

Impressive lineup for 2019 Live @ the Library concerts

The very popular Live @ the Library concert series returns this fall with three new sterling musical offerings of outstanding jazz and American standards. Here is this year's line-up of exceptional musicians:

September 14



Larry Vuckovich

October 12: Mimi Fox



November 16



**Dmitri Matheny
Quintet**

Tickets for the series will be on sale August 1 through Books Inc. on Park Street, Dewey's Friends Café at Alameda Free Library, Main Branch, and online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com>. \$40 for individual tickets; \$100 for series of three concerts.

FAL Board thanks donors who contributed to spring appeal

The FAL Board of Directors would like to give a big thank you to those of you who contributed to our Spring Appeal letter. In contrast to many letters sent by other organizations, FAL sends out only two requests per year. This is a major source of funding in addition to the semi-annual book sale, Dewey's Café, and Live @ the Library.

We continue to receive donations from our Spring Appeal letter and it's never too late to donate. We value all donations, regardless of size.

In addition to donations sent directly in response to our Spring Appeal letter, we receive anonymous gifts through corporate giving programs, many of which match the employee's gift. This year we wish to thank those employees who work at Chevron, PG&E, and AT&T who have given anonymously through their workplace giving programs.



FAL volunteers make May book sale a record-breaker

More than \$20,000 raised for library programs for kids, adult learners

Thanks to the many volunteers who made the May used book sale a success, raising more than \$20,000 for library programs for adults and children. Many worked multiple shifts and are veterans of previous sales.

We'd like to make special mention of our primary warehouse volunteer, **Jill Mariani**, for going above and beyond the call. Not only did she single-handedly move ALL of our (almost 1,000) boxes of books into storage over time, but she also ended up moving most of them a second time after our initial storage space was vandalized. She's our hero! Thanks to her, the rest of our warehouse volunteers, along with the amazing Coast Guard team headed by **Capt. Andrew Pecora** and **GMCS Anthony Severson**, were able to transfer the boxes from storage and set up the O'Club in record time.



Thanks also to **Dennis McDaniels** at ARPD for facilitating the use of the O'Club, as well as to the small but enthusiastic crew of volunteers who prepared the O'Club to receive all those boxes of books. Thanks especially to **David Kiewlich** for ongoing assistance during the year picking up unsaleable books, and for putting out the call on Alameda Peeps.

The sale itself went very smoothly from the Friday night rush to the clear out on Sunday. Special thanks here to two long-time book sale volunteers, **John Kennedy** and **Fred Suhr**, who worked every shift. Fred manages our book-sitter table with unending patience and efficiency, and John wrangles all of our empty boxes and places leftover books in "Little Libraries" throughout Alameda. Head Librarian **Jane Chisaki** and the Friends of the Alameda Free Library Board members lent support at the sale and throughout the year.

A few notes:

- If you have any suggestions or comments to make about the sale, please feel free to share them with us at FALbooksale@icloud.com.
- We would love to have a few more volunteers able to work a few hours a week between sales sorting, pricing, and boxing. If you are interested, just drop by the sorting room any Monday between 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., and talk to one of our committee members. You can also volunteer via our handy website form, available on our website (alamedafriends.com).

—The Book Sale Committee:

Catherine Atcheson, Nancy Cooney, Lynda Graham, Tracy Matsuoka, Anne McDonald, Lisa Mendoza and Peg Rosen

Next Used Book Sale: Oct. 18-20, 2019

See the FAL website for a full list of volunteers

Art Docent Lecture July 15: Andy Warhol, from A to B and Back Again

The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art is hosting an exhibition of Andy Warhol art, closing on Sept. 2. Come to the Alameda Free Library, Main Branch to learn about this exhibit and about Andy Warhol's life in art. This is a free event that starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Stafford Room.



Art Docent lectures on Monet, Rubens please art lovers

Regular attendees of the FAL Art Docent series were treated to two excellent presentations over the last month, “Monet – The Late Years” on April 29 and “Rubens Early Years” on May 13.

Docent Alfred Escoffier from the de Young Museum discussed the later works of Claude Monet (1840 - 1926). While making some reference to the artist’s early work central to the burgeoning Impressionist Movement, the discussion was primarily about his later years at his home in Giverny. After showing a few of the artist’s works from the early Impressionist period, Escoffier moved on to Monet’s purchase of the house in Giverny and the development of its beautiful gardens. His work in this period began showing the influence of Japanese art, as typified by iconic pictures of the Japanese bridge and the water lily pond.



The Legion of Honor Museum’s Gretchen Turner moved our historical focus from Monet’s lifetime back 300 years to the period of the Eighty Years War and the life of Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640). Turner’s explanation of the history of Rubens’ hometown of Antwerp was very informative. Antwerp was near much of the fighting, which Rubens was able to avoid by moving abroad. In Venice, Milan, Mantua, and finally Rome he developed his talent in religious and mythological works, as well as portraiture. By the time of his return to Antwerp when his mother died in 1608, Rubens was one of the most sought-after artists in Europe.

Despite a period in the nineteenth century when Rubens’ work was greatly disrespected, today his reputation has rebounded considerably. In 2016 his painting “Lot and His Daughters” sold at Christies for 44,882,500 pounds, the highest price ever achieved by an old master’s work.

—David Beall

President’s Board Report: April Meeting

FAL sponsored a booth at the Earth Day in Washington Park featuring crafts that could be made from books discarded from the used book sale. Along with the books were instruction sheets to demonstrate how to make the crafts. Volunteers agreed it was a fun day and good advertising for the upcoming book sale and FAL. Plans are under way for a booth at the Alameda Maker Faire in August with more book crafts. Volunteers to staff the booth and help with crafts are needed.

The Board will be looking for a new Book Sale Manager. Peg Rosen announced that the Spring sale is the last one she will lead. Everyone congratulated Peg on an outstanding job. The Board is also working to identify new Board members and has received a few applications.

Planning for the 2019 Live at the Library is under way. John Kaso will assume the job of Business Manager working with Eileen Savel who finds and schedules the musicians. Eileen commented that this year is possibly the strongest musically. Information requesting series sponsorships will be sent out soon. Sponsorships are critical to the ongoing support for the program.

The Docent program has added a new talk on August 12 from the Contemporary Jewish Museum on ceramics.

Karen Butter closed the meeting with a moment of silence for Board Member Eileen Bitten who passed away recently.

—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

June 8: Summer Reading Program Kickoff

Family Fun Day

Alameda Free Library, Main Branch

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(Program runs June 1-July 31)

July 15: Art Docent Lecture: Andy Warhol

Alameda Free Library, Main Branch

6:30 to 8 p.m.

**August 12: Art Docent Lecture: Contemporary
Jewish Museum, ceramics**

Alameda Free Library, Main Branch

6:30 to 8 p.m.



Andy Warhol

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