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## FAL adapts to the times

**Newsletter:** We are switching our printed newsletter to a quarterly publication, and are continuing a monthly newsletter online. If you wish to receive the online newsletter, please let us know by sending your email address to: [info@AlamedaFriends.com](mailto:info@AlamedaFriends.com). The next printed newsletter will be in November, 2020.

**Friends @ Home:** Due to Covid-19 restrictions on public meetings, we have changed our author presentations and docent talks to an online format. Changing to this method has brought both challenges and rewards. Board members of FAL are expanding their digital skills rapidly. Below is a listing of our next two months of Friends @ Home offerings:

Art docent programs: August 12, 7 p.m.: “The Beat and the Hip”

September 14, 7 p.m.: “The World of Jane Austen”

Author presentation: September 2, 7 p.m.: Bronwyn Harris presenting her new book, *Letters from the Inside: Hope Beyond the Classroom and the Cell*. This program is presented in partnership with AAUW Alameda

To register for these events, please visit our website : [www.alamedafriends.com/calendar](http://www.alamedafriends.com/calendar)

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## Friends @ Home: Art docent program: The Beat and the Hip

August 12, 7 p.m. SF Art from the 50s to the 70s with Docent Avril Angevine



R. Diebenkorn, Figure on a porch, 1959

San Francisco was a happening place at midcentury: big new ideas about music, poetry, life and love were all developing in what was then a small city. Art, of course, was also in flux, and some uniquely Bay Area artists and styles challenged New York’s dominance of the American Art scene. Discover the work of David Park, Richard Diebenkorn, Joan Brown, Jay DeFeo, Bruce Conner, and more as we explore the art world of San Francisco’s Beatniks and Hippies.

Avril Angevine is an independent art lecturer who has spoken at the Alameda Library many times. She is a Humanities and English instructor at local colleges, and museum guide at both SFMOMA and the Oakland Museum.

To register, please see our website, [www.alamedafriends.com](http://www.alamedafriends.com).

## FAL/AAUW Alameda Author Series Continues with Bronwyn Harris



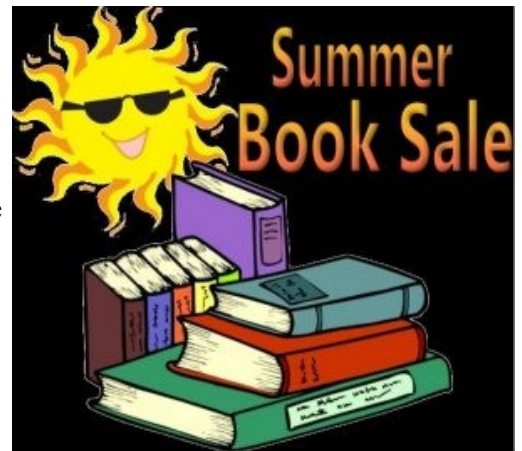
September 2, 7 p.m.

The fourth annual Alameda Author Series, co-sponsored by AAUW Alameda and the Friends of the Alameda Free Library, continues with non-fiction writer and teacher Bronwyn Harris. Ms. Harris, a former Oakland public school teacher, will speak about *Letters from the Inside: Hope Beyond the Classroom and the Cell*, coauthored with “Jorge,” a former student from her East Oakland classroom. Ms. Harris’ previous work *Literally Unbelievable: Stories from an East Oakland Classroom*, was published in 2016, and has been provided to state legislators as a reference on conditions in public schools.

To register for this online event, please visit our website.

## FAL Used Book Sale

We have had a great response to our used book sale posted on our Facebook page. Our book room volunteers have sorted out an amazing selection of over 250 books that are interesting, in excellent condition and at affordable prices. Thanks to our amazing volunteers, we are able to provide free porch side deliveries of books to Alameda residents, and we offer weekend pick up for those who live outside Alameda. We are currently working on adding a book sale page to our website where we can sell books, so stay tuned. If you have any questions, email us at [booksale@alamedafriends.com](mailto:booksale@alamedafriends.com). Thanks for supporting us.



## Remember our friends at Rocket Reuse

Rocket Reuse has been a big customer of our used book sale since they opened in 2010. They have been making a valiant effort to stay in business during the shelter-in-place. Please help them by ordering online via their Facebook page or visiting their store by appointment.

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## Library Takeout

Yes, it is true, Library Takeout! The library is open for curbside pick-up of books. You can place materials on hold via the web or by phone. This service is available at the Main Library, Monday through Friday, 12-5. Find out more on the library’s website:

[www.alamedafree.org/Library-Takeout](http://www.alamedafree.org/Library-Takeout)



## Message from the Board President

-Karen Butter

As Library supporters we realize how much we depend upon going to the Library. Now, we are all learning about checking out books with the new Take Out service, exploring the many databases and articles available from home and virtually checking out eBooks and audiobooks.

The number of programs the Library continues to offer is impressive. Summer Reading 2020 – Imagine your Story -- is designed for readers of all ages with prizes. Other virtual adult programs include the Alameda Library Book Club, All Your Favorite Music is (Probably) Black and Meditation for Modern Life. There are a wide variety of children's programs from Maker Monday to Foodie Friday interspersed with School Age Storytime. And all of these programs are free, many supported by FAL.

FAL has been resourceful. Increasingly larger numbers of people are attending our z\Zoom events. The more than 600 people who joined the Frida Kahlo Docent Talk was very unexpected but we responded quickly to the demand and paid to allow more to attend. We are also sponsoring Author Talks and will continue the outstanding Live@the Library with a virtual jazz concert this fall. And we are now selling used books on Facebook with bike delivery by our dedicated volunteers.

Finally, thank you to those who responded to our request for donations to help us continue to support and sponsor events such as these in the future.



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## Find our YouTube Channel to see events we have recorded

We have the ability to record most of our Author Talks and some of our Art Docent Lectures -- so if you aren't able to attend our webinars in real time, you can enjoy them at a later date. Recordings are posted on our website within a few days of each event. Due to copyright issues, we cannot record all of our events, but we have many already posted. You may also find them on our YouTube channel. Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for Friends of the Alameda Free Library. Enjoy.

### Help FAL save money!

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



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### 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

**August 12: Docent Lecture: The Beat and the Hip**  
Friends @ Home, 7 p.m. Registration: [alamedafriends.com](http://alamedafriends.com)

**September 2: Author Talk: Bronwyn Harris**  
Friends @ Home, 7 p.m. Registration: [alamedafriends.com](http://alamedafriends.com).

**September 14: Docent Talk: The world of Jane Austen: art, fashion, and eligible gentlemen**  
Friends @ Home, 7 p.m.

**September 21: Cooking with Alice: New Orleans Jambalaya**  
Friends @ Home, 7 p.m.

**October 14: Docent Lecture: Last Supper in Pompeii**  
Friends @ Home, 7 p.m.



Joan Brown, "Alcatraz"

## Stay in touch!

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