

## AAUW-FAL Alameda Author Series starts off with Rebecca Gomez Farrell

For the third year, AAUW Alameda presents a spring series of talks featuring authors who live and write in Alameda and nearby, now co-sponsored by the Friends of the Alameda Free Library. Our February author Rebecca Gomez Farrell will discuss her fantasy novel *Wings Unseen* and her current writing projects. The **talks are free but reservations are necessary**. Reserve at: <https://rebeccagomezfarrell-aauw2019.eventbrite.com>



**Feb. 25, 6 to 8 p.m.**

Alameda Free Library, Stafford Room

### Upcoming Author Speakers:

- March 18: Lea Kirk
- April 8: Natalie Devora
- May 8: Alison Hart

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## Black History Month events include Feb. 12 talk, Feb. 24

### Panel features three Black Alamedans who have made a difference

Feb. 24, 2 to 4 p.m.

- Christine Chilcott: CEO of Girls Incorporated of the Island City; she is the only Black person running a non-profit in Alameda
- Ardella J. Dailey, EdD: Alameda Unified School District trustee; assistant professor in the Department of Educational Leadership in the College of Education and Allied Studies, Cal State East Bay; first Black superintendent of AUSD
- Vickie R. Smith: Long-time activist for diversity and equity in schools; founder of Encinal High School Black Student Union while a student; retired Family Support Services Liaison for Alameda Unified School District

**Both events are in the Stafford Room, Alameda Main Library, 1550 Oak St., Alameda**

### Black Migrations from Africa to Alameda talk by Rasheed Shabazz

Feb. 12, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The Alameda Free Library is proud to present a discussion, in honor of Black History Month, with Rasheed Shabazz, local historian, on the topic: Black Migrations: from Africa to Alameda. Rasheed will be discussing 20th century Black migration from Africa to Alameda and how Black people have moved within Alameda and how others have moved from Alameda during the 1990s. No registration is necessary. Everyone is welcome.

## Community steps up to support local Coast Guard Families

Coast Guard members posted at nearby Coast Guard Island, many of whom live in Alameda, have been a huge help to FAL's twice-a-year used book sales, lending muscle and time to move thousands of boxes of books.

So it's been great to see Alamedans giving back as Coast Guard families suffer through a federal government shutdown that's left them without income. With help coordinating from the East Bay Coast Guard Spouses Club, Alameda businesses, organizations and individuals have stepped up with donations, offers of meals and other support.

These include Otto Wright, owner of The Local coffee shop on Park Street (at Alameda Avenue), which has served as a collection point for donations. Wright said he'll continue to accept donations of gift cards or any non-perishable items of food, clothing, household goods for the duration of the government shutdown.



Members of the U.S. Coast Guard help set up FAL's semi annual book sale

### Support Friends on social media

To help spread the word about FAL's work, be sure to "like" our Facebook page the next time you're on Facebook. If you click to "get notifications," that makes sure you see our posts on your news feed. It also helps if you share our posts to your own friend network.



## AAUW-FAL-LWV sponsor free film showing of *Dark Money*

The American Association of University Women, Friends of the Alameda Free Library and the League of Women Voters are sponsoring a free showing of the political documentary *Dark Money*. This film will be followed by a discussion with Dennis Evanosky, Alameda Sun editor, along with LWVA member Allan Mann, who produced reports on local campaign expenditures for the 2018 elections.

Time: 5:30 to 8 p.m. (Note new time)

Date: February 13

Alameda Main Library, Stafford Room





## February 11 Art Docent Program: Ray and Charles Eames

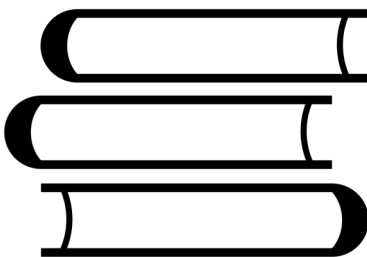
FAL's popular free art docent program continues in 2019 with a program from the Oakland Museum. Charles and Ray Eames, the visionaries behind the iconic Eames chairs, collaborated for more than 30 years on furniture to photography. Through their influential designs, they became sought after for their skill on making technology humane, exciting, and accessible.

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

Next Art Docent Program:  
April 29: Claude Monet  
(Note change of date)

## Where to donate books for the used book sale in May

The Friends accepts new and gently used books, DVDs and CDs. Donations accepted on **Mondays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Friends' Book Sorting Room; you can pull up in your car in the Times Way alley at the Main Library 1550 Oak Street, Alameda. You can also drop off books in Dewey's Friends Café. Please place your donation in sturdy bags or boxes. Free off-street parking is available behind the library or across Oak Street in the City Hall parking lot.



### 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.

### 2019 FAL Officers and Directors

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## Coming Events

**Mon., Feb. 11: Art Docent Program: Ray & Charles Eames**  
Alameda Free Library, Main Branch; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**Tues., Feb. 12: Black Migrations Africa to Alameda**  
Alameda Free Library, Main Branch; 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**Wed., Feb. 13: Film: *Dark Money***  
Alameda Free Library, Main Branch; 5:30 to 8 p.m. (note new time)

**Sun., Feb. 24: Black History Month panel**  
Alameda Free Library, Main Branch; 2 to 4 p.m.

**Mon., Feb. 25: Author Series: Rebecca Gomez Farrell**  
Alameda Free Library, Main Branch, 6 to 8 p.m.

### Stay in touch!

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For the latest information on Friends events check our website:  
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