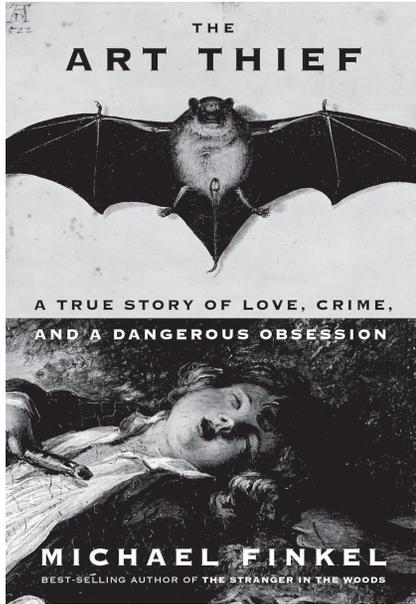


## One County One Book 2025

**One County One Book** is a program of Ventura County Library which aims to engage the community around a common narrative to spark conversation and foster connection. The 2025 One County, One Book program is generously sponsored by the Ventura County Library Foundation. This year's community reading selection is:

**The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession** by Michael Finkel.



From the official description:

"The Art Thief chronicles one of the most outrageous crime sprees in history: In the late 1990s and early 2000s, Stéphane Breitwieser stole from more than 200 museums and galleries across Europe, amassing a collection worth an estimated \$2 billion. He never resorted to violence – his audacious thefts all occurred during daylight hours, most with the aid of his girlfriend, Anne-Catherine Kleinklaus, who served as lookout.

And unlike nearly every other art thief, Breitwieser did not steal for money. He displayed his treasures in a secret lair where he and his girlfriend could admire them. Yet even more astounding than his crimes are the spectacular events that brought everything crashing down."

Copies of **The Art Thief** will be available to borrow at all branches and eBook and eAudio copies are available through cloudLibrary. Local branches will host book discussions in September and early October.

The **Hill Road Library Book Club** will discuss *The Art Thief* at the September meeting at Hill Road Library on **Tuesday, September 30, 4:00 to 5:00 pm**.

**Saticoy Library** hosts a discussion of *The Art Thief* on **Saturday, October 4, 10:30 to 11:30 am**.

This year's program will conclude with a special event featuring author and journalist **Michael Finkel** in the Pavilion at the Museum of Ventura County

**Saturday, October 11 at 2:00 pm**

No reservations are required, and the event is free and open to the public.

## Ventura County Library Foundation presents *Books, Butterflies and the Botanical Garden* Sunday, October 19, 12:00 to 4:00 pm at the Ventura Botanical Garden

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Sunday, October 19, 2025  
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FEATURING  
**Woody Woodburn,**  
Author of *The Butterfly Tree*  
Ventura County Star Columnist

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| <b>Jana Johnson, Ph.D.</b><br>Moorpark College &<br>Lead Biologist<br>The Endangered Butterfly Project | <b>Self Guided Garden Tour</b><br>Book Signing<br>Desserts, Raffles<br>Gift Shop |
| <b>Joe Cahill</b><br>Executive Director<br>Ventura Botanical Gardens                                   | <b>\$40 Advanced Registration</b><br>by October 17                               |
| <b>Dallas Woodburn</b><br>Award Winning YA author  | <b>\$50 at the Door</b>  |

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Guests will enjoy inspiring presentations from  
**Woody Woodburn:** acclaimed author and columnist  
**Dallas Woodburn:** author, editor, book coach & podcaster  
**Dr. Jana Johnson:** Lead Biologist of The Endangered Butterfly Project  
**Joe Cahill:** CEO of the Botanical Gardens.  
Short programs are scheduled at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm, followed by Q&A.

The noon to 4 p.m. event includes self-guided tours of the five distinct Mediterranean climate zones of the world, raffles, desserts, and book signing of Woody's *The Butterfly Tree*, as well as daughter Dallas Woodburn's young adult fiction novels.

This fundraiser showcases the Ventura County Library Foundation's mission to expand access to books, technology, and educational opportunities across Ventura County.

**\$40 per ticket – advanced registration \$50 per ticket at door.**

Purchase tickets at

<https://www.vclibraryfoundation.org/events/>