
February 11 Art Docent Program: “Ray and Charles Eames”



FAL’s popular free art docent program continues in 2019 with a program from the Oakland Museum. Come see a presentation on the influential husband and wife design team Charles and Ray Eames, the visionaries behind the iconic Eames chairs. Their collaboration of more than 30 years ranged from furniture to photography. Through their influential designs, they became sought after for their skill in making technology humane, exciting and accessible.

Alameda Free Library, Stafford Room
1550 Oak Street, Alameda, 6:30-8 p.m.

Live @ the Library Concerts

The 2018 “Live @ the Library” jazz concert season concluded December 8th with a rousing all-women quintet that had the audience singing, clapping, and delivering a well-deserved standing ovation. The excellent musicians were led by Tammy Hall on piano. Eileen Savel, Luzanne Engh, and the late Ruth Belikove deserve high praise for consistently finding and scheduling exceptional musicians with national and international fame to the Alameda Free Library stage for wonderful concerts for the last 10 years.



Report from the October book sale: Great volunteer effort, impressive income!

The October 2018 book sale brought in \$17,000. We are very grateful to everyone who worked the sale over the three-day event, particularly those who come back to work each sale and volunteers who worked multiple shifts. We truly depend on your reliability and dedication. A special thank you also to our new volunteers, who pitched in when and wherever needed. All of you helped to make this book sale one of the smoothest ever! As a result, the Friends of the Alameda Free Library is able to contribute significantly to the Library's reading programs for children, teens, and adults. These include story times and sing-a-longs, teen and middle school book clubs and homework coaching, the summer kids reading program, and Alameda Reads.

THANK YOU TO OUR OCTOBER 2018 BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS

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Year-end docent programs: “Paul Gauguin” and “East Meets West”

On December 10 in the Stafford Room of the main library, popular docent Marsha Holm presented “Paul Gauguin: A Spiritual Journey” from the Legion of Honor Museum. She began by asking the large audience if any of them considered themselves a “rule breaker.”

Gauguin, she said, was a rule breaker extraordinaire. From the time his wife took herself and their five children away from their home in Paris, Gauguin’s life was marked by self inflicted turbulence and restlessness. In the decade starting in 1885 he lived in Copenhagen, Paris (several times), Brittany, Arles, Martinique, Panama, and finally twice in Tahiti. Though in his early career he was clearly influenced by the Impressionists, particularly Cezanne and Pissarro, he sought to surpass their achievements. He openly courted controversy through his choice of exotic subject matter and intensity of color.

This was Ms. Holm’s second consecutive docent lecture at the library. In November she presented “East Meets West,” the Legion of Honor’s exhibition of jewels of Mughal India, which were introduced to Europe in the nineteenth century. This was an amazingly extravagant display of bling.

The Gauguin presentation wrapped up a full schedule of well attended docent programs for 2018. FAL Board President Karen Butter took the opportunity to thank FAL’s coordinator, Kumar Fanse, for his dedication and hard work on the program.

This free program will continue in 2019, with a program from the Oakland Museum of Ray and Charles Eames, February 11 and one on Claude Monet March 18.

—David Beall

President’s Board Report: November Meeting

The Board approved the Library’s request to transfer funds to support programs in 2019 for children, teens and adults.

In the report from the Library Jane Chisaki noted that the teen study halls have been very successful. A particularly popular one features background sounds from a Hogwarts study hall. Additionally, the library was open additional hours during the recent smoke emergency as the only filtered air facility in any city building and distributed 7,000 N95 masks. Dewey’s Café extended its hours as well serving a new group of customers.

Peg Rosen, chair of the book sale committee, noted she received several comments on the better quality of the books at the October sale compared with previous sales. Donations now coming in seem to be maintaining this trend. Following yet another theft at the storage facility at Alameda Point the Board is continuing to look for reasonably priced storage on the island.

Beth Sibley, chair of the Café Committee, noted the outstanding sales at the Live @ the Library concerts. Cookies were sold out before the show began.

The Board gave a round of applause to Nancy Horton who is leaving the board. She was congratulated for an outstanding job in managing the donor appeals and fund raising campaigns. She will be missed!

--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

February 11: Art Docent Program: Ray & Charles Eames

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

February 13: Film: *Dark Money*

Alameda Free Library, Main Branch
5 to 8 p.m.

February 24: Black History Month Event

March 18: Art Docent Program: Claude Monet

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


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Wednesday, February 13, 5:00 - 7:45 PM
Alameda Main Library, 1550 Oak Street



a political documentary
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