

## **Ojai Reads Panelists Identified**

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Kenley Neufeld, Chairman of the Ojai Valley Green Coalition Transportation Committee has announced panelists for the 'Ojai Reads' book discussion gathering on June 10<sup>th</sup> 7 pm at the Ojai Library. Lester Brown's book, Plan B 3.0, will be the first in a series of books whose subject matter centers on the environment. A discussion by expert panelists will be followed by small discussion groups facilitated by discussion leaders.

Panelist Todd Cossairt is the Director of Sustainability at Besant Hill School. He is developing and implementing a collaborative community sustainability general plan, integrating 500 acres of developed and preserved open space at the school.

Panelist Warren Brush is a Certified Permaculture Designer and co-founder of the Quail Springs Learning Oasis and Permaculture Farm in the Cuyama Valley.

Panelist Geoff Wardle is an automotive engineer and designer. As director of Advanced Mobility Research for the Art Center College of Design, he is interested in the future of transportation and complex systems.

This new collaborative community reading program is also sponsored by the Ojai Valley Library Friends and Foundation, the Ojai Library, and Local Hero Books. The reading period began on April 13<sup>th</sup> and will go through June 10<sup>th</sup>.

The book is available at the Ojai Library for borrowing and at the Local Hero bookstore in the Arcade for a discounted price of \$15. A free 'Ojai Reads' bookmark is available at both locations. The book can also be downloaded for free at the Earth Policy Institute, <http://www.earthpolicy.org>.

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