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## FAL Presents Two Black History Month Events

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### February 2, 2020: Black Youth, Exploring the Road to Success



Moderator Kiki Devoramonifa will lead the panel in exploring the effects of racism on young people.

Panelists:

**Oral Lee Brown:** Realtor who has helped over 135 children attend college

**Michelle McAfee:** Educator, Park Day School

**Ron Whittaker:** Founding parent and board member at The Academy of Alameda

**Sunday, February 2, 2020**

**2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Main Library**

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### February 10, 2020: Art Docent Lecture: Soul of a Nation, 1963-1983

Join us at the library for an evening of art and conversation about race, identity, representation, civil rights, and politics. Marsha Holm, our excellent docent, will present images from the DeYoung Museum exhibit and discuss them. Come early – our most recent art docent talk was filled to capacity! You can read more about this exciting exhibit on the de Young Museum's website here: <https://deyoung.famsf.org/exhibitions/soul-of-a-nation>.

**Soul of a Nation: 1963-1983**

**Monday, February 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m.,**

**Main Library**

Next Docent Lecture: March 16: Frida Kahlo



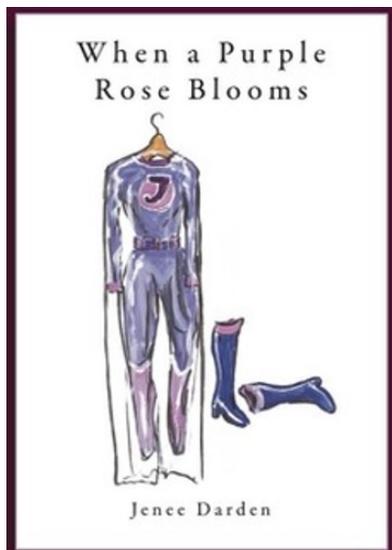
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**These Black History Month programs are made possible by a grant from the Rotary Club**

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## FAL/AAUW Alameda Author Series has a great lineup of authors



The fourth annual Alameda Author Series, sponsored by FAL and Alameda Branch of AAUW, returns with award winning journalist and book author Jenee Darden, who will speak about her collection of poetry and essays, *Where a Purple Rose Blooms*. The book is a collection of poetry and essays that reflect writer Jenee Darden's journey through Black womanhood.

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
6:00 p.m. Main Library**

Upcoming authors in the series:

March 11, 2020: Mark Greenside

April 20, 2020: Edna Cabcabin Moran

May 20, 2020: Bronwyn Harris



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## Thanks from FAL to all who contributed last fall



**Fall Appeal for Donations:** A big thank you to those who contributed to our fall letter requesting donations. In contrast to the many, many letters sent by other organizations, FAL sends out only two requests a year. This is a major source of our funding in addition to the semi-annual booksale, Dewey's Café and Live @ the Library.

Support from you, our donors is critical. We are not a membership organization, so donations allow us to support many Library activities not included in the Library's budget from the City. The Library just released its new strategic plan and we will be called upon to raise funds to support capital items in the plan. We will provide details in an upcoming newsletter.

We continue to receive donations from our letter and email and it's never too late to donate. We value all donations, regardless of size. You may donate online at <https://alamedafriends.com/support-us/>

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## Make a Four Year Time Capsule with the kids on Leap Day

There is only one February 29th every four years. Bring the kids (first grade and older are most appropriate) and items you and they want to remember and make a four year time capsule. The library will supply the jars; you supply the memories!

**Saturday, February 29, 2020**

**2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Main Library**



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'll see our posts in your news feed. It also helps if you share our posts to your Facebook friends. [@friendsalamedafreelibrary](https://www.facebook.com/friendsalamedafreelibrary)



# Message from the Board President: A Look Back at 2019

-Karen Butter

As we enter a new year and new decade, it's a good time to highlight the many successes from the past year.

1. Two successful book sales brought buyers from all over the Bay Area, our highest revenues ever, and an outstanding new leadership team for the book sale.
2. We produced seven Art Docent programs featuring top-tier art experts to describe current exhibits at Bay Area museums that have been attended by up to 120 community members, bringing many people into the library who had not visited before.
3. The jazz series, Live @ the Library, featured three sold out concerts with nationally recognized musicians.
4. Dewey's Café does exceptional work providing drinks and light snacks for those in the Main Library.
5. Last but not least are our hard working Board members and volunteers. As an all-volunteer organization, volunteers are the heart of our organization. There are close to 100 individuals who contribute hours to support all these activities. A special thanks to our volunteers.



2019 Book Sale Photo: B. Reinschmidt



2019 Live @ the Library Concert Photo: B. Reinschmidt

**Volunteers Needed:** We welcome new volunteers. The booksale committee would love to have more help sorting and organizing books. Dewey's Café is always looking for help serving prepared food and drinks to library patrons. Please email us at [Volunteers@AlamedaFriends.com](mailto:Volunteers@AlamedaFriends.com) to volunteer.

## Help FAL save money!



It costs \$1.25 to print and mail each newsletter. Money for printing the newsletters could go to library programs FAL supports. If you receive this printed newsletter and can switch to the email version, please let us know by sending your email address to:

[info@AlamedaFriends.com](mailto:info@AlamedaFriends.com)

## Our mission

- ◆ 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

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**February 12, 2020:** FAL/AAUW Author Series: Jenee Darden:  
*When a Purple Rose Blooms*  
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**March 11, 2020:** Alameda Author Series: Mark Greenside

**March 16, 2020:** Docent Lecture: Frida Kahlo

**April 13, 2020:** Docent Lecture: David Park

## CELEBRATE LEAP DAY

Leap Day comes only  
once every 4 years!

Make your own time  
capsule! We'll provide  
the jar and the  
decorations. You bring  
what you want to put in  
it.

This program is best for  
children in 1st grade and  
up.



2pm to 4:30pm  
February 29, 2020  
Main Library

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!  
CALL 510-747-7705



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