frank died in 1919. *Continued on Page 5*

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Steve Miller



Omnilore has existed for over 25 years and has grown into a smoothly operating organization due to the many volunteer hours contributed by our members and to the valuable contributions made by Johan Smith, our one paid worker (officially a contractor to California State University, Dominguez Hills). This combination of Johan and the volunteers means that the demands on any one of the officers and committee chairmen is not burdensome. However, this smooth operation could be disrupted at any time by events beyond our control.

One of the responsibilities of our Board is planning for the future and in that light I have been thinking that we are not well prepared for several crises that could occur without warning and greatly impact the operations of Omnilore. I believe that we should address at least four crises, and I welcome suggestions about any others I should add to the list. My four potential crises:

- ✓ Loss of the capability to schedule our classes to fit members' schedules. We use a unique program to match each member's availability with others; with our current membership size it is not practical to do that manually. There are three critical components to this scheduling capability: the unique software, the computer hardware which is no longer available, and the expertise to make the process come together. We will need a different approach to each component.
- ✓ Temporary loss of support from Johan. She is involved in many aspects of Omnilore's operations including often providing continuity during transitions when members change leadership positions, and she plays a key role supporting the

curriculum committee as it develops S/DGs each trimester as well as putting together the inputs for the computer program that schedules each member's classes. Loss of her support, even for a few weeks, at critical times in our year would result in serious disruptions and delays. The Omnilore computer she uses has files and information that we would lose access to if she were unavailable.

- ✓ Failure of our website hosting or a hacking attack on our website. We do most of our communication electronically and a loss here would disrupt our ability to communicate with the membership and force us to use less efficient and more costly alternatives.
- ✓ Loss of our meeting space. We are in the middle of a five year lease on the space and there is no indication of changes to our situation but many of you know that Beach Cities Health District would like to enlarge and improve their campus. That could impact our use of their facilities, at least during their transition.

My goal as president is to understand in more detail what the impact of each of these crises would be and to see that we take whatever practical steps we can to prepare if one of the crises should occur. I hope to finish this by October. In my next newsletter column I will address a preliminary plan for addressing these crises.



DO you love Omnilore as much as I do? Would you give it a like, thumbs up, or leave a 5 star review?

Then maybe you'd be willing to volunteer to be a coordinator or a co-coordinator!

When the time comes to choose your S/DGs for Fall 2019, just check the box for "willing to coordinate". It's easier than getting a new drivers license at the DMV!

And we sure can use your awesome skills. The groups cannot run without both a coordinator and a co-coordinator. It's not hard; I've done it lots of times! If you have never done it, start with co-coordinator; that's a walk in the park.

If you have done it before, keep coming back, Omnilore only works if you work for it!



*Claire Damecour
Head Coordinator*

The Next

INTRODUCING OMNILORE MEETINGS:

L8 Tuesday, June 18th - 10:00 a.m.

L8 Friday, July 12th - 10:00 a.m.

Help Spread the Word! RSVP 310-370-2494



Omniole Profile: Edna (Eddy) Bay and Tom Galbraith

by Judy Bayer—with a lot of help from Eddy Bay

Tom Galbraith and Eddy Bay have known each other since 1965 but did not get married until 2010, some 45 years after they met. Their joke is that they had a long courtship, though the truth is a bit more complicated.

Tom was born in Brooklyn, one of six children, three boys and three girls. He grew up in Queens and attended St. John's University, graduating with an English major. Eddy grew up in small-town Dover, Ohio, the youngest of three girls. She earned a BA at Duke and graduated, as did Tom, in 1965. The career possibilities for women in those days were limited, and the Peace Corps had been founded just a few years before, so she joined. Tom was similarly interested in something out of the ordinary so he too signed up. They met in training for an assignment in Malawi, then a little-known Central African country that had recently become independent. Indeed, both remarked that at the time they couldn't find Malawi on a map, since it had previously been known as Nyasaland.

The Peace Corps experience proved life-changing for both. Though they trained to be teachers (Malawi was undergoing a dramatic expansion of secondary education), Tom ended up working in the National Statistics Office, where he helped direct the nation's first population census. He traveled the length of the country organizing census workers and supervising the enumeration. Some 4 million people were counted, a number that has since increased to 18.62 million.

Eddy taught the history of the British Empire in a boarding school that prepared girls for the Cambridge General Certificate of Education, the standard graduation exam in the English-speaking world at the time. English was not the students' native language, yet the girls mastered essay-writing and excelled on the two-day examination, with only two or three of 60 failing to pass.

Both Tom and Eddy returned to the US looking to continue their education in fields inspired by their experience. Tom, who had met and married another Peace Corps volunteer while in Malawi, planned to study economics and enrolled at Kent State University in 1969. Protests against the Vietnam War engulfed the campus and, when a shooting by Ohio National Guardsmen left four students dead in May of 1970, Tom's degree work was effectively short-circuited. He moved with his wife and infant son to California, where he had been accepted for graduate study in economics at U.C. Riverside. However, with a second child on the way and after finding the southern California smog-filled environment uninviting, Tom opted for employment at The Auto Club, where he stayed for 28 years and rose to Manager of Employee Benefits before taking early retirement in 1998.

Tom tried a series of retirement "careers." He became a substitute teacher but found it very difficult because he lacked the necessary training. He tried longshoring -- driving trucks, unloading ships, lashing, and tying containers down on ships, a



physically demanding job. He and his wife had wanted a second stint in the Peace Corps but initially could not be accepted because of health issues. Eventually they were accepted for a Romanian project. Tom was there for nine months: three months training and the remaining time as a business consultant.

Meanwhile, Eddy moved to Boston and enrolled in a Ph.D. program in African history at Boston University. She specialized in the West African country of Benin, writing her first book about gender, politics and culture in the kingdom of Dahomey, which was famed for its army of women. She followed that with a study of funerary sculpture in the same area, and more broadly wrote articles and edited books on women and development, gender, and art. She spent most of her career (1980-2010) at Emory University, where she became professor

of interdisciplinary and African Studies.

Though never in touch between the 1960s and 2007, Tom and Eddy's interests were remarkably parallel. Both were avid runners. Tom competed in ultra-distance events, including the Western States 100, multiple marathons and other challenging races, while Eddy was a member of the women's competitive team of the Atlanta Track Club and an active race organizer and volunteer. Both enjoyed the out-of-doors, and travel was a pleasure for each.

In late 2007, a member of their former Peace Corps group began organizing a reunion to be held on his farm in New Hampshire. As emails flowed in search of group members and their addresses, Tom and Eddy began corresponding. By then, Tom's wife had passed away and Eddy was divorced. They hadn't had any contact for more than 40 years, but began visits between LA and Atlanta and, by the time of the reunion, greeted their fellow ex-volunteers as a couple. Interestingly, virtually all of the Peace Corps group had entered "helping professions" after their experience abroad: teaching, medicine, psychology, the ministry.

Eddy and Tom married in 2010 when Eddy moved to California. They have explored various endeavors since: dragon-boating in Long Beach, climbing Mt. Whitney, doing a double crossing of the Grand Canyon (hiking south to north rim and back). Tom taught English as a second language in adult programs in San Pedro, while Eddy joined a writing group at the PV library. She researched and began a historical novel about San Pedro, then wrote a mystery set in Malawi. She also volunteers at the Assistance League Post Office. Both work in their gardens: flowers for Tom and vegetables for Eddy.

Travel is a big part of their life, sometimes to visit family, including Tom's children and grandchildren near Yakima, Washington and in Austin, Texas. They visit the east coast to see siblings and keep in touch with Eddy's stepchildren. They have traveled with friends to hike at Machu Picchu and Glacier National Park, bike in Puglia, Italy, "E qp vkp wgf "qp "Ri "6

BARE NECESSITIES REVEALED!

by Judy Bayer

On Thursday, April 25, 2019, an enthusiastic group gathered for Omnilore's Discussion Questions & Presentation Workshop. It was inspiring to see so many new members in attendance complimented by several of our long-standing Omniloreans ready and willing to participate in a great learning and sharing experience.



Elaine Winer

Elaine Winer, the Morning M.C. Extraordinaire, enthusiastically welcomed the group and shared the program agenda followed by **Judy Bayer** who demonstrated Best Practices for a PowerPoint presentation, explaining that "We'd love to hear your long story if you make it short and interesting".

M.J. Kutkus provided a perfect example of a PowerPoint presentation, entitled, *The Fake News Writer Who Took Credit for Trump's Victory* on the history of Paul Horner.

A creative alternative to using a PowerPoint Presentation was given by **Carol Wingate** who had us all up and taking deep breaths as we worked to improve the flow of oxygen to our brains, a formula for continued healthy mental acuity.

Bringing many back to their comfort zone, **Elaine** used a desktop presenter to illustrate the best practices of organization, preparation, eye contact, and practice.

Carolyn Pohlner demonstrated using the desktop presenter to describe the movie, *Bend it Like Beckham*, that included many compelling photographs, and as was said, "One picture is worth a thousand words."

It was stressed that for one's presentation, the use of PowerPoint or the desktop presenter, a demonstration or other method of instruction was not as important as their thoughtful preparation, the enjoyment of the process, and connection with their audience.

Following our presentation demonstrations, **Don Tlougan** led the group through a discussion of the best practices in creating discussion questions, giving us examples of excellent, open-ended inquiries. He distributed a short article about driverless cars for all to read. You can imagine the enthusiastic, highly charged discussion question examples that followed. The responses generated lots of dialogue with clever analysis and insight.



Rose Kolas and Jean Custer

Many thanks to all who participated in the workshop preparation including the presenters, along with **Frank Pohlner** for putting together our master PowerPoint, **Jean Custer** for the delicious snacks, **Frank Reiner** and **Carolyn Pohlner** for reaching out to new members, and **Johan Smith** who generated publicity through email messages, flyers, and gentle reminders.

The emphasis during the morning was that creating a presentation should be fun, educational, and a good kind of challenge.

There are many resources both on the Omnilore website and with Omnilore member/mentors who are available to help. The buzz during the break and following the end of the workshop was a good sign that all who attended were enthusiastic, engaged and involved.



Don Tlougan

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and in southern Portugal. This past winter, they wanted to see a production of Donizetti's "Daughter of the Regiment" at the Met in New York and to get there, they took a 19-day cruise through the Panama Canal. Even when home, Tom is always on the move, hiking trails in the South Bay and taking frequent summer trips to the Eastern Sierra.

Both joined Omnilore several years ago. Eddy observes that "it's a brilliant idea, but its greatest strength is its greatest weakness. The only way to learn something is to explain it to someone else. Teaching is not easy, particularly for someone who has never taught. Yet Omnilore has figured out how to help people impart learning by arranging workshops to help participants develop good presentations and study/discussion questions." Having never studied Shakespeare, Eddy has come to love the Shakespeare class, where the ham in her has emerged. We all saw a bit of that at her Halloween appearance as Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia—see picture on the right.

Of Omnilore Tom says, "There are three hundred people involved who seem to be very enthusiastic; it is stimulating to their lives; they enjoy it. Everyone needs to do his or her thing." Tom has made very well received presentations at the Canterbury in Rolling Hills Estates based on his Omnilore classes. The research and preparation – the learning experience, he says - is the best part. "If you are going to participate, it should be 100%. You bring yourself into the program."



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As soon as Maud learned that MGM was adapting her late husband's book for the screen, the seventy-seven-year-old began to finagle her way onto the set. She felt she was the only person who could assist the producers in staying true to the spirit of the book. It was 1938, a tough time in the movie industry, with Louis B. Mayer (LB) investigating ways to make money rather than magic. One movie that did not escape his review was the 1937 financially successful movie: *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. LB liked the Disney film and its use of animation but he decided he wanted to make a fantasy film with real people in *The Wizard of Oz*. *The Wizard of Oz* had been a very well known book for 38 years. It was published in 1900 and became a huge success for L. Frank Baum, with some nine million readers.

According to *The Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy was six years old. Mayer's first pick for the role was Shirley Temple but she was unable to accept the role due to scheduling conflicts. LB was also interested in a twelve year old, Judy Garland, but everyone thought she was too old for the part. Judy wasn't a beautiful girl but she had the voice. LB selected her for the role. When the movie first came out the box office receipts were just ok, until the competition was considered: *Gone with the Wind*. In 1954, the film was shown on television for the first time, receiving lots of enthusiasm. Soon it became an annual event; from 1954 to the mid 1980s people watched it repeatedly, and many could recite lines from it.

When Elizabeth Letts' son was growing up she read *The Wizard of Oz* to him. She found new meaning in it. It was a clever and funny book. It raised her



*Bob Mallano, Forum Chair,
with Elizabeth Letts*

curiosity about L. Frank Baum. She decided to research the author, soon learning that the book had been dedicated to Maud Baum. In Elizabeth Letts' research, she found a book with a photo of Maud at 78 years old on the set with Judy Garland. She wondered what happened to Maud? Was Maud a paid consultant or a volunteer on the film? How did she get the courage to go to Louie B. Mayer to insist that women's rights be given strength in the film? In the author's research she found that Maud was just as involved as her husband in demonstrating values for women.

Frank believed Oz was a real place, and he loved kids. Maud, on the other hand, loved Dorothy. Letts came to realize who held the power in *The Wizard of*

Oz. It was Dorothy. This is a story of female empowerment. With this remarkable revelation, Elizabeth Letts concluded her talk and graciously engaged the audience in a question and answer period.

1. *What was the relationship between Maud and Judy Garland like?*

There is not much written about their relationship so this part of the book is fiction interwoven with Letts perception of their relationship.

2. *Were you looking to write historical fiction from the outset?*

Yes, I believed that this story is better served by fiction, though there is a significant amount of historical research in the book.

3. *Was Maud a buffer between Judy Garland and her mother?*

Judy Garland's mother was known to be a horrible stage mother. It was well known that Judy could pull in large audiences to a movie, but she was paid much less than other actors because she was a child. Judy's family relied on her to bring in the income they needed. Judy's mom followed the instructions the studios gave her to manage Judy. She was given pills to help her sleep, to wake her up and to perform. All of these tactics were employed to protect the money.

By the way, did you notice Ms. Letts was wearing Dorothy's magic shoes?



Update on the Outreach Program

by Dale Korman, Outreach Coordinator

The Omnilore Outreach Project thanks **Tom Galbraith** for his music presentation at The Canterbury. Having dinner with **Diana Cutler** and her friends is always a wonderful perk. **H.E. Kamiya** is scheduled next. However, after him, there are no presentations pending. If you would like to come "on board" and be part of the Outreach Team, please, give me a call. As I have always said, "This is a win-win for Omnilore and for the residents at the Canterbury."

Hope to hear from you soon!

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*Dean, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
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By Hamoud Salhi, Guest Writer

Let's Celebrate!

A lot of things are happening at the College of Extended and International Education. It is graduation time, and we are in full swing celebrating the accomplishments of our graduating seniors and planning for our students' and community's success. This mixture is one that can't be beat! We are excited by *the now* and *the future*.

Earlier this month, the division of International Education held its annual graduation ceremony for 30 students graduating with bachelors and masters degrees. Also honored were 15 students from our California State University Exchange program who spent two full semesters taking courses on our campus. In recognition of their achievement, each exchange student received a Skills Award certificate for outstanding performance in their respective major.

As many of our international students prepare to go home, some for good, others for vacation time, we also find a growing number busy with stay-cation plans in the United States. Apparently, they like it here and want to spend time off from classes immersing themselves in our country's multicultural environment. For these students, summer vacation is an opportunity to enrich their lives and enhance their learning experience. This sentiment was perfectly captured by one of our Earth Science students, who instead of returning back home last summer, stayed to visit the Grand Canyon. In describing her trip, she told me that the views were the most amazing and majestic she had ever seen, noting the importance of working to preserve natural wonders,

not just in the US but worldwide.

Impressed by this student's experience, I thought I would check-in and follow up. I wanted to know if she has acted on the importance of preserving nature as she had expressed. To my delight, she has put action to words, and is actively involved in the Green Party, rallying support and lobbying legislatures to do more for the environment. Her biggest moment in the US, you ask? Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity in Culver City – an event we organized for international students as part of their students' services activities.

But our domestic students are not to be outdone. They, too, are up for new adventures, readying themselves to experience the life of studying abroad. Throughout this year, a dozen of our faculty took time away from their teaching to plan study abroad courses. Dedicated to serving students, these faculty made sure that students not only have ample opportunities to experience learning while travelling, but equally ensured that student learning took place in a safe environment. And Stolat, Bulgaria was an ideal situation for student learning!

Our hosts in Bulgaria are "Stone and Compass," a global education, ecotourism, scientific and cultural retreat. Aside from providing top-notch, high quality services for study abroad programs, what's even more impressive about this company is that owner, Robert Goodwin, is a proud graduate of California State University, Dominguez Hills. After earning a bachelor's degree in Anthropology, Robert moved to Bulgaria (an exciting story in and of itself!) with a plan to start a promising new life as an entrepreneur. As soon as his business started to take shape, Robert, in true Toro spirit, remembered the experiences that sowed the seeds of his success. He looked back to his community, his mentors, faculty and university and decided to give back, often more than he could, to those who helped him make a difference in his life. When you hear Robert talk about Dominguez Hills, faculty and what DH means to him (then and now), your heart beats with joy for the love and respect he has for our campus community. Thanks to his generosity, over a hundred of our students and more than a dozen faculty have spent at least a week in Stolat, Bulgaria.

I could go on about the impact that Study Abroad has on our students. Indeed, this positive educational outcome has not escaped our Dean's attention. Carrying out program logistics, including travel documentation, course approval, and registration are all done in Extended Education. The College's commitment to this program makes possible the sort of cultural enrichment that our students, many of whom are first in their family to attend college, and depend on summer jobs to pay for school, would not otherwise have within their reach.

And yes, you can tell, our college is celebrating. Last month, CEIE held several events to honor our graduating class. As an example, the college organized an appreciation day event for graduating students with staff and administrators sharing their success. At the same time, we are gearing up for the start of spring intersession, summer classes, and the study abroad programs in Bulgaria, Thailand and Guatemala. To that end, the college held several workshops for professional development designed to provide continuing education across all ages in support of career advancement and life-long learning.

This is what we do at CSUDH; always seeking the best for our students, both international and domestic and our community members, younger and older -- we aim to serve them well. For all of these accomplishments, we have much to celebrate this time. Go Toros!



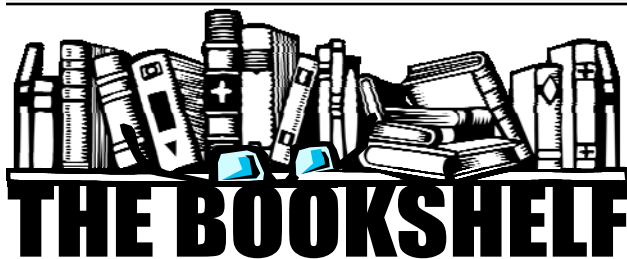
*Hamoud Salhi, PhD.
Associate Dean of
International Education &
Senior International Officer*

Some Smiles from the April Forum





1. Linda Feldman & Elaine Pro-zucki; 2. Diana Cutler & Nina Landis (sisters); 3. Marty Leveille; 4. Suzanne Weitz & Ruth Bloland; 5. Howard & Dale Korman flank Yvette Reiner; 6. Vickie Volchok & Gloria Dumais who made centerpieces, one held by Dale, above; 7. John & Lynn Taber; 8. Jean Custer (VP Academics), Leslie Scheettler & Joann Bailey; 9. Don Tlougan (VP Administration); 10. Patricia & Jay Edie; 11. Linda Jensen & Marilyn Brashear; 12. Jim Slattery (Technology Chair) and Steve Miller (President); 13. Gail & Connie Siegel (our snow birds from PA); 14. Jade Suzanne Neely above Patti Laney, seated.



Brief Answers to the Big Questions by Stephen Hawking is his last book, his final message to humanity. In this he explores questions important to him and most other people: Is there a God? How did the Universe begin? Is there other intelligent life in the cosmos? Can we predict the future? Is time travel possible? Should we colonize space? Will artificial Intelligence (AI) outsmart us? etc. Hawking is not an expert in most of these areas but he's thought about them deeply and has interesting points of view. This volume represents one brilliant per-

son's answers to these questions and will provide food for thought.

Drug Lord, by Doug Casey and John Hunt: Imagine Adam Smith and Mickey Spillane getting together to write a thriller, fusing *The Wealth of Nations* and *I, the Jury*. They could call it *Pulp Faction*.

I can imagine it; the two shared a vision, Smith giving credit for material progress to the "invisible hand", while the Mick put a gun in it (during the cold war he has an agent fighting Communism in his own unique style, working for a mysterious capitalist millionaire). Spillane was giving readers the "vicaries" they wanted, while championing the free market he did so well in.

Drug Lord is like that. It's the second in a

planned series of novels. In the first book, *Speculator*, the hero discovers a gold mining hoax in fictional Gondwana. He shorts the company and makes \$200 million, while foiling a revolution that was aimed at covering up the fraud. Unfortunately for him, an unholy alliance of the IRS and SEC results in his losing most of his gains.

In this book, the authors tackle another unholy alliance, Big Pharma and the FDA, with their own alliance of ideas and action. It features the same hero, back after sailing solo for the seven years it took for the statute of limitations on his "crimes" to run out.

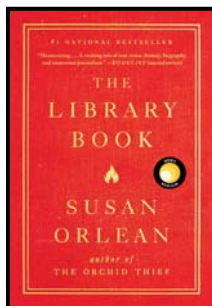
Book suggestions from Omnioleans make this column work. Thanks to Dan Stern and Rich Mansfield for contributing to this month's list.

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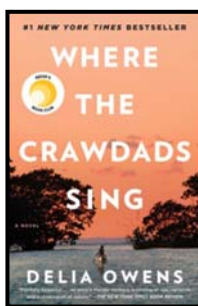
Best Sellers SIG Reads for Spring

by Patricia Edie & Cindy Eggert

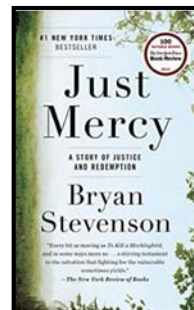
Calling all "Readers!" Omniole's Best Sellers Special Interest Group continues to meet each month, at 12 noon, on the second Monday of the month in L8 of the Beach Cities Health Center to discuss the chosen book for the month. We alternate each month between various works of fiction and non-fiction. The discussion is always lively and interesting! Upcoming dates and book selections for spring 2019 are:



Monday,
May 13:
Non-Fiction
The Library Book
by Susan Orlean



Monday,
June 10:
Fiction
Where the Crawdads Sing
by Delia Owens



Monday,
July 8:
Non-Fiction
Just Mercy
by Bryan Stevenson

As with any SIG, you do not need to register to participate...just show up on the date prepared to participate. We always have interesting and stimulating discussions! Guests are always welcomed.



Computer Talks

May 23rd - Cancelled



June 27th - Noon to 1:00 p.m. - L8

Presented by Patricia Edie

The Basics of Facebook

In today's world of instant communication more people are turning to social media to be "in the know" and to stay in touch with family and friends. But it doesn't come without some risks! It is a trade off between ACCESS and PRIVACY. Is there a sweet spot in between the two? Our Computer Talk in June, presented by Patricia Edie, will be an introduction to the social media giant, Facebook. We will look at the pros and cons and then for those who want to use it, how to set up your account so that it gives you the level of privacy that you can live with while allowing you to share items and news with others.



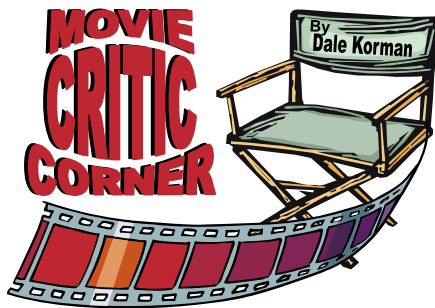
OMNILORE CALENDAR 2019

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	12	Mothers Day
	13	Best Sellers Book Group—12 noon-1 p.m., L8
	14	AED Training
	16	Evaluation Committee—10:30 a.m.-12 Noon, L9
	21	AED Training
	23	May Computer Talk Cancelled
	27	Memorial Day
	31	AED Training
June	10	Best Sellers Book Group—12 noon-1 p.m., L8
	13	Board of Directors Meeting—12 Noon-1:30 p.m., L8
	14	Walking Group—10 a.m. (Hermosa Beach Green Belt; details to be e-mailed)
	15	Input Deadline for July-August 2019 Newsletter
	16	Fathers Day
	18	Introducing Omnilore Meeting—10:00 a.m., L8
	20	Evaluation Committee—10:30 a.m.-12 Noon, L9
	27	Computer Talk—12 noon-1 p.m., L8 (<i>The Basics of Facebook</i> ; see article, page 9, Patricia Edie)
July	12	Introducing Omnilore Meeting—10:00 am., L8



2019 Forums
 Winter—January 31st
 Spring—April 30th
 Summer—July 31st
 Annual Mtg.—October 31st

IMPORTANT:
 Calendar changes and additions
 are scheduled with Sharon Bohner
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As was reported in the Daily Breeze recently, "Avengers Endgame" has reached the \$2 billion record in its global domination at the box office. (Sinking "The Titanic" as the top grossing movie)

Perhaps your interest in seeing this movie has spiked your curiosity, and you are considering going to see what all the hype is about. Doing a little bit of homework beforehand may help appreciate the story line better, since the movie opens with "Infinity's" surviving superheroes. Watch this first. And, if you have time, check out some of the other superhero flicks.

Entertainment Weekly writes, "With nothing less than the fate of the free world at stake, there's an expected urgency" upon the shoulders of such superheroes as Tony Stark, Black Widow, Thor, Captain Marvel, Ant-Man, Captain America, Hulk and their confrontation with ubervillain, antihero, Thanos.

Directors Joe and Anthony Russo promise many things for the audiences: revenge, redemption, a three-hour run-time, and an underlying melancholy, all which will surprise us. After 11 years and 22 films, the endgame of an era has finally come. Perhaps you will agree that it's time to experience the thrills, tears, and triumphs of seeing Iron Man and the rest of the superheroes assemble for one last adventure together.

Perhaps you would like to join me at the movies and become a film critic partner?

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Movie Goers Special Interest Group

Once again, it has been a challenge to choose a movie that meets our expectations of being worthwhile. At this moment in time, future movies have not created enough interest for us to meet. However, keep contacting the Omnilore Website to see the latest information concerning the SIG.

And, if you have suggestions, please give me a "buzz".

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