



The Anthemion

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From the President

Nancy Gormley and Gigi Monterrosa are doing a wonderful job getting the **Friends of the Library Recipe Book Project** underway. The team is in place and the first presentation of the project was made at the FOL meeting. Many ideas were shared and some questions answered. Watch for updates and your chance to submit a favorite recipe or two!

The Library Director approached the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation about possibly filling a projected **\$20,000 gap in the library budget**. Due to funding shortages from the State, the **Adult Literacy Program "Alameda Reads"** has a huge shortfall. The program is currently running on hard fought Library reserves that will most likely be completely used up by the end of 2011. Funding the proposal was discussed and it was decided the FOL Budget Committee would meet and make their proposal at the September 19th meeting. A vote will be taken that night. **Please come to the meeting and participate in this important vote.**

Live@the Library Concert Series begins September 24th with Anton Schwartz, jazz saxophonist! This will be followed with Wesla Whitfield on Oct 22 and Amanda King on Nov 19. The time to buy your ticket series is NOW! **\$75 for the series** or \$30 for each concert. Buy tickets at the Café or Books, Inc on Park Street. (or online at www.brownpapertickets.com --Ed.)

Mark your calendar now and plan on attending a presentation at the Main Library on **Wednesday September 28th from 6:30-8pm**. This presentation from **SFMOMA** promises to be extremely popular "**Calder to Warhol: Introducing the Fisher Collection**". Stafford Meeting Room 1st Floor past the café. These docent presentations are very popular so arrive in plenty of time to get a seat!

The **October Book Sale** is nearly here! **Oct 14-16** in the O'Club at Alameda Point. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Adair at adair@sbcbglobal.net. Tell your friends and family all about the sale and the wondrous finds for all literary tastes! This is how the FOL funds the much-needed library programs, so please do all you can to promote this event!

Thank you,

~Kris Matarrese

Notes from the August Meeting

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

Treasurer: John Quick submitted a report of FOL total asset balance standing at \$135,666. Expenditures exceeded income by \$2600 in June and by \$800 in July, pretty much as expected. His report was accepted.

Next Friends Meeting

September 19 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.

Membership: Jerry Yarbrough was not present but did send an updated roster, which also had information for the Book Sale Committee of persons interested in helping and for the Nominating Committee of persons with talents and interests to offer. Kate Quick still has membership paraphernalia for the Book Sale table. John Kennedy will store it with the rest of the Book Sale signage.

Nancy Gormley had a question about receiving the meeting agenda. It comes intermittently and she was wondering if there was a policy of the agenda being sent out. Kris said she would contact Donna Vaughn, keeper of the database, to see what the policy might be.

Book Sale Committee: Gert Woods reported that so far 677 boxes of books have been stored for the next Sale, which is the norm for this time before the Sale. They keep having space issues in the sorting room. John Kennedy has turned over \$917 of shelf sales. He also reported that on-line sales have netted \$290 in June and \$460 in July, from 31 and 84 books sold, respectively. This effort has been working extremely well. The Committee has given Lulu a list of about 400 titles to work with. Gert said the Committee is keeping an eye out to see if the on-line sales impact the quality of books available for the Book Sale.

Café Committee: Nancy reported that the Café has adjusted well to its new hours. The Committee is preoccupied these days with the state of the garden in the patio; it has become something of an eyesore. Several suggestions were made of people willing to help out with the maintenance; their names will be passed on to Jane Chisaki, though it was noted she is rather more concerned about the state of overgrowth in the parking lot.

Library Board: There was no August meeting.

Library Director: Jane has been away on vacation for ten days so wasn't up on all the news but did want to tell the FOL about the state of Library funding. The California State Library funding was one of those that were part of the "trigger bill" signed into law. That bill holds that the state-funded activities it covers will only be funded this year if on December 15, revenues for the fiscal year at that point exceed a threshold. Jane says that all indicators show that that threshold will not be met by the December date so CSL-funded activities that do not have other resources will be eliminated. This state of affairs directly impacts the Alameda Reads (AR) program because it has no other resources than those from the City and the State. The City budget covers the two part-time personnel costs but AR relies on State funds for all materials and special programs funding. AR has built up a small reserve over the last 25 years but it will expire by January at the present rate of spending.

Jane is asking both the Foundation and the FOL to cover the \$20,000 necessary for materials and programs this year. (see From the President above.)

The Summer Reading Program end celebration will be August 17; John Quick will represent the FOL.

AFL Foundation: Luzanne Engh said the Live @ the Library series is good to go and asks everybody to please sell tickets and find ways to display publicity materials. There will be a FOL table at each concert. Kris asked for volunteers to be present. All the publicity also gives the date for the February extravaganza with Frederica von Stade at the Alameda Theater.

Ongoing Business: FOL shared a table with the Foundation at the Meals on Wheels event at the Rock Wall Winery July 17. Jo Winzenread reported that the service

group tables were all out in the wind and cold, the band was right there too playing loudly and not many people came by. Kris mentioned that she had turned down an invite to have a table at the Webster Street Jam for pretty much the same reasons. Bill Gibb said there is another event in November and he will check about arrangements to make things a bit more comfortable for the volunteers.

Nancy and Gigi reported on the recipe book project (see FOL Recipe Project below).

New Business: The Nominating Committee will start its work this month.

Good of the Order: SFMOMA has offered a free additional docent presentation September 28.

~Marc Lambert

Book Sale Alert

Help for the October Book Sale Please consider being a volunteer for the Book Sale. Our Book Sales are the biggest fundraisers that The Friends of The Alameda Free Library do for the benefit of the Library.

Friday October 14 from 10:00am to ?? - putting books on the tables. We finish when the books are all on the tables. The volunteers can then shop. From 7:00pm to 9:00pm we are open to the members and the public. We need book sitters, table watchers, pre-count, cashiers, and hand truck drivers.

Saturday October 15 from 9:00am to 4:30. We again have a need for all of the above. You can volunteer for a two-hour shift.

Sunday October 16 from noon to 4:00pm, we need hand truck drivers, table watchers, and book sitters. 4:00pm: Pack'em up, Move'em out. Pack remaining books for pick-up. Put tables away, clean up.

Please contact me to sign up at adairobert@sbcglobal.net or 510 865-0347. Remember without volunteers the Book Sales can't happen.

~Adair Jorgensen

Summer Reading Report

ONE WORLD – MANY STORIES

2011 SUMMER READING PROGRAM SPECIAL
RECOGNITION CEREMONY

On Wednesday, August 17th, many of the 2,364 kids who participated in the Summer Reading Program, endowed by the Friends of the Alameda Free Library, gathered at the Albert H. DeWitt O' Club to receive their participation awards. Big and small, they paraded across the stage to shake hands with Vice Mayor Rob Bonta; Library Board Members Suzanne Whyte, Mike Hartigan and Gail Wetzork; City Librarian Jane Chisaki; Children's Librarian Eva Volin; and Friends Treasurer John Quick. As their names were read, their proud parents gave them enthusiastic applause and snapped many photos.

Eva Volin and Suzanne Whyte talked a little bit about the program, which included sing-alongs, story times, meetings with authors, crafts, games and puppet shows. Vice Mayor Rob Bonta brought greetings from the City and congratulated the children and their parents on their participation in the program. Eva Volin thanked the

program's sponsors: The Friends, Tucker's Super Creamed Ice Cream, Papa Murphy's Take-n-Bake Pizza, the Museum of Children's Art, the Alameda Recreation and Parks Department, and the Alameda/Oakland Ferry.

Following the recognition of participation parade and the thank-yous, the special guest, Wild Things, Inc. was introduced. Children and parents alike were entranced by the presentation of a variety of live animals, including a lemur, an owl, a kangaroo, a porcupine, and a very large monitor lizard. Wild Things, Inc. presented each animal with a description of where it comes from, how it got into the protection of Wild Things, Inc., and its habitat and habits.

This year saw the largest participation in the children's Summer Reading Program, ever. This wonderful evening was a great community event. It demonstrated how the Library can be a source of free learning that crosses all cultures and neighborhoods and brings us together in our love of the written word.

~Kate Quick

Foundation Matters

At its June meeting, the Board of the Alameda Free Library Foundation welcomed and installed a new group of directors, along with new officers.

Jan Greene and Carole Robie are Co-presidents for 2011-2012; Sue Coberg continues as Vice President, Seamus Wilmot continues as Treasurer, and Jennifer Cheng continues as Secretary. Immediate past President Luzanne Engh remains on the Board and is deeply involved with fundraising and the Live@theLibrary concert series.

New Board members as of June include Eileen Bitten, David Dierking, Marlene Grcevich, Mike Janvier, Kit Land, Stephanie Lipow (returning), Billy Reinschmiedt, and Katrina Twaddell. Continuing their terms on the Board are Marc Lambert, Jessica Mann, Marilyn Marchi, and Eileen Savel.

At its August 15 meeting, the Board set up several new committees to carry out Board business: Communica-

tions, Fundraising and Finance. The next Board meeting is September 19.

Meanwhile, the Board is busy selling tickets to this year's Live @ the Library concert series, which is also supported by Friends of the Alameda Library.

~Jan Green

FOL Recipe Project

Calling all cooks! Are you a FOL member with a favorite recipe? Do your friends and neighbors brag about your barbeque? Then we're looking for you!

We're creating a FOL cookbook as a fundraiser for the library. We're looking for recipes in the following categories: Appetizers and Beverages, Soups and Salads, Main Dishes, Veggies/Side Dishes, Quick Meals, International, Healthy/Low Fat, Slow Cooking/Crockpot, Barbeque, and Desserts.

Recipes can be sent by email to: folcookbook@gmail.com or by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 1024, Alameda, CA 94501. Please write "recipe" on the envelope when sending by U.S. mail. Please include a phone number with your submission in case we have questions and need to contact you. Please note there is a five (5) recipe limit per member. Please send in your recipes by *October 15, 2011*.

Some helpful tips for writing recipes are below:

1. List ingredients in order of use and make sure all ingredients are accounted for in the directions.
2. Use ingredient names in the directions, e.g., use "Combine flour and sugar" rather than statements such as "Combine the first two ingredients."
3. Include temperatures and all cooking, chilling, baking or freezing times. Include all container sizes, e.g., 2 (8 oz.) cans.
4. Abbreviate measurements using the standard abbreviations listed below.

c. - cup	pkg. - package
pt. - pint	oz. - ounce
tsp. - teaspoon	gal. - gallon
T. - tablespoon	qt. - quart
lb. - pound	lg. - large
doz. - dozen	med. - medium
env. - envelope	sm. - small

Next Book Sale:
October 14,15,16

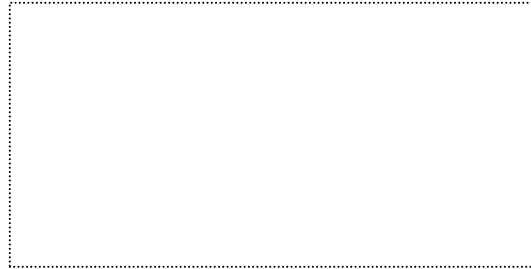




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All donations are tax deductible. Be sure to ask your employer if matching funds are available.

*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.

