

## TORRANCE'S HOMETOWN HERO

Louis Zamperini went from being a juvenile delinquent in Torrance to a high school, college, and Olympic track star. A child of immigrants, he was often in trouble with the authorities, until a police officer suggested that he use his fleet feet for sport instead of mischief. By the end of high school in Torrance, Zamperini had become a world-class runner, setting a world high school record in the mile. He qualified to run on the 1936 Olympic team by



**Torrance's hometown hero at the 1998 Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan**

tying the world record holder in the 5000-meter run. In 1936, at the Olympic Games in Berlin, he was America's top finisher in the event. During WWII, he joined the Air Force and was shot down over the Pacific Ocean and captured by the Japanese. 62 years later, he was invited by the people of Japan, his former WWII captors, to carry the torch at the 1998 Olympic Games.



**Torrance Public Library  
Foundation**  
1605 Acacia Avenue  
Torrance CA 90501  
Tel. 310-651-5230  
E-mail—TPLF2012@gmail.com

### Our Mission

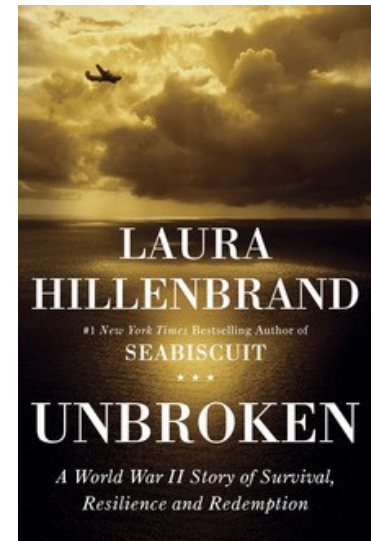
*The mission of the Torrance Public Library Foundation is to raise funds to enhance and develop present and future generations by creating and maintaining a premier library system.*

### Board Members

Keri Gilbert, President  
Kurt Weideman, Vice President  
Susan Rhilinger, Secretary and  
Torrance Councilmember  
Lola Ungar, Communications  
Helen Nowatka  
Tara Unverzagt

*You are invited...*  
**ONE BOOK  
ONE CITY**  
*The City of Torrance reads together*

**Torrance Public Library  
Foundation**  
Tel. 310-651-5230



**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday, April 28, 2012**  
**Meet Louis Zamperini**  
**Toyota Auto Museum, Torrance**  
**See invitation inside**  
**and RSVP today!**

# ONE BOOK/ONE CITY *The City of Torrance reads together*

## Schedule of Events

“Unbroken,” the story of Louis Zamperini’s life, by Laura Hillenbrand will be the catalyst for discussion groups and events throughout the month of April 2012. The Torrance Public Library Foundation is sponsoring a series of events at various branch libraries and other locations throughout the city, culminating in a presentation with Louis

Zamperini on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the Toyota USA Automobile Museum, Torrance.



Zamperini in 1936 from the Torrance Historical Society.

**Torrance Public Library  
Foundation**  
1605 Acacia Avenue  
Torrance CA 90501  
Tel. 310-651-5230  
E-mail—[TPLF2012@gmail.com](mailto:TPLF2012@gmail.com)

**You are invited...**  
**Meet our hero Louis Zamperini**  
**Sat., April 28, 2012**  
**7:00 to 9:00 PM**  
**Toyota USA Automobile Museum**  
**19600 Van Ness Avenue, Torrance 90501**

**\$25**  
**Presentation at 7:00 PM**

**Seating is Limited**  
**Mail your check now to reserve your spot.**  
**Include the number of admissions,**  
**name, address, e-mail, and phone number to:**  
**Torrance Public Library Foundation**  
**(TPLF)**  
**1605 Acacia Avenue**  
**Torrance, CA 90501**  
**Tel. 310-651-5230**  
**E-mail — [TPLF2012@gmail.com](mailto:TPLF2012@gmail.com)**

**Membership Brochure**  
**<http://www.torranceca.gov/Library/19390.htm>**



Mon., April 2, 2012  
**A Game of Lies — Cantrell**  
6:30 PM North Mystery Book Group

Tues., April 3, 2012  
**Snow Falling on Cedars — Guterson**  
10:30 AM El Retiro Group

Wed., April 4, 2012  
**The Man in the High Castle — Dick**  
7:00 PM KGL Sci-Fi Book Group

Thurs., April 12, 2012  
**Killer Smile — Scottoline**  
10:00 AM Henderson Mayhem in the AM

Thurs., April 12, 2012  
**Unbroken — Hillenbrand**  
10:30 AM KGL Biography Group

Sat., April 14, 2012  
**The War Years**  
2:00 PM Western Museum of Flight

Sun., April 15, 2012  
**Zamperini Bus Tour**

Wed., April 25, 2012  
**Unbroken — Hillenbrand**  
4:00 PM Southeast Pages and Pizza Group

Wed., April 25, 2012  
**Louis Zamperini Film**  
7:00 PM KGL

Thurs., April 26, 2012  
**Unbroken — Hillenbrand**  
7:00 PM Southeast Creative Spirit Group

Sat., April 28, 2012  
**Louis Zamperini Presentation**  
7:00 PM Toyota USA Automobile  
Museum