

Jerold D Kappel, CEO
The Library Foundation of Newport Beach



Memo

To: Library Trustees
From: Jerold D Kappel, CEO
Date: August 10, 2026
Re: Library Foundation Report

1. **Governance and Management:** There was no July board meeting.
 - a. The next meeting will be on Monday, August 24 in the Friends Room.
 - b. As of August 1, Dev Ghose will be the Foundation Board Treasurer. Marilyn Krahe remains as Chair, Mireya Llauro as Vice Chair, and Paul Watkins as Secretary.
 - c. The audit is underway.
2. **Development:** The annual Library Leadership Reception for donors at the Library Leadership Circle and above (\$1,000 plus), Library Trustees and staff leadership, and City leaders will be held on Wednesday, September 30 in the Stahr Courtyard. This special donor recognition has not been held since 2024 because of the courtyard construction and restriction on the number of people in the Friends Room.
3. **Programming**
 - a. The Foundation will present three special lectures this coming season. On August 13 the Foundation will present a special Library Live lecture as part of Newport Beach Art Week. Tim Grieving will present *John Williams: A Composers Life*. The Newport Beach Film Festival will promote the event.
 - i. On November 10, under a new program name, The Library Foundation Presents, Walter Stahr will introduce his newly published biography on *William Howard Taft: A Great American Life*. This will be a free event. Another Library Foundation Presents is in the planning stage. It will be held in the Spring.
 - b. For the 2026-2027 season the Library will present three special donor events (Witte Hall Grand Opening, Library Leadership Reception, Summer Solstice Celebration), three Library Foundation Presents special lectures, eight Witte Lectures (4 weekends), four Library Live author lectures, four free Spotlight on Science lectures, nine Book Discussions, 12 Financial Workshops, and eight Medicine in Our Backyard lectures. That is a total of 51 events presented by the Library Foundation, 34 of which are free events open to the public.
4. **Witte Hall:** the Library Foundation marketed Witte Hall as a rental facility in the Orange County Business Journal Giving Guide, in Bookmark Magazine, and in the Inaugural Season Program Book. Because of the Foundation's high profile as regards Witte Hall, staff continually get calls from organizations wanting to rent the Hall. We direct them to the Recreation and Senior Services Department.