
FAL Board Member, Past President, receives city award

Luzanne Engh is being honored with a City of Alameda Community Service Award as a Nonprofit Board Member. Luzanne has brought outstanding leadership and tireless dedication to multiple nonprofit organizations in Alameda. She is personally responsible for many initiatives and events that support libraries, education and leadership for young women. For the past 10 years, Luzanne has dedicated herself to FAL, serving as treasurer, vice president and president, leading both big-picture strategic discussions and working at nearly every event. She has dedicated countless hours as co-chair of the Live @ the Library concert series bringing high-quality jazz to Alameda and raising money for library programs. When it became clear that the Friends of the Alameda Free Library and its sister organization, Alameda Free Library Foundation, would benefit from a merger, she co-chaired the ad hoc merge committee.



Her volunteer work is not limited to FAL. Luzanne also serves on the board of Girls Inc. as its president. Additionally, she led the Equip for Success project for the Alameda Education Foundation to provide students with backpacks and school supplies. She and her husband Tom also deliver meals for Meals on Wheels.

FAL congratulates Luzanne on a well-deserved honor and recognizes the significant contribution she has made to the ongoing success of FAL and to improving the lives of those in the Alameda community.

FAL 2019 Used Book Sales a rousing success

Friends of the Alameda Free Library hosts two used book sales each year, one in May and one in October. Both events this year were the most successful ever. Hundreds of people attended and bought thousands of used books, all in good condition and in subject matters ranging from children's books to military history, from mysteries to science and technology, from novels to all subjects in between. The three day sales generate much-needed funds for many of our library's programs.



We thank our many, many volunteers who worked tirelessly to make these sales so successful, and we thank everyone who came and bought books.

FAL's next book sale is May 1-3, 2020.

If you are interested in volunteering for the next book sale, please sign up at:

<https://tinyurl.com/vyyvalpa>

Left: Cindy Silva helps two young book shoppers select the perfect bookmarks.
(Photo by Karen Butter)

FAL Board seeks Fund Development Chair

The Friends of the Alameda Free Library is looking for a volunteer to lead its Fund Development Committee. The individual will join the FAL Board and lead current and planned efforts to raise funds for the Alameda Free Library. The efforts include producing the spring and fall appeal, building relationships with donors and volunteers, managing donor systems and software, and working with the Board and community to plan and organize large capital campaigns. Ideally, the individual will have experience in fund development.



Another hit in our concert series with the Mimi Fox Trio

- David Beall

On October 12 the Friends' Live @ the Library series continued with a concert by jazz guitarist Mimi Fox and her trio, with Eddie Mendenhall on organ and Lorca Hart on drums. Fox delivered a wide range of instrumental selections, including the old gospel song "Wayfaring Stranger" and Paul Simon's "Loves Me Like a Rock." She opened with a virtuoso version of Miles Davis's "Stella by Starlight" and closed the show with the title cut from her new album, "This Bird Still Flies." Judging by the energy and skill of the performance, the bird is indeed still flying.

As usual, the concert was sold out. In addition to Eileen Savel's great job lining up the performers for these concerts, it should be noted the concerts would not be possible without the "behind the scenes" team of Luzanne Engh, John Kaso, and Jeanie Egbert. Along with Eileen, they do the myriad jobs necessary to getting these first-rate shows on the stage.



Eileen Savel introduces the Mimi Fox Trio (photo by Billy Reinschmidt)



The Mimi Fox Trio (photo by Billy Reinschmidt)

This year's final concert will be Saturday November 16 at 8:00 p.m., featuring the Dmitri Matheny Quintet. If you like jazz, you will love the performer, whom the SF Chronicle called "one of the jazz world's most talented horn players." His instrument, the flugelhorn, is similar to a trumpet, but with a more mellow, diffused sound. A few tickets may be available at the door.

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Capacity crowd wowed by Art Docent talk on James Tissot



Photo by Kumar Fansa

- David Beall

In coordination with the docent program from the Legion of Honor, FAL sponsored a program presented by Marsha Holm on the 19th century French artist James Tissot. While perhaps Tissot is not well known today, Holm pointed out that in his lifetime (1836-1902), he became one of the most famous artists in the world. He exhibited several works at the Paris Salon and later moved to London. His last period of painting focused on religious topics. Holm, who is noted for her storytelling skills and humor, pointed out Tissot's tremendous talent as a realistic artist, particularly emphasizing his exquisite work in rendering the appeal of the human subjects of his paintings. All the slides she showed were from works on display at the Legion of Honor exhibition that runs through February 9, 2020.

This program concluded the docent lecture series for the year.

Next art docent lecture:

In connection with Black History Month

Soul of a Nation: 1963-1983

February 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Main Library

Help FAL save money!

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info@alamedafriends.com



Correction: Friends of the Alameda Free Library
Tax ID number

In the recent letter requesting donations, FAL included an incorrect Tax ID number.

The correct number is **23-7437087**.

We apologize for the confusion.

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

November 16, 2019: Live @ the Library: Dmitri Matheny
Alameda Free Library, Main Branch
Doors open at 7 p.m.; concert starts 8 p.m.

**February 2, 2020: Black History Month:
Conversations with Youth**
Alameda Free Library, Main Branch 2 to 4 p.m.

February 10, 2020: Docent Lecture: Soul of a Nation, 1963-1983
Alameda Free Library, Main Branch
6:30 to 8 p.m.



Dmitri Matheny Quintet plays Live @
the Library, November 16, 2019

We will be taking a break in December.

The next newsletter will arrive in January. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Stay in touch!

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