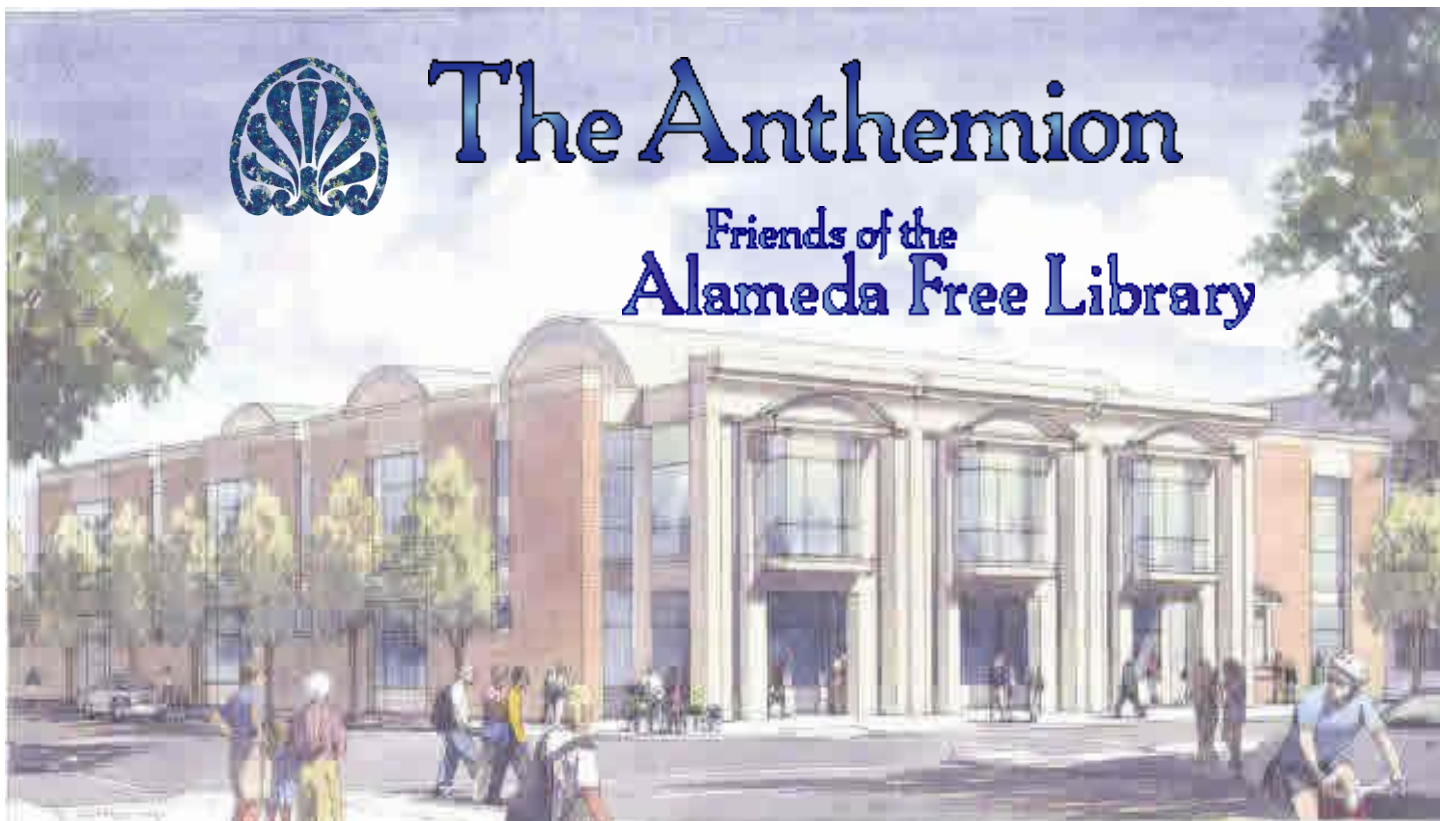




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From the President

On October 12th, the Friends sponsored the Art Talk "**Van Gogh, Gauguin, Cézanne, and Beyond: Post-Impressionist Masterpieces from the Musée d'Orsay**" at the Alameda Free Library. It was very successful, well attended and visually beautiful. Our sincere thanks go to Docent **Marsha Holm** and Library staff **David Hall** who prepared and presented this excellent event. Next on the agenda: a presentation from the SF Asian Art Museum Spring 2011...stay tuned!

The **Used Book Sale** held on October 15-17 at the O' Club at Alameda Point was hugely successful and that is wholly due to the **Book Sale Committee and their amazing volunteers!** Please tell the Book Sale Committee how much each of them are appreciated for the tireless work they do all year long for library programs here in our community. We are so lucky to have this team, which is the envy of libraries all over the state! And mark your calendars now for the **next sale May 6-8, 2011**. Thank you.

The last **Live @ the Library Concert** is coming

up on **Saturday November 20 at 8pm**. Plan on arriving early to enjoy refreshments available for purchase. The performer will be Rick Dougherty of the Kingston Trio. We expect a sold-out crowd for this concert so please do not wait to buy your tickets. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at the Library Café, at Book's Inc on Park Street or online at www.brownpapertickets.com.

Dewey's Friends Café is looking for volunteers for **Wednesday or Friday mornings: 9:30am to 1pm**. The café is a wonderful gathering spot for library patrons, youngsters, supporters and Friends. 100% volunteer-run, the Café offers a variety of refreshments in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. And all the profits go to run library programs! Volunteering once a week may be just your "cup of tea". Please contact me at 510-205-5816 or alexandramatarrese@yahoo.com for information on how you can help. Thank you.

See you at the next meeting **Monday November 15 at 7:30PM**. In "Friend" ship,

~Kris Matarrese

Next Friends Meeting

November 15 at 7:30pm, Main Library, 1550 Oak Street, Stafford Conference Room A

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Notes from the October Meeting

President Kris Matarrese called the regular meeting of the Friends of the Alameda Free Library (FOL) to order 7:30pm in the Main Library. Thirteen members and all officers were present. The minutes of the prior meeting of September 20, 2010 were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Treasurer: John Quick reported the Friends' Book Sale had cleared \$18,967.35 although John Kennedy reported there was an additional check for \$140 that hadn't been deposited. This is one of the best totals but not a record-breaker.

Bounced checks continue to be a problem. The Budget Committee will meet next week to craft next year's budget for FOL consideration.

Membership: The Treasurer's report on the Book Sale also noted the fact that 20 new memberships were received at the Sale. Kudos to Kate Quick and Jo Winzenread for establishing an enthusiastic presence right there at the checkout line.

Café Committee: Judy Ecker reported for the Committee. In addition to its "no checks" policy, the Café will no longer accept currency larger than \$20. FOL was asked to keep Duke Campbell, a regular volunteer who is 96 years old, in their thoughts and prayers as he enters hospice care. Duke's absence underscores the big gap the Café has in volunteers on Wednesdays.

Book Sale Committee: As noted, the Sale was a great success. John Kennedy was particularly impressed with how smooth the operation was: Alameda Recreation and Parks Dept. (AR&PD) allowed the Committee in the O' Club to begin setup on Wednesday evening, the Coast Guard showed up in force, all 1020 boxes were in the Club by 11:30 Thursday, the Friday crew had all the tables arranged in under three hours, and the Sunday crew had cleared the area in record time. The one weak spot John pointed out was the need for speedier cashiers.

Library Board: Kevin Minney reported on the branch library project. Jane added that the Board has a new member, Nancy Lewis, who had served about 20 years ago and was even Board president for a term.

Library Director: Jane Chisaki reports the West End Branch (WEB) celebration is scheduled for 10:30 October 26. The Library custodian, who also is an experienced landscaper, proposes to complete the WEB landscaping as part of his regular duties with just charging for expenses; the proposal is being reviewed. Work has begun on the exterior of the Bay Farm Island (BFI) branch; the contractors have located considerable amounts of dry rot around the base of the building.

The Library renovation budget can cover fixing the rot on the library side but AR&PD would need to pay for the rot on their side of the building; the AR&PD Director is clear there is no money in his

budget to cover the expense. Jane has discussed the matter with the Interim City Manager and there is a good chance there is money in a discretionary fund to cover the work. Meantime, the painting of the building, which is in the library renovation budget, will have to wait until the dry rot work is completed.

Jane brought the staff estimate of need for the Summer Reading Program of about \$25K, which will be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration. The Art Exhibit committee also is requesting funding for their activities, which include receptions and advertising.

Jane reports the READY TO GO book-dispenser machine is still experiencing software glitches and final payment is withheld until the machine operates reliably.

Ongoing Business: Luzanne Engh, President of the AFL Foundation, joined us. Jo Winzenread represented FOL at their meeting. There are still many tickets unsold to this Saturday's Live @ the Library show, which is a shame because Euphonia is such a great group. Beth Sibley and Nancy Gormley will operate the Café. The Foundation distributed half of its endowment gain of last year to the Library, a total of \$7500. The Foundation will emphasize naming opportunities at the WEB grand re-opening.

Honora reported on the Post-impressionist presentation. It went off without a hitch and about 100 people attended. There is much enthusiasm for this sort of event, plans are already in progress for more in the future.

~Marc Lambert

Book Sale Thanks

Thanks to all these wonderful volunteers, the October Book Sale was the smoothest we ever had.

Lynn Minney Tom & Barbara McGinley Chris Hanna

Dave Woods Diane Lichtenstein Robert Wright

Pam Ferrero Al Boltz Bruno Rhuland

Dave Wilson Branda Colbson Cathy Huie

Alice Huie Dena Andersen Lulu Suleiman

Pamela Woods Debra Cramer Jane Chisaki

The Storm Family Susan Michael Jim Heally

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Catherin Atcheson Peg Rosen Charles Overton

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Dianne Huie Shirley Sachsen Marc Lambert

Marion Sherman Donna Hanvali Ales Fernald

Kat Quick Martin Morrison M. Topete

Annette Fuller Cindy Silva Kris Venturini

Ann North Marv & Jo Winzenread Robert Wright

The Woods Tribe Karn Oliver Charles Croff
Lynda Graham Roger Ecker Kevin Black
Liz Rogers Helen Jefferson Mary Takemoto
Lorn Martin Shay Burks Karla Dayton Shelly Reed
Jane Dieger Mark Henning Roberta Wright
Honora Murphy Luzanne & Tom Engh Kevin Black
Carol Woermaner Kris Matarrese Robert Dilder
Patricia Mancini Barbara James Bob Jorgensen

If your name is missing it is because I can't read your writing.
~Adair Jorgensen

Foundation Matters

Library Naming Opportunities -- Make Your Support Permanent Become a lasting part of the Alameda Free Library's future -- and make the libraries places where we remember and celebrate individuals in our community. The renovation and grand re-openings of both the West End and Bay Farm Island library branches offer fresh opportunities to name shelves, stacks, furnishings and works of art.

Remember and celebrate family members, friends, teachers, organizations or special occasions through this unique opportunity. Many people have participated in the program at the Main Library since its construction in 2006. For more information contact: Luzanne Engh, info@alamedalibraryfoundation.org, 521-2094

Donations to the Alameda Free Library Foundation add to an endowment that provides an annual gift to the Library as well as shorter term contributions to support a variety of programs for children, teens and adults. The Alameda Free Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Federal tax ID number is 94-3315870.

~Luzanne Engh

Library Art Corner

Artists from the Mastick Senior Center will exhibit their artwork on the second floor of the Alameda Main Library Exhibitors participated in art classes at the Mastick Center. Works on display include drawings, paintings, ceramics, and stained glass.

Andrew Grupe: *California Landscapes and Fast Planes*. Three themes are covered in his exhibit: Total Natural Posing – Trees, Nature Extreme – Death Valley and San Francisco Fleet Week. His exhibit will take place in the Regina K. Stafford meeting rooms on the first floor of the Library.

Both exhibits will be in place from Monday November 1 through Saturday November 27, 2010. On Wednesday November 3, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., a reception for artist Grupe will be held in the exhibition space. At this event Andrew will talk about "How Photography and Fishing Are Related."

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The Victorian-Era – Join Eric J. Kos and Dennis Evanosky as they explore Victorian-era domestic architecture and how the various styles prevalent during Victoria's reign (1837-1901) took root and flourished in Alameda. The first of a series of four programs will take place on Wednesday, November 17, from 6:30 to 8:00 in the Regina K Stafford meeting rooms. There will be additional programs on December 15 and January 19 and February 16, 2011.

~Ruth Belikove & David Hall

Next Book Sale:

May 6,7,8 2011

Your article could appear here!

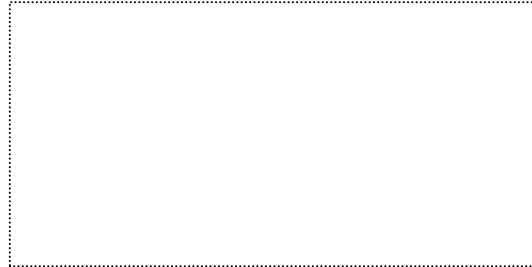
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*Denotes the number of book sale preview tickets you will receive. Annual memberships are from January 1st to December 31st. Dues received after September 1st of previous year are applied to the following year. Please make checks payable to "**Friends 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.