



The Anthemion

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Alameda Free Library

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From the President

The Friends of the Library want to welcome **Kevin Minney** as our new **Library Board Liaison**. Kevin, his wife and daughter are avid readers and frequent the library often. Kevin is a business owner and very much looks forward to getting more deeply involved with the Alameda Free Library. Thank you, Kevin, for volunteering. **Welcome!**

The next Friends-sponsored Art Talk will be **Van Gogh, Gauguin, Cézanne, and Beyond: Post-Impressionist Masterpieces from the Musée d'Orsay** scheduled for **Tuesday evening, October 12 at 7pm**. A docent from the DeYoung Museum will show slides and discuss their art installation from Paris. The library program will be held in the Regina K. Stafford Community Meeting Room at the Alameda Main Library. The presentation will last about one hour and include time for questions and discussion. We had an overflow crowd last time, so plan on arriving early in order to get a seat.

The next **Used Book Sale is October 15-17 at the O' Club at Alameda Point**. The inventory is amazing ...we are busting at the seams with treasures galore! Bring some friends and make it a weekend to remem-

ber. For times and a map to the O' Club, please go to www.friendsalamedafreelibrary.org/book_sales.html. To volunteer please contact adairobert@sbcglobal.net or peter.woods@comcast.net. See you all there!

The next **Live @ the Library Concert** is coming up on **Saturday, October 23 at 8pm**. The performers will be Euphonia featuring Sylvia Herold. Last year, some would-be attendees were unable to attend due to tickets being sold out! Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at the Library Café or online at www.brownpapertickets.com. Don't miss this amazing musical event at the Library!

Soon the Friends will be adding the convenience and security of using **PayPal** for **making donations or paying for annual memberships online**. Our hope is the convenience of being able to use a credit or debit card will spur memberships and donations to the Friends of the Library. Please keep an eye out for it in the next few months at www.friendsalamedafreelibrary.org

See you at the next meeting **Monday October 18 at 7:30PM**. In "Friend"ship,

~Kris Matarrese

Next Friends Meeting

October 18 at 7:30pm, Main Library, 1550 Oak Street, Stafford Conference Room A

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To increase public awareness of the library as an essential part of the community's educational and cultural facilities. To support and cooperate with the library in developing library services and facilities.

Notes from the September Meeting

President Kris Matarrese called the September 20, 2010 regular meeting of the Friends of the Alameda Free Library (FOL) to order at 7:30pm in the Main Library. Sixteen members and all officers were present.

Treasurer: Financial statements for transactions from June through August were presented and accepted. The final \$25,000 payment for branch library furnishings is forthcoming. The Budget Committee plans to meet soon after the October Book Sale.

Membership: Kris Venturini reported that there are 336 members and 154 (46%) are on the e-newsletter list. Thirty-five new memberships have now been added. The "yellow brochure" has been updated.

Café Committee: The Café will no longer accept checks except for Live @ the Library tickets.

Book Sale Committee: A large number of volunteers have signed up to help with the setup; Adair sent around the notebook for everybody to help at other times that weekend. Outreach efforts include advertising in the Hill publications and several e-mail blasts.

Library Board: Kevin Minney was introduced at the meeting (see also the President's report). His nomination as liaison was accepted.

Library Director: Jane Chisaki announced the West End Branch re-opening celebration is scheduled for 10:30 October 26. The re-opening celebrations for both branches will cost a total of approximately \$3000, to be split between the FOL and the AFL Foundation. The FOL approved expending \$1500 for the re-opening celebrations. The Bay Farm Island branch closed September 2nd to remove the collection.

The solar panel project for the Main Library has been approved and is going through the City procurement process. The Library has energy meters available for patrons to borrow and attach to appliances at home to measure electricity use.

The READY TO GO book dispenser is still experiencing software difficulties. The Library is withholding the final payment until the machine runs reliably.

Ongoing Business: President Kris brought more information about using PayPal for donations. The fee is 2.2% as previously mentioned, plus a 30 cent transaction fee. FOL approved adding the PayPal feature to our website for donations and memberships.

Ruth Belikove and Eileen Savel brought an appeal for the [Live @ the Library](#) series: tickets sales have been slow, which is a shame for such a great lineup. They asked FOL for any ideas to boost sales. Ruth also mentioned the Owen Smith exhibit at the Main Library. He will be painting two murals in the West End Branch.

~Marc Lambert

Book Sale Alert

Reminder Book Sale Volunteers: October 15, 16, 17. We, the Book Sale Committee, look forward to meeting you at the O' Club for setup Friday, for The Wild Friday Night, Saturday and The Box & Bag Sale on Sunday. If you have already volunteered, thank you...if you are still in doubt, remember we need you. For without volunteers, the Book Sale could not happen. If you need to check your time or need to know when we still need volunteers, contact Adair at adair@sbclglobal.net or 510-865-0347.

~Adair Jorgensen

Library Director Report

The Alameda Free Library is joining libraries across the State participating in "Snapshot: One Day in the Life of California Libraries" on Tuesday, October 12, 2010. It will show how important academic, public, school, and special libraries and library systems are to the State of California. Snapshot Day has been developed by the California Library Association (CLA).

Our Library will compile statistics, customer comments, photographs, and other data chronicling a typical library day. The results collected at Alameda Free Library will be added to those of other libraries across California by CLA to show how libraries provide invaluable services to California citizens. We look forward to capturing this "day in the life of California libraries" to demonstrate to decision makers the extent that our patrons, customers and future leaders rely on California libraries for critical services, resources and programs - now, more than ever.

~Jane Chisaki

Membership Alert

Renew your Friends Membership for 2011 Yes, it's September already, which means if you renew now, it will count as a renewal for the 2011 year. So don't wait for December, just mark your form on the back of this newsletter and send it in with your applicable check now. E-subscribers (46% of you!): just print the last page of your online form and do the same. *Kris Venturini*

Library Art Corner

The Library is pleased and honored to exhibit the work of local artist Owen Smith whose work will become a part of the art at the West End Branch library. Owen's work is reminiscent of the strong art of the 30's, the same period in which the library building was built. It is an excellent marriage. The paintings will be on display through October 24th. The next Live @ the Library program is scheduled for October 23rd, so attendees at that performance will have Owen's work on view at that time. The program will feature Euphonia, starring Sylvia Herold. The group specializes in folk music.

The exhibit following this is by Jon Kerpel, another local artist, who has participated in many local exhibits. Jon's work is mainly sculpture with an environmental theme. Jon is a valuable member of the Library Art Committee and we are delighted to celebrate his dedication to our cause and that of the need to save the world.

~Ruth Belikove

Foundation Matters

Saturday, Nov. 20: Rick Dougherty of the Kingston Trio will host a cabaret evening of songs from jazz to folk. All concerts are at the Alameda Main Library, Regina K. Stafford Rooms. Doors open at 7:00 pm; concerts @8:00 pm. Light refreshments and R&B Cellars wine available.

Naming Opportunities Benefit the Library

Honor your special person or occasion by naming a shelf or stack in the Main Library. Naming an item in the Library is really giving two gifts in one. Your purchase honors the recipient and also supports the Alameda Free Library. Naming opportunities start at \$100 for a shelf, \$500 for a chair or \$1000 for a stack or table. For larger

donations please see Donor Naming Possibilities at <http://www.alamedalibraryfoundation.org/NamingOpportunities.pdf>.

Branch opportunities just ahead. Additional naming opportunities will be available this fall and next spring as we renovate the branches at West End and Bay Farm. Watch for announcements about new available options.

How to Make a Gift

Donor forms are available:

- on the Alameda Free Library Foundation website, www.alamedalibraryfoundation.org,
- in the Main Library on the bulletin board in

Dewey's Friends Café

- or by calling 510.464.1099.
- A commemorative gift card can be sent to the recipient.

For questions or more information please contact:
Luzanne Engh, info@alamedalibraryfoundation.org or
521-2094

~Luzanne Engh

Next Book Sale:

October 15,16,17



Owen Smith



Post-Impressionists

