

## Art docent lecture July 16: Truth and Beauty

### The Pre-Raphaelites and The Old Masters

Come see a presentation about the Pre-Raphaelites, a secret society founded in 1848 by seven young Englishmen who rebelled against the contemporary Victorian art world. This exhibit juxtaposes the lush hyper-realism art of the Pre-Raphaelites with the works that inspired them, such as those by Italian old masters Fra Angelico and Pietro Perugino as well as their Northern contemporaries Jan van Eyck and Hans Memling.

**Mark your calendar:**

Monday, July 16,

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Main Library, Stafford Room

1550 Oak St., Alameda



## Live @ the Library 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary series coming this fall

**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 8:00 p.m.  
Alameda Main Library, 1550 Oak St.  
Stafford Room

**Tickets available after August 1**

Three-concert series \$90, individual concert \$35



Paula West and Mads Tolling



# Alameda loses stalwart library supporter Carl Halpern

Carl Halpern was one of three people who stepped up to lead the Measure O campaign to raise funds for a new Library in Alameda in 2000. He died on June 15 but his memory lives on in our libraries. We will publish a longer tribute to Carl's legacy for libraries in the next issue.

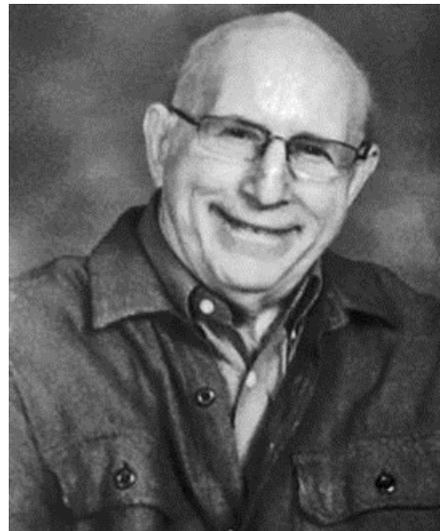
Excerpts from the obituary in the Alameda Sun:

Carl Halpern, longtime resident of Alameda, died peacefully at home on June 15 after many years of declining health. Carl was born to Salem and Edith Halpern in the Bronx in New York City. Both sets of grandparents were Eastern European Jews who had emigrated to the United States at the turn of the 20th century.

Carl's heart and soul always lay in politics. From attending Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" rally in Washington, D.C. in 1968 to leading the picket lines in the 1976 Alameda County strike to organizing to bring a new main library with the Library 2000 group in the City of Alameda, Carl was always in the thick of it.

Carl was at his core a people person. He could strike up a conversation with anyone, anywhere and learn their life story in short order. He will be deeply missed by his many friends and family members including his daughters Ericka and Alicia, his grandson Adrien, his sister Elinor and his many cousins. The family is so thankful for his long-time, loving caregiver Lucy Faraon.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the ACLU or to Planned Parenthood.



## President's Board Report: June Meeting

The Board was pleased to see that FAL received three mentions in The Voice, a national magazine for library friends organizations.

Donations are continuing to come in from the Spring mailing, demonstrating the value of FAL to Alamedans.

The May book sale was a success despite competing with the Warriors playoffs and a couple of other local library book sales. The book sale committee is evaluating the value of the new banners advertising the sale that were hung around town. The Committee continues to need volunteers. A new place to store books ready for sale is of prime importance since storage at Alameda Point will be torn down.

The art docent program has been very successful with events scheduled for the rest of the year. The Board is working on a program on Philippines in Alameda for the fall and a children's program over the summer at the West End Library.

Performers for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Live @ the Library have been finalized. We continue to search for concert sponsors beginning at the \$500 level (includes 2 series concert tickets). Wine will be raffled at the concerts as well.

Planning for the Volunteer Celebration on July 19 is well under way and invitations will be sent out in June.

The FAL Board is beginning a strategic planning process to identify future directions and will begin working in June to develop the plan.

--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.

## 2018 FAL Officers and Directors

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Newsletter Editor: Kris Matarrese

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## Coming Events

**June 1 – July 31: Summer Reading Program**

All branches

**July 16: Art Docent Program: Truth And Beauty**

Alameda Free Library, Main Branch  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

**July 26: Samba for Kids of All Ages**

Alameda Free Library, West End Branch  
3:00 p.m.

**August 13: Art Docent Program: Rene Magritte and Surrealism**

Alameda Free Library, Main Branch  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Live @ the Library Concerts**

September 15, November 17, December 8

**Stay in touch!**

Information: [info@alamedafriends.com](mailto:info@alamedafriends.com)

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