



The Anthemion

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Word from the VP

Kris is out of town so thanks to Cindy for filling in with the lead article –Ed.

SPECIAL ALERT!!!!The October Book Sale is this month: October 14-16 at the O' Club at Alameda Point. We can always use more volunteers for all three days. Please contact Adair at adair robert@sbcglobal.net Please promote this event to your friends, neighbors, other organizations and especially the teachers. Share your Friday night tickets with friends and introduce them to the Sale. The event supports so many programs utilized by the community at the local branches.

Just this month, the FOL approved a \$10K budget item for Alameda Reads. Together the Foundation and the FOL are making this program available.

Live @ the Library Concert Series has two programs left in the series: on Oct. 22nd, Wesla Winfield and Amanda King on Nov. 19th. Each program is \$30. Tickets are going fast. (*In fact, the series is sold out –Ed*)

That's all for now. Hope to see you all at the Book Sale!!!!

~ Cindy Silva

Notes from the September Meeting

Vice-President Cindy Silva called the regular meeting of the Friends of the Alameda Free Library (FOL) to order at 7:35 pm in the Main Library. Seventeen members and all officers except the President were present.

Treasurer: John Quick submitted a report of FOL total asset balance standing at \$139,295. John has received the Café budget report and a notice from the Postal Service that local services may be curtailed in the next budget. His report was accepted.

Membership: Jerry Yarbrough was not present and did not forward a report.

Book Sale Committee: Gert Woods reported that they have made up close to 1000 boxes of books for the next Sale, which is the norm for this time before the Sale. John Kennedy has turned over \$500 from shelf sales and reports that on-line sales have netted \$507 in August. He is not certain what the Coast Guard participation in the Book Sale will be; the coordinator he usually is in touch with has been transferred. Adair has filled the Friday morning setup roster but needs more names for the other shifts at the Sale.

Café Committee: Honora Murphy reported that the Café had a successful volunteer picnic. There are new

Next Friends Meeting

October 17 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.

aprons, which have finally corrected all spelling errors found on previous printings. The refrigerator had to be repaired but should still last a long time.

Library Board: Kevin Minney reported the Board is reviewing its five-year plan now that the branch improvement project is done.

In the course of the solar-electric installation, it was discovered that the Library was receiving electric power from one of three lines that was not attached to a meter; the Library will have to pay for the non-metered power over the next year, which mitigates somewhat the initial savings from the solar unit.

Library Director: Jane reports that it now appears quite definite the State Library budget will get no funds this year. The Foundation has approved \$10K for Alameda Reads and she hopes the Friends can do likewise.

The Summer Reading Program end celebration was held August 17; about 350 readers, parents and dignitaries were in attendance. This is the largest group thus far. All public and private schools were numbered among the readers, and there were even 35 home-school kids who participated this summer. The Library has received a \$10K grant for digital learning.

The staff has put together its request for the year totalling \$34K, which was given to the Budget Committee for consideration. Two longtime staff are retiring in the next two months; two full-time technician positions will open up. Staff are also developing ideas for the Main Library's fifth anniversary celebration in November. There are several events planned for November 2nd, the day the Library opened, including a Koss-Evanosky presentation on the development of the new Main. One idea for the anniversary is to have a "giving tree" with wrapped books for patrons to donate to the collection.

The READY TO GO machine still is presenting problems; parts have been swapped with still little improvement in performance and continued difficulties working with the folks in Germany. And the Main elevator has had to undergo significant repairs, again with parts from Germany; its final inspection is due this week.

AFL Foundation: Luzanne Engh reports the Live @ the Library series is sold out; tickets are being pulled from sale points. All were thanked for pushing the shows. John Quick and Marc will represent the Friends and Alameda Reads at the shows. The date for the extravaganza with Frederica von Stade at the Alameda Theater has been set for February 25, 2012 (time not yet set). The Foundation has set itself the goal to raise \$50K by the end of the year.

Ongoing Business: The Budget Committee reported back that there was \$2K unobligated in this year's budget as well as the \$10K in undesignated funds. The FOL approved \$10K to support Alameda Reads this year.

New Business: Jo Winzenread presented the officer slate from the Nominating Committee. Nominees are Cindy Silva President, Kate Quick Vice-President, Bill Gibb Treasurer, and Marc Lambert Secretary. Election will be at the November meeting to take office in January.

The Library-Schools Liaison Linda Valler has two programs lined up: a teacher happy hour on October 13 and Walter the Giant Storyteller for November 3. Cindy and Jo will provide help from FOL.

~ Marc Lambert

Book Sale Alert

Reminder Book Sale Volunteers: October 14, 15, 16. 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 adairobert@sbcglobal.net or 510-865-0347.

The Friends would like to thank the estate of the late Anita Ramos for the sizeable donation of books for our Sale. She had specifically requested that the books be given to the FOL.
~ Adair Jorgensen

Library Director Report

The Library's Solar Project is close to completion. In celebration of "Public Power Week" a dedication and acceptance of the new PhotoVollatic system and the unveiling of the new Touch Screen Energy Kiosk will take place on Thursday, October 6, at 10:30 a.m. at the Main Library in the lobby area. Members of the Alameda City Council, the Library Board, and the Public Utilities Commission will be on hand for the event.

All Libraries will be closed on October 10 for staff development.

The Elevator is back in service.

The February 25 Frederica Von Stade & Cal Young Musicians concert tickets will go on sale at the November 19 concert and will be available at other outlets beginning November 21. Tickets will be \$60 in advance, \$70 at the door and \$15 for students in Kindergarten to 12th grade.

The City of Alameda's Commission on Disability Issues is celebrating October as National Disability Awareness Month by holding three events free of charge for the public. On Thursday, October 6th, at the Alameda Free Library Main Branch, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. there will be An Evening of Art celebrating the artistic diversity of both local children and adults living with physical and/or other limitations. The exhibition includes art in various forms: painting, sculpture, and moving images. Two films are featured, both highlighting the lives of individuals living with disabilities and including points of view from their caregivers. "The Commission looks forward to engaging the community about disability issues in a manner that will both educate and entertain," says Ethel Warren, Commission member and organizer for An Evening of Art. CONTACT: Leslie Krongold Event Coordinator & Chair of Commission on Disability Issues
~Jane Chisaki

Alameda Reads Celebrates Words

In honor of International Literacy Day, which is always celebrated on September 8th, Alameda Reads proclaimed September as Literacy Month. We hosted several informative and fun activities to raise people's awareness about literacy issues and also to promote our program.

Starting on September 8th, Alameda Reads and library volunteers encouraged library visitors to participate in creating a Window of Words. Patrons were invited to write their favorite word on a post-it and put it on the library's front window. The event was such success that we continued the Window of Words for a week. We collected several hundred words: the most often written word was 'love', while the longest word was Llanfairpwllgwinishdrobysllantiliogogoch (Welsh), with, count 'em, 44 letters! This is the name of a train station, and no, I was told, there is no abbreviation!! This playful and interactive event allowed people to reflect on their relationship to language. It also allowed many more people to know about the vital and unique services that Alameda Reads offers to those who need to improve their literacy skills.

For the month, we also displayed over a dozen information panels on the Main Library's second floor that visually depict challenges faced by those who can't read or write. Many take for granted the ability to read restaurant menus, medicine labels, stories to their kids or grandchildren, or register to vote. However, for those who cannot, these skills are important goals to achieve. Through the support of our growing volunteer tutor pool, Alameda Reads encourages all to be life-long learners.

Though our funding from the State is currently not secure, people in our community still count on Alameda Reads to help them reach their learning goals. Because of the generous support of The Friends of the Alameda Library, we at Alameda Reads can continue to serve learners by providing free and confidential tutoring and small group classes. Thank you, Friends!

~Sue Mark

The Art Exhibit and Program

Members of the **California Watercolor Association** will exhibit their paintings on the second floor of the Alameda Free Library from Sunday October 2 through Saturday October 29, 2011.

The exhibit consists of 49 entries juried and accepted

by CWA standards. The emphasis for the exhibit is for artists to submit an entry which is "new": never exhibited in water media. The juror for this exhibit is David Savellano, a long time member of CWA. David works primarily *en plein air*, creating watercolor paintings that capture random moments on the street, in nature, and wherever else his portable easel takes him.

The California Watercolor Association was founded in 1967 and incorporated in 1975 as a non-profit charitable 501(c)(3) corporation. CWA exists to create, foster, and sustain interest in the art of water-media painting; to sponsor educational programs, displays and exhibitions; to increase the skills of its members, and to further the understanding and appreciation of water media art on the part of its members and the general public. Art Reception, Wednesday October 12, 2011, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Stafford meeting rooms.

Days of the Dead~Dias de los Muertos "Tributes of Love, Stories, Songs... a celebration of the Love" The Alameda Main Library invites you to experience first-hand the tradition that honors the love for those who have died. Lisa Lemus, Oakland Museum art docent and member of the Dias de Los Muertos Committee has hosted gatherings in her home for over 15 years and will facilitate a gathering for Library patrons on October 19th from 6:30 to 8 pm. You will learn how to host a gathering and will experience many aspects of a home celebration for the Days of the Dead.

You are invited to bring a picture and flowers, a story or song to share that honors your dear one who has died. Lisa Lemus will also answer any questions about this tradition that is inspired from her Mexican heritage and enriched by the Oakland Museum's Days of the Dead celebration and exhibits. The program will be held in the Stafford meeting rooms.

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Altar-Dia de los Muertos



Watercolors



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All donations are tax deductible. Be sure to ask your employer if matching funds are available.

*Denotes the number of book sale preview tickets you will receive. Annual memberships are from January 1st to December 31st. Dues received after September 1st of previous year are applied to the following year. Please make checks payable to "**Friends of the Alameda Free Library.**" Send this form with your check to: Friends of the Alameda Free Library, P.O. Box 1024, Alameda CA 94501.

