



# The Anthemion

## Friends of the Alameda Free Library



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### *From the President*

The Friends of the Library May Book Sale was an amazing success...over \$20,000 was raised! We all are bursting with **Pride and Gratitude to the Unflinching Efforts and Coordination of the Book Sale Commit-tee and Volunteers**. They are to be congratulated and sincerely thanked for the funds they raise for the Library and its programs.

**Thanks go to Angela's** for hosting three Friday Night Flights in order to raise funds for the Library, too. The community-minded partnerships Angela's has forged are a testament to their dedication in keeping Alameda the great place it is! **Thank you Angela's and to those that came in support of the Library!**

I am happy to announce that we have one co-chair for the **Dewey's Café Recipe Book Project**. We need one more person to make this project move forward. This could become a best-seller! If you have any interest in this, please consider co-chairing. Call 510-522-1154 or email [alexandramatarrese@yahoo.com](mailto:alexandramatarrese@yahoo.com)

The FOL have been invited to have a free table at the **Meals on Wheels Annual Fundraiser**. We can use this event to promote FOL memberships and advertise our Book Sales. We need two volunteers for **Sunday July 17 from 1-5pm**. Last

year, this event had over 2000 in attendance! This opportunity is too good to miss. Please consider volunteering to be at the FOL table. Call 510-522-1154 or email [alexandramatarrese@yahoo.com](mailto:alexandramatarrese@yahoo.com)

~Kris Matarrese

### *Notes from the May Meeting*

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

**Treasurer:** John Quick had the preliminary Book Sale report to distribute. The net for the Sale was \$19,912.27. The Book Sale Committee brought some items to sell to the membership to bring the balance past \$20K. That impromptu sale raised \$100, which got us over the mark. There was a question about how much the Book Sale made per day; John didn't have that information handy, he'll bring it to the next meeting. His report was accepted.

**Membership:** Jerry Yarbrough reports there were several new member signups at the Book Sale. He didn't have the exact number because he does not have all the applications. Honora Murphy asked Jerry to go through the applications we have on file to identify interests and resources for the

### *Next Friends Meeting*

June 20 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.

Nominating Committee. Jerry will do that by the next meeting.

**Book Sale Committee:** John Kennedy reports 1148 boxes of books were put out for the Sale, a record high; they had 277 boxes left at the end, a record low. Thirteen Coast Guard members helped, which is fewer than before, but with their work ethic, they got the boxes moved in record time. A member asked if there still is a backlog of boxes left from the Sale. John responded that was always true at the Wood School Sales but has not been the case at the O' Club Sales. He also notes that shelf sales have experienced more pilferage lately.

Gert Woods commented that the Alameda Book Sale's prices continue to be well below the average for the area. Some Committee members went to a Sale in Hayward where the prices were considerably higher and the quality lower. Adair Jorgensen mentioned that 23 teachers from 14 schools took advantage of the pre-Sale. The Committee was not able to organize the publicity survey for this Sale but it would be a good idea to try at the October Sale. The Committee has decided to increase the honorarium to the Coast Guard and the Rec & Parks from \$500 to \$750.

**Library Board:** Kevin Minney attended the Board meeting but was not at this meeting.

**AFL Foundation:** Luzanne Engh, President of AFLF, reported that they had an election at tonight's meeting: Carole Robie and Jan Green are the new co-Presidents. They will take office after the AFLF corporation meeting in June.

**Library Director:** Jane Chisaki reported some relatively good news: the City has been able to address the debt service situation so that Jane won't need to eliminate her part time staff. The City Council will meet May 31 strictly on the budget; there will be some reduction in hours and furloughs, she's still working out those details. The Governor's May Revise retains funding for Literacy and reductions to the PLF and TBR (see March minutes). The READY TO GO book-dispensing machine has finally passed four weeks of testing. It turns out the problem was a frayed wire in the back that threw off the software.

The solar panels have been installed but have not been inspected. When they are, the Library will switch power sources. The Library received a \$19.5K grant to record Japanese-American internment oral histories. Almost all the billings for library construction have been received. There still is about \$300K left which can only be spent for capital improvements, such as if a new roof is needed.

**Ongoing Business:** Angela's Friday Night Flights for the Friends will be May 20, 27 and June 3, 5:30 to 7:30. All FOL was urged to put these dates on calendars to maximize participation.

**New Business:** Gert reported that one of the Book Sale volunteers has offered to set up on-line

book sales. We have discussed this at some length before, but if there is someone strongly motivated to take it on, it might work; more on this at the next meeting.

~Marc Lambert

## ***Library Art Exhibits***

**Oakland Art Association 2011 Exhibition** The Association is holding a juried art exhibition at the Alameda Free Library from Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011. There will be a reception on Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Stafford meeting rooms. The public is invited. Paintings, drawings, photography, collage, monoprints, etchings, woodcuts and small sculpture will be on exhibit throughout the second floor of the Library.

The juror, Carol Tarzier, will select the prize-winners before the reception. The Oakland Art Association (OAA) is a 54-year-old association of artists living in the East Bay and other Bay Area locations. The organization seeks to promote the visual arts, by organizing exhibitions for member artists in distinguished exhibition spaces in both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

**Jan Toepfer** Local artist Jan Toepfer will exhibit her paintings at the Alameda Free Library from Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2011. The exhibition will be held in the Stafford meeting rooms. Jan Toepfer was born and raised in Alameda. Although she spent most of her life raising a family and working outside of the home in the medical and then counseling fields, the need to make art, particularly painting, has never left her alone.

Her paintings are the fruit of a process begun seriously in 1994. They are the result of focused study, curiosity, commitment and lots of practice. She likes to paint subjects that have a personal connection, an interesting design, a technical challenge, or a combination of these qualities.

**Picasso** Coinciding with a new exhibition at the de Young Museum in San Francisco, docent Marsha Holm will provide highlights of the more than 100 works by Picasso on loan from the Musée National Picasso, Paris. The works demonstrate the wide range of artistic styles and forms that the artist mastered. The program will be held in the Stafford meeting rooms Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

## ***Book Sale Thanks***

The volunteers are what makes for the great success of our sales. You know who you are but we want to THANK YOU so others will know.

Lynda Graham	Kermit Black	David Woods
Al Boltz	Chris Hanna	K. R. Wright
Amo Tarnoff	Andy DuBois	R.K. Wright

Judith Marsh Charles A. Croft Chris Christopher  
 Peter Woods Suzanne Bauzerman Jane Chisaki  
 Barbara Benson Tom McGinley Barbara McGinley  
 Roberta Langren Roger Baer Patsy Baer  
 Catherine Atcheson Peggy Rosen David Wilson  
 Carolyn Storm Debra Cramer Jane Erwin  
 Pam Ferrero Bruno Ruhlant Todd Storm  
 Anne Storm Raymond Storm Cathie Huie  
 Alice Huie Dorothy Kahmoto Martin Morrison  
 Lulu Suleiman Susan Avery Chris Overton  
 D. Michael Cullivan Gert Woods  
 Judy Ireland Mitzi Wong-Nguyen Shirley  
 Sachsen Joe Mallon Karen  
 Oliver Cindy Silva Judy Ecker  
 Kate Quick John Quick Karla Dayton  
 Ann North Luzanne Engh Marc Lambert  
 Birgitta Woods Benjamin Woods Graham Woods  
 Judith Marsh Sean Wilson Helen Jefferson  
 Liz Rogers Shelly Reed Tyler Yee  
 Denise Yee Keasha Martindill Jessica Barrett  
 Deanna Huie Jan Green Kathryn Linton  
 Bob Jorgensen Adair Jorgensen Michael Oliver  
 Jennifer McGaffey John Kennedy Pat Kennedy  
 Dennis Duffy Kathy Neptune

Thank You One & All - Please remember we will need all of you for the October Sale which will take place October 14, 15 and 16. ~Adair Jorgensen

## ***Big Changes at Alameda Reads***

After eight rewarding years, Jordona Elderts has stepped down at Literacy Coordinator for Alameda Reads. Jordona worked hard to make the program more publicly visible by generating events such as Walk-A-Mile for Literacy and publishing books of learners' writings. She also offered tremendous support to the many tutors and learners who have benefited from Alameda Reads. Fortunately, we don't have to say good-bye, since Jordona will continue to teach special workshops and volunteer with the organization.

Alameda Reads now welcomes Sue Mark as the program's new coordinator. Sue is not a stranger to Alameda Reads: she has taught classes, workshops and trainings for learners and tutors over the past seven years. Sue is eager to build on all of the wonderful work that Jordona has done by encouraging more community collaborations and expanding Alameda Reads' programming.

Alameda Reads thrives on the contributions of its volunteer tutors. Through their generosity, the program has been able to help hundreds of adults improve their reading and writing skills as well as reach their life-long goals. Please contact us at 865-2454 for more information about how you can get involved with Alameda Reads.

~Sue Mark

### ***Live@theLibrary Concert Series***

Fall 2011

### ***Save These Dates***

Saturday, September 24

Saturday, October 22

Saturday, November 19

Programs you won't want to miss!  
 Tickets available August 1, 2011

Next Book Sale:

October 14,15,16



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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.