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Marc Lambert, *Editor*

From the President

The **Used Book Sale** was such a huge success! Many thanks go to the Book Sale Committee's diligent and tireless work, week after week, all year long, which resulted in record-breaking sales. Please give these dedicated volunteers your own heartfelt thanks for all they do to ensure the Friends of the Library are able to carry out our mission.

On **Wednesday June 30th** the Friends of the Library is sponsoring speaker Marsha Holm from the De Young Museum in San Francisco (see details at Library Art Corner below -*Ed*).

There are three Friday evenings in July where you can have fun while supporting the Friends of the Library. On **July 2, 9, and 16**, we will be the beneficiary of Angela's **Friday Night Flights** from **5:30-7:30pm**. There is music and wine and Friends. This is a great way to start the weekend! \$10/ person gets you a flight (two pours) of wine. The money raised is shared with the Friends of the Library. Parking is free in the Civic Center Parking Garage after 5pm. (Angela's is located at the corner of Oak and Central -*Ed*.) And if you cannot attend, perhaps you can offer to send a family member or friend for a little fun with the Friends on your behalf.

We are still **looking for a co-secretary** to alternate with Cynthia Silva in taking meeting minutes. This could be just the thing for you! Call me to answer any questions about what this task entails. Phoning me will not be interpreted as a commitment.

See you at the next meeting **Monday June 21 at 7:30PM**. In "Friend"ship,

~*Kris Matarrese*

Notes from the May Meeting

President Kris Matarrese called the regular meeting of the Friends of the Alameda Free Library (FOL) to order on May 17, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Main Library. Fifteen members/guests were present.

Treasurer: A check to the Docent Council Program of the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco was requested for the June 30 event. John provided copies of the Treasurer's Report to date including the Café report, the financial statement, and the May Book Sale results.

Membership: Kris Venturini reported that we currently have 308 paid members. 78% have renewed for 2010. New memberships were received at the Book Sale thanks to the efforts of Kate Quick, Jo Winzenread and Honora Murphy who worked at the membership table.

Next Friends Meeting

June 21 at 7:30pm, Main Library, 1550 Oak Street, Stafford Conference Room A

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Book Sale: It was a record year for the Book Sale: 1162 boxes were delivered to the Sale and only 307 boxes were packed up after the sale. A discussion ensued concerning the Sunday incident. Shoppers come early and place boxes in line to save their places. At opening time on Sunday, this practice created some discontent: when the doors opened, a shopper was jostled about. Many ideas were tossed around on how to handle pre-Sale activity outside the building. John Quick will call our insurance carrier to determine what the FOL liability is.

Café: Beth Sibley reported that things are perking along. The book bags and books are being promoted at various venues around the Island. The Café has two new volunteers. John Kennedy has asked that the volunteers when helping with the overflow books place them in boxes for easier storage and sorting.

Library Board: Marc Lambert told us that there was no meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

Library Director: Jane Chisaki reported that the branch project is going strong and expects work to be completed ahead of schedule at both sites. Furniture is being ordered, colors are being chosen and the roof will soon be coming off at the West End site.

The book-dispensing machine has arrived and is sitting on its concrete pad. A four-sided shelter will protect it. It is the first one in North America. The data for the machine is being downloaded from Germany. The grand opening for the machine will be June 30 at 2:30pm. Annemarie Meyer has requested \$615.00 from the FOL for book bags, the Wild Thing character and other party needs for the event; FOL approved the request. The Alameda Food Bank and the Alameda Point Collaborative (677 W. Ranger) will have applications for library cards available. The machine has encouraged Alameda Point residents to organize book groups and the Head Start Program will benefit as well. Special books in the appropriate quantity are being ordered to meet the needs of these groups.

The Across the Pages event organizers sent a thank-you note to the FOL. They had 220 participants of all ages; the films author talks and visiting Star War characters were very popular.

Alameda Free Library Foundation: Luzanne Engh reported that the performers have been lined up for the next concert series. She will be working to identify corporate sponsors.

Ongoing Business: Honora Murphy will continue the search for the Secretary position. For now, Kate Quick will substitute for Cindy when she is not available.

Kris Matarrese announced the Impressionist presentation and Friday Flights (see her Notes above -Ed).

Kris also distributed copies of the FOL Newsletter Policy and Timeline. This policy will ensure that we have a newsletter ready to publish on time.

We are currently looking for a Webmaster for the FOL website. Chris Christopher is no longer able to provide the time needed to support the site.

Marc Lambert will continue as our liaison to Library Board meetings. We are well represented by him and Jane Chisaki who report our activities.

~Cindy Silva

Book Sale Committee Item

--Thank You One and All--

The Book Sale Committee would like to thank all who helped make our May Sale at the Al DeWitt O' Club our biggest and best ever. Our special thanks to:

those who donated the 1,162 boxes of books and audio/video materials brought to the sale;

those who came to the sale and bought in record numbers – our weekend Sale total was over \$19,700;

the Alameda Recreation and Parks Dept for the use of the O' Club – especially a) Deana Huie for her invaluable assistance through the four days of setup and Sale and b) Steve Zecher who ably set up the Club for the Sale;

the "Monday Crew" who over the past 6 months sorted, priced, boxed, and moved those 1162 boxes of materials to storage for the Sale;

the Coast Guard personnel who spent Thursday moving the boxes from storage to the Sale (without their able-bodied assistance, the logistics of such a move would have been impossible);

the many volunteers listed below who unpacked and displayed the material on Friday and helped in various capacities during the three days of the Sale by keeping tables neat and organized and providing courteous customer assistance; and

Library Director Jane Chisaki for her overall support and assistance at the Sale.

Each of you greatly contributed to making this our biggest and most successful Sale ever and will enable our continued financial support of various Library programs. Thank you!

List of Volunteers Who Helped at May Sale:

Kermit Black	Chris Christopher	Lynda Graham
John Fenstermacher	Katie Wright	Roberta Wright
Pat Kennedy	Allen Boltz	David Woods
Deana Huie	Todd Storm	Zachery Storm
Anne Storm	Raymond Storm	Jane Erwin
Dave Wilson	Gert Woods	Chris Hanna
Debra Cramer	Kathy McGaffey	Lynn J. Nunez
Andy DeBois	Dan Platt	Jennifer Solomon
Karen Elsbernd	Diane Lichtenstein	Carolyn Storm
Linda Yarbough	Jerry Yarbough	Pamela P. T
Barbara Benson	Elbert E. Benson	Kerry Shoji
Lulu Suleiman	Cathy Huie	Alice Huie
Patricia Lopez	David Baylah	Jane Chisaki
Martin Morrison	Susan Avery	John Quick
Rachael Scheibe	Dorothy Kahemoto	C. Overton
D.M. Cullivan	Catherine Archeson	Donna Vaughn
Marc Lambert	Janet Brown	Kate Quick
Honora Murphy	Joe Mallon	Ann North
Kris Venturini	Anne Venturini	Annette Fuller
Skyler Abella	Karen Oliver	Cindy Silva
Marion Sherman	Chuck Paussa	Brigetta Woods
Olivia Woods	Eva Woods	Beth Sibley
Marvin Winzenread	Lynn Ovesen	Matt Kennedy
Liz Rogers	Julie Thelan	Judith Alberts
Ted Gardner	Barbara James	Shelly Reed
Mariska Rosinski	Dan Platt	Chuck M
Rachelle Kennedy	Peter Woods	Bob Jorgensen
Adair Jorgensen	Jo Winzenread	Duke Campbell
Sean Woods	Graham Woods	Ben Woods
Martin Morrison	John Kennedy	

Some of the above people volunteered for all three days. Lets give a big hand to all the volunteers. Without you there could be no Book Sale.

If your name is missing, either you didn't sign in or we couldn't read your handwriting; please sign in legibly in October. You are on our list as great people and will receive the "volunteers needed" e-mail in October.

Thanks again for all your efforts.

~The Book Sale Committee

Library Art Corner

Birth of Impressionism: Masterpieces of the Musée d'Orsay

Coinciding with a new exhibit at the de Young Museum in San Francisco, docent Marsha Holm will present highlights of the nearly 100 works by the famous masters who called France their home during the mid-19th century and from whose midst arose one of the most original and recognizable of all artistic styles, Impressionism.

This program will be held in the Regina Stafford meeting rooms of the Alameda Main Library on Wednesday June 30th, 2010 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

~David Hall



Degas: Classe de danse

2010 Summer Reading Program

Where can you find out about good books, read for fun, and win prizes? Try the Alameda Free Library's Summer Reading Programs. The action starts on Saturday, June 12, and runs for eight weeks through Saturday, August 7. There are four programs available: "Make a Splash!" for children who read independently; "Read to Me" for children who listen to stories (ages 0-5); "Make Waves" for teens, age 13 or entering 8th grade, through age 18; and "Water Your Mind" for adults.



"Make a Splash!" and "Read to Me" encourage children to explore the world of

water and water fun through stories, songs, games and other activities about oceans, rivers, lakes, and pools and the creatures that live there. Children will earn prizes based on their number of book reviews, character descriptions, poems, or artwork.



Adults look forward to summer vacation, too, so for a third year, the Alameda Free Library is offering an Adult Summer Reading Program. Adults who read and review books over the summer will be entered into a raffle.

The Alameda Free Library will be kicking off the Summer Reading Program with a special Family Fun Day at the Main Library, on Saturday, June 12, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Funded by the **Friends of the Alameda Free Library** and through a grant from First 5 of Alameda County, Family Fun Day will be filled with activities for the whole family, including storytimes, special crafts activities, the Capt'n Jack Spareribs Pirate Show, and much more. Check the library website, www.alamedafree.org/events.html, for details and times closer to the program date.

Reading throughout the summer benefits students because it helps them to retain skills learned during the school year. Some students will pick up a book on their own, while others need some outside incentive. These programs will help provide that incentive. The Library is grateful for the support and generosity of local sponsors who make the Summer Reading Program possible.

The programs are offered at both Alameda Free Library locations: Main Library, 1550 Oak Street, 510-747-7713 or 510-747-7705, and Bay Farm Island Library, 3221 Mecartney Road, 510-747-7787. The West End Library is currently closed for renovations.

~Alameda Library Newsletter

Digital Video Storytelling

Alameda Free Library and Wood School will begin digital video storytelling by GATE students. Students use digital technology to tell stories connected to a special person, which relate to places, events, and times associated with our Island City. Movies will become part of the "California of the Past" collection at the Alameda Free Library and the State Library of California. They will also be available online at www.alamedastories.org. The program will be held in the Regina K. Stafford Community Meeting Room at the Alameda Main Library, 1550 Oak Street, on Wednesday June 16th, 2010, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The presentation will include time for questions and discussion.

~David Hall

Next Book Sale:

October 15.16.17

