

Celebrate 2018, Year of the Dog, on Bay Farm: February 10

Friends of the Alameda Free Library is collaborating with the Asian Art Museum and Bay Farm branch library to celebrate the Lunar New Year on Feb. 10. A program exploring how it is celebrated by different cultures, aimed at elementary school age kids and their parents, will feature storytellers from the museum, crafts and activities from 2-5 p.m. It will be at Leydecker Park recreation center, which is adjacent to the Bay Farm branch library.



Thanks Rotary!!

The Lunar New Year program is possible because of a generous \$500 grant from the Rotary Club of Alameda. Congrats to the Friends Revenue Generation committee for obtaining the grant and to board members Nancy Johnsen Horton and Kumar Fanse for accepting on the Friends' behalf.

What's your email address?



Help the Friends transition
to digital newsletters

The Friends' newsletter has a long and proud history, known for many years as *The Anthemion*. The digital age and readers' online reading habits are prompting our organization to transition to an email format newsletter over the next several months.

We need our supporters' email addresses to ensure you receive our latest news. Please send a quick email note to info@alamedafriends.com with "newsletter" as the subject line. If there are multiple Friends supporters in your household, let us know all the email addresses of those who would like to get the newsletter.

We will continue to send out the print newsletter during this transition. Please let us know if you want only the print version.

The ancient world with a splash of color

November art docent talk drew more than 50

On November 13, the Friends of the Alameda Free Library, in partnership with the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, hosted the last of four 2017 docent programs, *Gods in Color*. About 50 people attended the hour-plus talk, which included dramatic slides of art works and buildings from the ancient world as we see them now and how they must have looked (in reproductions) in brilliant, intricately patterned color. *Gods in Color, Polychromy in the Ancient World*, was a special art exhibit at the Legion of Honor October through January 7.

Book Sale News: Thanks to volunteers at the October sale

We would like to thank all the volunteers that contributed their time and efforts to make this another successful sale for the Library and its special programs. Our weekend efforts raised \$17,000 to support these activities.

We would like to give a special shout out to the following:

- Book Donors – We received approx. 1,000 boxes of book donations & media. Without your continuous flow of donations, we wouldn't be here.
- Back Room Crew – They sorted, weeded, priced, boxed and warehoused books for months to get ready for the sale. Your year round dedication is most appreciated.
- Library Staff – They helped deliver books to us from various locations.
- The Coast Guard that helped stage the boxes of books at the O' Club and the Parks & Recreation Dept. for the use of the Club for the sale.
- Sale Attendees - \$17,000 translates to a lot of Friends of the Library. We had approx. 220 attendees to kick-off Friday Preview Night.
- Library Director Jane Chisaki, Board President Karen Butter and the Friends Board - We thank you for your support and late nights during this transition. Karen & Judith, thank you for spreading the word about the sale. We are already excited for the next sale.
- Book Sale Volunteers – You are all special to us, all 103 this year. We are going to list each and every one of you below. When the emails went out requesting help, you came in force. We had the largest set-up crew ever! Many of you worked on multiple days and the Sunday breakdown crew was really appreciated. Thank you all!

We look forward to seeing you again at the **May 2018 Book Sale, May 4-6**. Please sign up early.

The Book Sale Committee: Peg Rosen, Chair;
Nancy Cooney, Martha Peck, Volunteer Coordinators;
Lynda Graham, John Kennedy, Roberta Wright



October 2017 Book Sale Volunteers

Catherine Atcheson	Goldie Grover	Karen Oliver	Beth Sibley
Susan Avery	Michael Hodsdon	John Paulson	Heyward Silcox
Matt Axcell	Nancy Horton	Linda Paulson	Cynthia Silva
Nancy Bartlett	Cathy Huie	Jenny Peck	John Silva
David Beall	Deanna Huie	Martha Peck	Shannon Silva
Sara Benson	Glenn Itano	Paul Pedersen	Steve Sims
Barbara Benson	Patti Itano	Anna Phu	Tina Sims
Eileen Bitten	John Kennedy	Heidi Prutton	Suresh Srinivasan
Rick Boyles	Sarah Kim	Lee Prutton	Anne Storm
Sandra Berger	Connie Kozlowski	Andrea Ramsdell	Carol Storm
Brenda Caprini	Chris Laraway	Marie Randall	Todd Storm
Jane Chisaki	Heidi Lien	Shelley Reed	Zach Storm
Mari Clark	Judith Lynch	Billy Reinschmiedt	Fred Surh
Robbi Coleman	Michael MacLeod	Frank Ripp	Amo Tarnoff
Nancy Cooney	Patricia Mancini	Erica Rivard	Daryl Van Fleet
Debra Cramer	Karen Manuel	Karen Roemer	Jean Van Fleet
Ximena dela Barrera	Adam Marvin	Harrison Rogers	Tarun Wadhwa
Diane Del Conte	Tracy Matsuoka	Tess Rogers	Viki Watson
Judy Ecker	Melissa Mayfield	Peg Rosen	Karen Wellman
Roger Ecker	Elizabeth McGaffey	Andy Roveda	David Wexler
Anna Elefant	Jennifer McGaffey	Shirley Sachsen	Jo Winzenread
Luzanne Engh	Barbara McGinley	Lorraine Salazar	Johanna Woolley
Sally Faulhaber	Tom McGinley	Roy Samuelson	Roberta Wright
Lisa Gayton	Lisa Mendoza	Eileen Savel	Johanna Yarbrough
Lynda Graham	Jennifer Miller	Divya Sharma	Heather Zacks
	Ann North	Andrei Shkidt	Jeanne Zinzer-Mandala

Meet Friends board member Jo Winzenread

What are your earliest memories of reading and books?

Our local library in our small Georgia town had a summer reading program every year. By the time I was 7 or 8, I had read all of the children's books available. But when I tried to check out adult books, I was denied permission to do so! I also remember being punished when I was in second grade for reading our school book ahead. I did it anyway, but didn't tell my teacher.

Do you enjoy "actual" books? Ebooks?

I read both. I much prefer "actual" books, but when I travel, it is really great to have several books on an e-reader.

What are you reading these days?

The Gentleman in Moscow, by Amor Towles, *Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder* by Caroline Fraser. I am also reading several international mysteries.

You are hosting a literary dinner party in your favorite Alameda restaurant. Which authors (alive, dead or imaginary) would you invite and why?

Wouldn't it be fun to sit down and chat with Mark Twain and Theodore Roosevelt? They would be lively conversationalists, talk about the wild west, conservation, and the Rough Riders. We'd have to go to a meat-serving restaurant, like Tommy's Joynt in San Francisco and have bison burgers.

Tell us a bit about your personal involvement with the Friends, the Free Library Foundation...

I've been a member of the Friends for at least 10 years, with Honora Murphy, Eleanor Stalman, Carol Smart, and others in the community who wanted a new library. I was a member of the friends before it combined with the Free Library Foundation.

What are your hopes for the future of the Alameda Free Library?

I'm hoping it will continue to expand and provide even more community outreach programs to the people in Alameda. The library provides great programs and they need to be publicized even more than they are. I love the fact that the Alameda Free Library supports a couple of little libraries and have story-book walks in the parks. There are also story hours for children in several languages.



President's Board report: December meeting

The nominating committee presented, and the board approved, the slate of officers for 2018: President: Karen Butter; Vice President: Kumar Farse; Secretary: David Beall; Treasurer: Bill Gibbs. The committee also presented, and the board approved, 4 board members for renewal of 3-year terms: Bill Gibbs, Marlene Grcevich, Honora Murphy and Billy Reinschmiedt.

The Communications team is working on creating a new electronic newsletter that will be delivered to the people for whom we have email addresses.

The Board congratulated Peg Rosen and her committee, for a smooth-running, outstanding book sale. Peg reported on areas to address for the Spring sale and data on money collected, books returned and numbers of free passes (distributed to volunteers and donors) for the Friday night sale.

The Docent Lecture program has been very successful this past year. Attendance is typically around 100 though it was down a little for Gods in Color. Community members are already asking about next year's program. In February FAL will sponsor a children's program on Lunar New Year with the East Asian Art Museum.

A fall letter soliciting contributions was distributed in October and it was well received. Additionally, FAL was awarded a grant of \$500 from the Alameda Rotary Club to support the Lunar New Year program.

The Live@the Library concerts were again highly successful with each of the events sold out this year. The Concerts received a generous gift to pay to move the piano.

Mission: Friends of the Alameda Free Library

- ✓ To provide a variety of ways to contribute to the ongoing services and growth of the Alameda Free Library for the enjoyment and benefit of the entire community.
- ✓ To act as steward for the library and its many services and programs through advocacy, volunteerism, and fund-raising to supplement public funding.

2018 FAL Officers and Directors

President: Karen Butter

Vice President: Kumar Farse

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Coming Events

- **Feb 10: Art Docent Lunar New Year Program**
2-5 p.m., Leydecker Park
- **May 4-6: Next Book Sale**
Alameda O'Club

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check our website, www.alamedafriends.com.

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