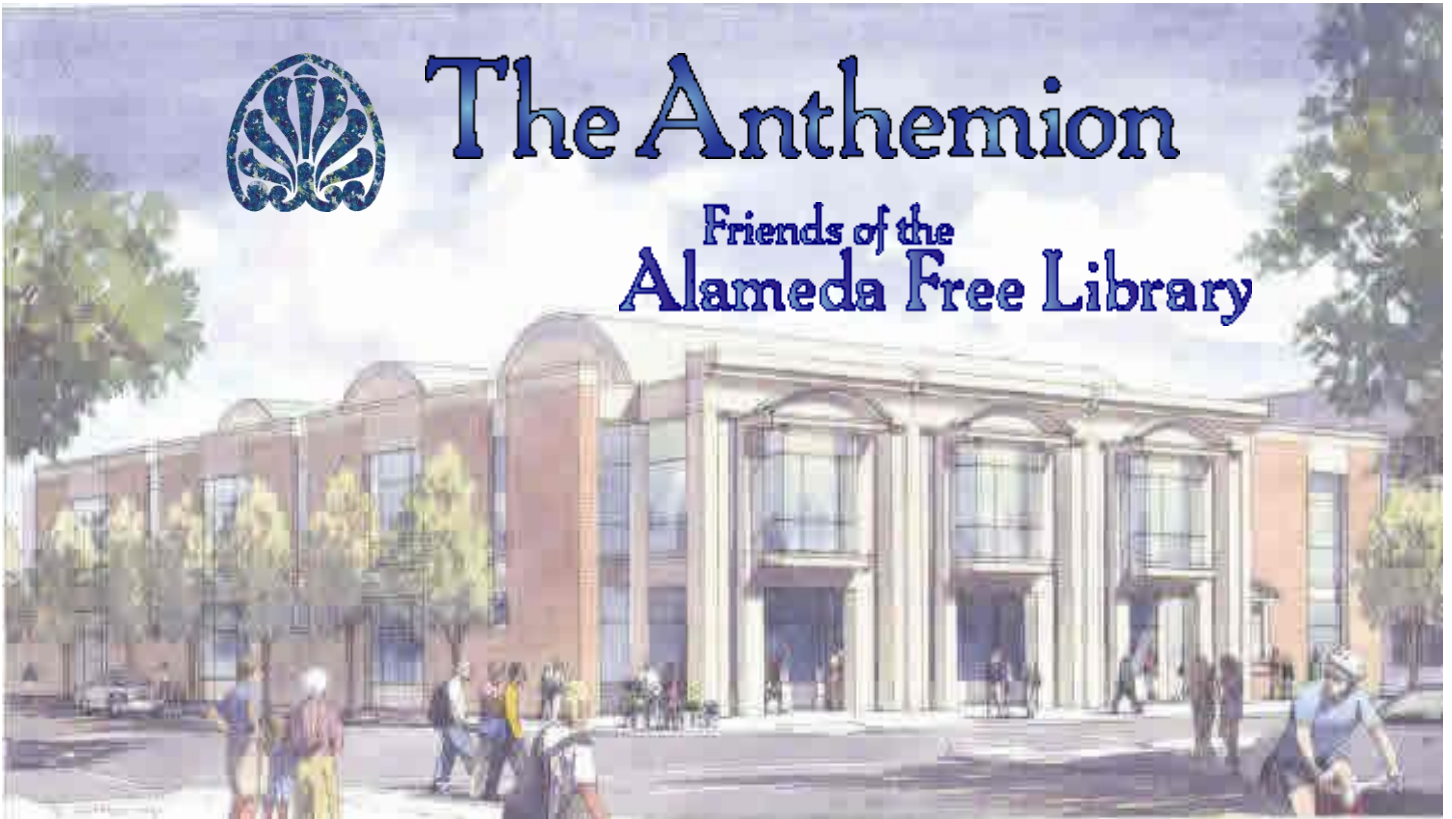




The Anthemion

Friends of the
Alameda Free Library



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Marc Lambert, *Editor*

From the President

Happy New Year Greetings to the entire Friends of the Library membership! May 2011 bring each of you your heart's desires.

Having not held an election last November for FOL Officers, **the Friends of the Library is currently out of compliance** (see inside article for details). Your attendance at the **January 24th** meeting will be vital. Please attend to ensure the nomination and election of 2011 Officers and the approval of a Nominating Committee for next November's election.

The **Book Sale Committee** is looking for a few good volunteers to transport boxes of sorted books from the Library to the storage facility at Alameda Point every other Monday morning. Become part of the team that is the heart and soul (and main funding source!) of the Friends of the Library. Please see the inside article for details and contact information.

Dewey's Café is looking for volunteers for **Thursday afternoons 1-4:15 pm and alternating Friday mornings 9:45 am to 1pm**. The café is a wonderful gathering spot for library patrons, youngsters, supporters and Friends. Run 100% by volunteers, the café offers a variety of refreshments in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. And all the profits go to run library programs!

Volunteering twice a month may be just your "cup of tea". Please contact me at 510-205-5816 or alexandramatarrese@yahoo.com for information. Thank you.

See you at the next meeting **Monday January 24th at 7:30PM**. In "Friend"ship,

~Kris Matarrese

Notes from the November Meeting

President Kris Matarrese called the regular meeting of the Friends of the Alameda Free Library (FOL) to order at 7:30pm November 15 in the Main Library. Twelve members and all officers were present.

Treasurer: John reported the FOL net worth is \$78,521 as of November 1. A substantial check received at the Book Sale has bounced; several courses of action were discussed. John will report back any resolution of this problem.

The Budget Committee met twice and John presented us with their proposed budget for 2011. The FOL approved the budget.

Membership: Kris Venturini reported there are 358 members, 47% getting the electronic version of the newsletter. Of these, 32% have already renewed for the new year.

Next Friends Meeting

January 24 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.

Café Committee: President Kris reported the Café continues well. The gap on Wednesdays has been filled; Tuesdays are now a problem.

Book Sale Committee: John Kennedy reports that loose ends from the October Sale have been tied up. He handed a substantial check to John Quick for bookshelf sales; apparently theft has been going down in that area.

John K opened discussion for recruitment of "new blood" for the Committee. One conclusion was that any new source of volunteers would require the Committee to sort some time other than, or in addition to, Mondays during the day. The Committee will explore whether there is any way to add new times for sorting. The next Sale has been set for May 6, 7, and 8, 2011.

Library Board: Kevin Minney apologized for not being able to attend the November 10th meeting.

Library Director: David Hall filled in for Jane Chisaki who is on vacation. The West End Branch (WEB) celebration October 26 was a tremendous success. The building seems to be achieving its full potential.

Work on the Bay Farm Island (BFI) branch is proceeding on schedule; it should re-open in February.

The READY TO GO book-dispensing machine continues to experience hard- and soft-ware difficulties. The contractors have replaced a motor and shelving but the operating programs still don't perform as they should. The City continues to withhold payment.

Ongoing Business: President Kris reports the PayPal project is moving forward.

The Budget Committee had received a request from David Hall for the Oral History project for \$5000 this year but hadn't approved it because they needed more detail of what the money would go for. David Hall has presented the necessary detail so the \$5000 is approved but must be spent by December 31. David has requested \$6500 for all Library adult programs for next year, part of the added expense is the cost of advertising. The Committee will consider that and bring a recommendation to the next FOL meeting.

President Kris read from an e-mail from Jane that furnishings for the Neighborhood Library Improvement Project will cost an extra \$10,000. Jane also wrote there was an unanticipated need for \$4770 for framing to back the bookshelves at the WEB so books would not fall behind the stacks. FOL approved a motion that Jane be encouraged to seek correction of this problem from the contractors. If Jane is unable to get the contractors to include correcting the problem in the building costs, FOL will pay the \$4770 out of this year's budget if there are funds available. If not, then out of next year's budget.

Luzanne Engh, President of the AFL Foundation, joined us. Ticket sales are going very well for the last Live @ the Library. There is need for volunteers to help with the show. The Foundation distributed brochures at the WEB re-opening describing naming opportunities.

New Business: Election of new officers was discussed. Members believed the by-laws provide for officer elections in the Spring. (Please note the updated information about election of officers in the following article. --Ed.)

~Marc Lambert

Election of FOL Officers

FOL is currently out of compliance according to the 2008 by-laws. They state a three-member Nominating Committee should have been approved at the January

2010 meeting. The Nominating Committee was then to submit a report to the FOL membership and have it published in the October 2010 Newsletter. Election of new officers was to have taken place in November 2010. None of these actions occurred.

At the upcoming January 24, 2011 meeting, we will seek a solution to rectify this situation. In addition, a three-member Nominating Committee will be elected in order to complete their duties by October 2011 to ensure an election takes place in November 2011.

Your attendance and participation at the upcoming January 24th meeting is vital. Without officers, the Friends of the Library will cease to function.

~Kris Matarrese

Book Sale Committee in Dire Straits

The Book Sale Committee is looking for a few good men!

- Responsible
- Reliable
- Strong back
- Charming personality*
- Has a large vehicle (truck, van, SUV)

A volunteer or two are desperately needed **every other Monday morning from 9-11am** to help haul boxes of sorted books from the Library to the storage facility at Alameda Point. This is a terrific way to get involved without a huge time commitment. Email Adair adairobert@sbcglobal.net or John johnsonpkennedy@aol.com or call Kris at 510-205-5816 for more details. Thank you!

~Kris Matarrese

Membership Update

TIME to RENEW: Our membership year ended at 12/31/10 coinciding with the Friends year end. That means your annual membership just expired unless you are one of the early birds who renewed early. Thanks to all of you 110 people who renewed already! If your label (or your email note from me) does NOT say "**Paid through 2011**" you still need to renew. Looking forward to seeing your membership forms and checks in soon.

Anyone interested in being the **Friends Membership Chair**? I'd like to start training someone in my position and ease out of the job. It's a great job for working at your own hours. The job entails updating the membership Excel database with new information during the month, sending out a mass email to e-members monthly, picking up the hard copy newsletters, printing labels from the printer, labeling the hard copy newsletters and taking them to Bulk Mailing at the Post Office. Some of these tasks can be shared. If you are interested please contact me at 510.865.3420 or venturin@pacbell.net.

~Kris Venturini

* Optional!

Presentations and Exhibits



The internationally acclaimed California Society of Printmakers presents its annual membership exhibition, *A Marriage of Opposites: Love & Hate, Life & Death, Heaven & Hell* at the Alameda Free Library, from Sunday, January 2 through Saturday, January 29. The exhibition takes place both on the 2nd floor of the library and in the Regina K. Stafford meeting rooms on the 1st floor. Seventy images will be on display, all with some hand-pulled printmaking techniques, including intaglio, lithography, relief prints, serigraphs, along with mixed media pieces incorporating new processes such as digital work, solar etchings, and pronto prints in combination. During the opening reception viewers may peruse the innovative and beautiful artwork, enjoy refreshments, and have a personalized viewing of the exhibition with many of the artists. The artists will present short, yet fascinating talks about their particular print and how they conceived and produced them. Original hand-pulled prints are feasts for the eye; one might call them "eye candy with no calories". Prints and diverse mediums on display are innovative, beautiful, and affordable, a rare combination for the art viewer.

The West End Library will host the first of a series of six Armchair Travel Programs beginning on Thursday, January 6 at 7 p.m and each first Thursday evening thereafter. Each program will feature a different speaker who has had a travel experience to share.

Our first travel guide will be Omer Karacaylak, a native of Turkey, who will discuss this enchanted place of great antiquity. Everyone is welcome. Join us for Turkish cookies, tea & music right after the presentation.

For more information about attending the program or becoming a travel guide for a future program, contact the West End Library: 510-747-7767. The West End Library is located at 788 Santa Clara Avenue.

~David Hall and Annemarie Meyer



The Alameda Multicultural Community Center (AMCC) and West End Library will host a talk and discussion on Thursday, January 13 at 7 p.m. on "New Deal Structures in Alameda". Guest speaker Harvey Smith, Board President of the National New Deal Preservation Association, will give a PowerPoint presentation of Alameda structures funded through the Public Works Administration and Works Progress Administration, programs of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal.

The recently renovated West End Library reopened to the public on October 26, 2010. The library was a Public Works Administration project, designed by architect Carl Werner and completed in 1936 at a total cost of \$32,800. For more information on this event, contact AMCC at 510-521-9405, or alamulticultural@gmail.com



Join Eric J. Kos and Dennis Evanosky as they present a history of Bay Farm Island. Their program will take place on Wednesday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Regina K. Stafford meeting rooms.

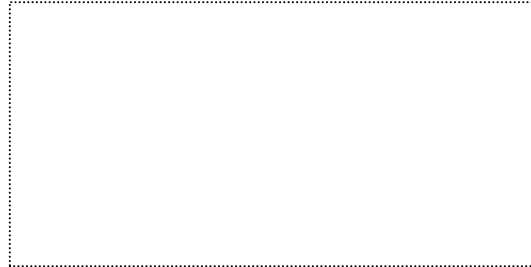
Learn the Native American name for Bay Farm and how rumors started about bloody Indian warfare. Meet the early squatters and the Portuguese and Italian farmers famous for, among other crops, asparagus and hops. Learn about writer Jack London's involvement in the history of Bay Farm. See what role American Navy destroyers played in the formation of Bay Farm and meet key players in the development of today's Harbor Bay Isle.

Next Book Sale:
May 6,7,8 2011



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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.