

Art docent lecture August 13: Rene Magritte and Surrealism

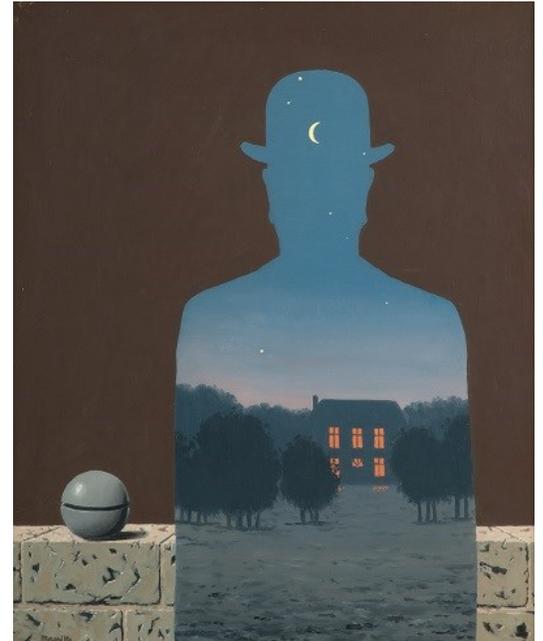
Come learn about Rene Magritte, one of the most intriguing and creative Surrealist painters. “Magritte: The Fifth Season” explores how Magritte balanced irony and conviction, philosophy and fantasy, to illuminate the gaps between what we see and what we know.

August 13, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Main Library, Stafford Room

1550 Oak St.

Alameda



Live @ the Library 10th anniversary series tickets on sale

Tickets went on sale Aug. 1 for the tenth anniversary season of Live @ the Library. This popular concert series features outstanding jazz and American standards by performers well known and loved by audiences both in the Bay Area and nationally. The best way to ensure a seat at all three concerts before they sell out is to buy a series ticket for \$90. Individual tickets are \$35. See below for more information on this year’s special performers and how to get tickets.

Concert Dates:

September 15

Mads Tolling Quartet featuring:
Mads Tolling on violin,
Colin Hogan on piano, Dan Feisli on bass,
Eric Garland on drums, and
Paula West, renowned vocalist

November 17

Tamir Hendelman, piano,
Yamaha Master Pianist

December 8

Tammy Hall on piano, Ruth Davies on bass,
Ruth Price on drums, and featuring
Kim Nalley, vocals--an all-woman show!

Doors open 7:00 p.m.,
concerts start 8:00 p.m.
Alameda Main Library, 1550 Oak St.
Stafford Room

Tickets available at:

Books Inc., 1334 Park Street, Alameda
Dewey’s Friends Café, Alameda Free
Library

1550 Oak Street

Also available online at:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com>



Storage space needed for book sale

FAL will soon lose the warehouse space we use to store many thousands of books, materials and other supplies for the twice-yearly book sales that support programs at the libraries. We are looking for storage space of about 1,000 square feet, which could be split up into smaller rooms or areas. The space would need to be accessible regularly and secured with locks and/or security cameras. Easy access with a ramp or elevator would also be needed. Items are often moved into storage during the day and early evening.

Current storage is free; FAL has a small budget that could go toward renting a space. However, we know every dollar spent would be taking away from the programs supported by the book sales.

If you know of a potential space in or near Alameda, please contact Carole Robie at crobie32@gmail.com. And pass along this request to others who might be able to help!! Many thanks in advance.

FAL Board Thanks Volunteers at Appreciation Reception July 19th

On a delightful Alameda afternoon some friends gathered to celebrate a group dedicated to making the city an even better place. Organized by board members Marlene Grcevich, Honora Murphy, Karen Roemer and Jo Winzenread, this was the Friends of the Alameda Free Library's annual celebration of volunteers, on the patio of the Dragon Rouge Restaurant July 19. Volunteers for both the Friends of the Library and the Library itself were feted. Over 90 volunteers (of a total of 200) who support the library attended. Friends President Karen Butter and Library Director Jane Chisaki welcomed everyone, expressing pride in the library and gratitude to the attendees, without whom the library's value to the community would be greatly diminished. It was noted that so far this year the volunteers have logged over 4500 hours.

Team leaders then recognized individual groups, including those who work on the semiannual book sale, in Dewey's Café, Live @ the Library concerts, the Docent Program lectures, the communications team, and the volunteers of the library itself. Gathering for group photos at the end of the event, these cohorts seemed to be all smiles.

The Dragon Rouge's Vietnamese offerings featured mango steak rolls, garlic chicken wings, tuna and shrimp egg rolls with peanut sauce, curried potato rolls and Vietnamese chicken sandwiches.

The meal was accompanied by wines from Rock Wall Winery, and finished off with treats from goodie baskets put together by the organizing committee. Photographer Billy Reinschmiedt seemed to have little trouble inducing those smiles.

—David Beall

Upcoming Art Docent programs:

August 13:

Rene Magritte

October 15:

Timeless Traditions

November 12:

East Meets West



December 10: Paul Gauguin

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Alameda Main Library, 1550 Oak St., Stafford Room

NEW!! Resource lists from all art docent programs are now listed on the Friends website, www.alamedafriends.com, art docent page.



Marlene Grcevich and Honora Murphy

Remembering Carl Halpern, champion for the Main Library

Long time library supporter Carl Halpern passed away on June 15 after many years of declining health. Carl was raised on the East coast and after graduation joined the Peace Corps and taught mathematics in Tanzania. Upon his return he worked in VISTA national service in Portland, Oregon and then moved to the Bay Area. He worked at the Alameda County Health Department in healthcare finance. He was an devoted father and athlete, loyal Warriors and A's fan who loved to travel and enjoyed family camping.

But as his obituary notes "his heart and soul lay in politics" to the benefit of the Alameda Library. Carl used his skills to bring a new main library to Alameda. Honora Murphy, FAL Board member, remembers Carl traveling to Sacramento to lobby for the state library bond, a critical part of the funding for the new Alameda Library.

At a meeting at Honora's house to regroup after previous library bond defeats three people stepped up to organize the next campaign. Carl was there with his hand up along with Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft and Frank Matarrese. He

served as treasurer for Library 2000, to raise funds to replace the Carnegie Library, though many said he was the true leader of the campaign. On working with Carl, Frank Matarrese said: "I met Carl in the mid 90's along the road to getting a new main library built. Quick wit, fierce dedication and always ready to march forward were Carl's hallmarks. His example to me is indelible." A speaker at Carl's remembrance noted that he was following in his mother's footsteps in leading the library campaign: "They both opened a library to let us in."

Meet at the Café!

Need to meet someone for a chat or work? Connect at Dewey's in the Main Library. Hot coffee, snacks, internet and a quiet spot.



President's Board Report: June Meeting

The Communications Committee is making a smooth transition to an electronic newsletter, working out a few details.

FAL received a bequest (along with a few other local charities) from the estate of an Alameda lawyer, Felix Allen Seidler.

The Alameda Point warehouse book sale storage has been broken into several times over the past month. The Board is actively looking for a new secure storage space that is reasonably priced. In addition to the security issues we will need to vacate the current space in a few years as the development of the Point continues.

The Café Committee is working with the Communications Committee and Library on better ways to advertise and increase sales. The café is now using compostable utensils.

A Filipino History and Cultural event will be held on October 17 from 5:30 – 8 p.m. in the Main Library. The Committee is finalizing details.

This is the 10th Anniversary of Live @ the Library and nationally recognized musicians will play at the three concerts. Sponsorships of the series are continuing to come in, a new volunteer will take over ticket sales to begin in early August, and attendees will have an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for an outstanding basket of wines.

The Board began working on a strategic plan to guide future directions of FAL.

—Karen Butter

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.

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Coming Events

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Live @ the Library Concerts

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October 19—21: Used Book Sale

Stay in touch!

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