

OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES PRESENTS

2021 NEA BIG READ

Thursday, March 11th @ 5:00 pm

Meet Jennifer Ackerman



Jennifer Ackerman has been writing about nature and science for three decades. Her most recent book, *The Bird Way: A New Look at How Birds Talk, Work, Play, Parent, and Think* has been called "Splendid and spellbinding" and "An enthralling study of the avian world" by reviewers.

Thursday, April 15th @ 7:00 pm

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*.

Thursday, May 6th @ 7:00 pm

In Conversation with Lori Gottlieb, author of *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*



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.

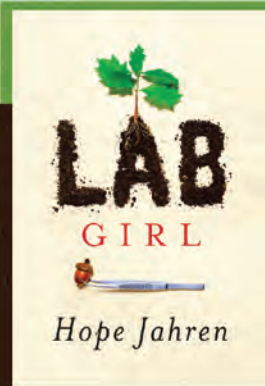
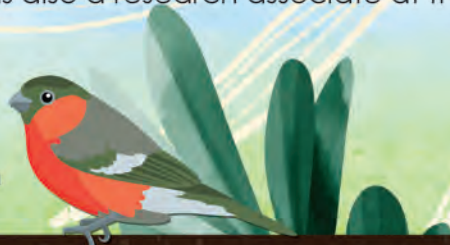
Thursday, May 20th @ 7:00 pm

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.

Register for Author Events at:
beatriz.preciado@occr.ocgov.com



NEA BIG READ IS A PROGRAM OF THE
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Welcome from OC Public Libraries!

OC Public Libraries is proud to participate in the 2021 NEA Big Read. The title we have selected is *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. 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. Join us for a variety of activities including STEM programs and author events. Registration is required, contact information is located under program descriptions.

– Julie Quillman, County Librarian

Kick-Off Event: Lavender Lemonade

Wednesday, March 3rd – Saturday, March 6th

Make your very own lavender lemonade. Recipe and lavender available for curbside pick up at Garden Grove Main, Tustin and Laguna Beach Library. Join us for a virtual lemonade demonstration and feel free to tag us on social media while you make and sip your delicious lemonade!

Register at: samantha.smith@occr.ocgov.com



Virtual Book Club Meetings

Join us for a discussion of *Lab Girl*. Copies of the book are available at each library for you to check out prior to the discussion. Email branch contact to register.

For eaudiobook please visit OCPL Overdrive.

Wednesday, February 10th @ 5:30 pm
Laguna Beach Library Book Group
nelda.stone@occr.ocgov.com

Monday, March 15th @ 6:00 pm
LTK Library Book Group
lisa.brooks@occr.ocgov.com

Wednesday, April 21st @ 11:00 am
Katie Wheeler Library Book Group
helen.bui@occr.ocgov.com

Thursday, February 11th @ 10:30 am
Dana Point Library Book Group
laura.blasingham@occr.ocgov.com

Saturday, March 20th @ 10:00 am
Ladera Ranch Library Book Group
rebecca.porter@occr.ocgov.com

Wednesday, April 28th @ 10:00 am
San Clemente Library Book Group
joshua.hartell@occr.ocgov.com

Tuesday, February 16th @ 10:30 am
Aliso Viejo Library Book Group
joyce.peng@occr.ocgov.com

Saturday, March 27th @ 2:00 pm
Mesa Verde Library Book Group
katherine.raison@occr.ocgov.com

Thursday, May 4th @ 6:00 pm
Tibor Rubin Library Book Group
jeanette.espinosa@occr.ocgov.com

Thursday, February 18th @ 1:00 pm
Cypress Library Book Group
isabel.stevens@occr.ocgov.com

Monday, April 13th @ 11:00 am
Garden Grove Main Library Book Group
bethia.sheeanwallace@occr.ocgov.com

Thursday, May 13th @ 10:15 am
Stanton Library Book Group
andrea.sepulveda@occr.ocgov.com

Thursday, March 4th @ 10:30 am
Foothill Ranch Library Book Group
stella.carruth@occr.ocgov.com

Wednesday, April 14th @ 3:00 pm
Heritage Park Library Book Group
mary.pezzetti@occr.ocgov.com

Thursday, May 20th @ 6:00 pm
La Palma Library Book Group
joanna.oyzon@occr.ocgov.com

Tuesday, March 9th @ 5:30 pm
San Juan Capistrano Library Book Group
marilyn.diebold@occr.ocgov.com

Thursday, May 27th @ 10:00 am
Seal Beach Library Book Group
amy.johnson@occr.ocgov.com



Explore the Outdoors

Register at: cyrise.smith@occr.ocgov.com

Saturday, March 6th @ 11:00 am

Explore Upper Newport Bay

In this virtual tour of the Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve, visit one of California's last coastal salt marshes and discover the amazing and unique organisms living there.

Saturday, March 13th @ 11:00 am

Nature Journaling Virtual Workshop

Journaling is a great way to learn some basic observational skills and explore the art of creative writing. This program is geared to adult learners, but all ages are welcome.

Saturday, April 3rd @ 11:00 am

Virtual Hike of Caspers Wilderness Park

Join OC Parks staff for a virtual hike at Ronald W. Caspers Wilderness Park. The park offers a variety attractions including hiking and equestrian trails.

Saturday, May 1st @ 11:00 am

Discover Carbon Canyon Regional Park

Carbon Canyon is home to Orange County's only grove of coastal redwoods. Join us for a virtual tour as we explore this unique grove.

"Each beginning is the end of a waiting.

We are each given exactly one chance to be.

Each of us is both impossible and inevitable.

Every replete tree was first a seed that waited."

— Hope Jahren, *Lab Girl*



NEA Little Big Read

Wednesday, March 10th at 5:30 pm

Books & Bites Virtual Book Group and Author Talk with Leslie Bulion.

Join the Books & Bites 3rd – 5th grade book group as they meet with author Leslie Bulion to talk about her children's poetry and science books! Participants should be in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade.

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Saturday, March 20th @ 11:00 am

Meet Ruth Spiro

Join us for a virtual visit with Ruth Spiro, the author of innovative books for children on the topics of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) including the *Baby Loves* board books. samantha.smith@occr.ocgov.com

Saturday, April 17th @ 11:00 am

Meet Peter Brown

Peter Brown is the *New York Times* bestselling author of many popular children's books including *The Wild Robot*. samantha.smith@occr.ocgov.com

BioNerds welcomes children in grades K-8th for fun and hands-on STEM activities.

Pre-recorded videos will be released on Tuesday at 5:00 pm and be available for a one-week period.

March 2nd: *Plants: Know Your Greens!*
(Seed germination kits available at all OC Public Libraries locations, while supplies last)

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*

Register at:

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Lectures

Tuesday, March 2nd @ 6:30 pm

Small Space Gardening

Join the Master Gardeners of Orange County as they present how to garden in small spaces.

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Tuesday, April 6th @ 6:30 pm

Succulents

The Master Gardeners of Orange County will present how to cultivate succulents.

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Tuesday, April 27th @ 6:00 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.

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Tuesday, May 4th @ 6:30 pm

Edible Landscaping

The Master Gardeners of Orange County will share tips and best practices for planting and caring for your own edible landscape.

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Casa Romantica Partner Events

Saturday, April 3rd @ 10:30 am

Book Chat in the Gardens

Lab Girl book club discussion in the seaside garden in the morning.

Sunday, May 2 @ 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Garden Community Day

Free garden tours including garden sensory station for kids and gardening crafts.

March-May, Every Tuesday from 3:30 pm-5:00 pm

Casa Kids' Club

Weekly free STEAM based activities and crafts for children ages 5-12. Last sign in of the day is at 4:00 pm.

**Sign-ups required for Casa Romantica Partner Events,
Please call Casa Romantica at 949-498-2139 to reserve your spot.**



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