

Alameda's rich Filipino American history topic for Oct. 17

In recognition of Filipino American History Month, Friends of the Alameda Free Library is sponsoring a program featuring Filipino food and music along with a panel discussion about Filipino Americans in Alameda and the work of labor organizer Larry Itliong.

A reception starts at 5:30 p.m. with food, music and displays from Alameda's own Filipino American families.

At 6:15 a panel will discuss the history of Filipino Americans in Alameda and the role Filipinos played in the California labor movement:

- Gayle Romasanta, co-author and publisher, "Journey to Justice: The Life of Larry Itliong"
- Robin Magalit Rodriguez, PhD, chair, Asian American Studies, UC Davis
- Sid Valledor, special assistant to Itliong

The event is sponsored by FAL with community partners Bohol Circle, Inc., City of Alameda and Alameda County Filipino American Historical Society, Alameda Sister City Association, and Alameda-Dumaguete Sister City Partnership.



Volunteers needed for Fall book sale Oct. 19-21

Our fall used book and media sale is right around the corner. Volunteers who work Friday morning book set-up get first access and can purchase up to one box of books once set-up is complete. Volunteers who work the Friday night, Saturday or Sunday sales receive a coupon valued at \$4 for one bag of books, to be redeemed on Sunday. Shifts during the sale are generally two to three hours. Jobs include:

Friday Morning Book Set-Up—Unpack books from boxes and organize on the tables

Cashiers & Pre-Counters—Tally up the books and collect cash from customers

Book Sitters & Hand Truck Drivers—Help customers check their boxes of books while they shop, and transport them out to their cars

Table Organizers—Keep books organized on the tables, assist book sitters, and help customers with books

Sunday Afternoon Break Down—Pack up remaining books, load truck, & break down empty boxes. Consolidate book-ends, return signs & other sale items to warehouse.

Advertising/publicity

Year-round moving books to storage

Distribution and repurposing of unsold books

Interested? Go to <http://bit.ly/FALBookSale> to sign up, leave a question or comment.



Timeless Traditions: Oct. 15 art docent talk Expressions of the divine and human in Indian art

A docent from the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco will share images and information about the Indian art through its major belief systems: Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism. Enjoy the variety of styles, the myriad of media, and the astonishing skill evidenced in the art of South Asia from 4000 years ago through the 18th century. Sponsored by the Friends of the Alameda Free Library in partnership with the Asian Art Museum.

The free talk starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Stafford Room, Alameda Main Library, 1550 Oak St., Alameda.



Upcoming Art Docent programs:

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/what-we-do/art-docent-lectures.

Magritte's focus on subject explored in August docent presentation

More than 70 people attended the Friends of the Alameda Free Library's August 13 docent lecture at the Main Library. The topic was SFMOMA's "Rene Magritte: The Fifth Season." Docent Avril Angevine gave a detailed account of the Belgian artist's life and career, pointing out that, except for a short period in Paris during World War II, he lived his entire life in Brussels.

While the influence of Magritte's earlier countrymen such as Rubens and Bosch was great, Angevine explained that Magritte was focused on providing an alternative to the fashionable styles of late nineteenth and early twentieth century art. Impressionism and Cubism, with their emphasis on technique, or "how to paint," gave way in Magritte's work to the importance of the object being painted, or "what to paint." Angevine provided almost 90 minutes worth of slides and discussion showing how Magritte's cleverness and impeccable draftsmanship made one really look at the subject.

A list of resources on the topic developed by Alameda librarians is available on the FAL website art docent page (www.alamedafriends.com/what-we-do/art-docent-lectures). —David Beall



Live @ the Library 10th anniversary concerts selling out; Seats still available for November, December concerts

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>



President's Board Report: July Meeting

Karen Butter represented the Board at the summer reading event, a program sponsored by the FAL.

FAL paid for updates to the Stafford Room technology providing better audio, portable microphones and improved video display; fixes will be up soon.

The Communications Committee has improved the production system for the print newsletter. The committee will identify new ways to promote the Café since traffic has declined.

Recently an individual asked to purchase a donor shelf plate in memory of a friend. Library staff will update the list of donor shelf plates and the Revenue Generating Committee was asked to review the program and recommend changes.

The Board heard reports of thefts at the book sale storage facility and recognized the need to undertake a serious search for new storage space. The Board and the Library supported a request by a café volunteer, who is also a master gardener, to improve the plantings in the courtyard adjacent to the café.

More than 90 people attended the July docent lecture, Truth and Beauty. A questionnaire revealed that people heard about the program through library flyers, the library calendar and the website.

The Board met its goal to raise \$10,000 in recognition of the 10th anniversary of Live at the Library. Hot-Rod, Inc, a local business, will provide in-kind support for a backdrop to enhance performances.

The president congratulated the Volunteer Celebration Committee on a very successful event, with outstanding weather, good food, and more than 75 FAL volunteers in attendance at Dragon Rouge.

—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

Live @ the Library concerts
September 15
November 17
December 8

October 15: Indian art docent event

October 17: Filipino American history panel

October 19-21: Used book sale

Stay in touch!

Information: info@alamedafriends.com
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For the latest information on Friends events check our website, www.alamedafriends.com.

Meet at the Café!

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

