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and Buy!*



## *Friends Book Sale Needs Your Help*

**WE NEED PEOPLE all three days as:** Book Sitters, Table Watchers, Pre-Sale-Item Counters, Cashiers, and Hand Truck Drivers. **You can help Friday May 5, 6:30 to 9 p.m.; Saturday May 6, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. and Sunday May 7 from Noon until we finish!** The sale unfolds at the Officers' Club, 641 W Red Line Avenue on the former naval base.

For well over forty years, Friends book sales have made major contributions to a variety of library programs, furnishings, and equipment. This all volunteer activity needs your help. Please contact Adair 510.865.0347 or email [friendسالamedaibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendسالamedaibrary@gmail.com) to sign up for a two hour shift May 5, 6, 7. In the meantime continue to bring your boxes, bins, bushel baskets, and bags of items in good condition Monday mornings to the Friends office on Times Way next to the Main Library, or leave them at Dewey's Cafe when the library is open. Before the sale can succeed, volunteers spend countless hours sorting and pricing, laughing and chatting. You can join the fun, meet positive people, and support a good cause! ☐





## **MADE In ALAMEDA**



### **Made in Alameda, the Ingenuity of Today**

**THANKS TO A COLLABORATIVE BRAINSTORM** between Library staff Cosette Ratliff of Adult Services and Eva Volin of Children's Services, a potent idea hatched, "Let's inaugurate a library exhibit that spotlights items, ideas, books, food . . . Anything made in Alameda." Archived from the past were Skippy peanut butter, Neptune Beach, the snow-cone, the popsicle, and many other worthy contenders from yesteryear to make room for those more contemporary.

Entries were astonishing in their variety. You could stock your cupboard with homemade preserves complete with color coded jar lids. You could transport yourself via an oversized skateboard with a pole and pretend to be a gondolier on the suddenly dry streets of Venice (the one in Italy). Jewelry abounded from a newly concocted Victorian collar embellishment to a personalized insignia for your dog complete with its portrait in color. If you want to read, possibilities included volumes for the youngsters, those about contemporary death, sex ideas, and murder on trains. After you get a book, invest in a chair, such as the 160-part one on view that day, a rocker both modern in look and blissful in comfort. Several tables sprouted active crafts, including quilting, sewing, paper "botanicals." For a jaunty combination of fun and learning (STEAM) math, the Pacific Pinball Museum brought two kinetic machines one of which beguiled Superboy, at the show in his post phone booth uniform.

One person spanned the most recent decades, author-historian Woody Minor, whose many publications available at the Reference Desk offer fertile ground for people researching buildings. A generous volunteer with both time and information, his boyish smile captivates those on his walking tours. □



# MADE In ALAMEDA



Here are just a few images from FAL lensmaster Billy Reinschmidt. While we could show neither every table nor each artist, this montage is a good sample of what was in store for visitors and exhibitors alike. Many expressed disbelief that this was the first ever Made in Alameda exhibit; all hoped it would become an annual event! ☐



# Libraries Outside



## Libraries Outside Invitation: Greet the Bay!

**BOATS HAVE ALWAYS PLAYED** an important role on our island, whether for pleasure, for commerce, or for commuting. Learn more about boating at a free “Community Sailing Day” Saturday May 20. Includes a sailboat ride skippered by a youth who is a Sail Camp graduate. The hosts are the Alameda Community Sailing Center (ACSC). Their “Sail Camp” summer classes teach youngsters (ages 7-18) boat lore, boat safety, boat rigging, boat navigation, and more during two-week sessions. Information at [sailalameda.org](http://sailalameda.org).



Details for May 20:  
Noon until 5:00 p.m.,  
Encinal Boat Ramp,  
just past Encinal High  
School, 190 Central  
Avenue Arrive early  
to register for a

sailboat ride; tennis shoes or soft soled shoes are OK; life jackets provided. Bring food to share (ACSC provides barbecued burgers and hot dogs). NOTE:

Participants need to sign Libraries Outside and ACSC waivers.



Images Rebecca Hinden

## Main Library Book Celebrations



Caption from *The New Yorker*:  
Proust, You're next!

**Alameda Great Books**, 6:00 p.m., Family Study Room, 2nd Tuesday, contact Jeff, [jeffhitchings.jh@gmail.com](mailto:jeffhitchings.jh@gmail.com). April: ***The Metamorphosis*** by Frantz Kafka.

**Alameda Library Book Club**, 6:30 p.m., 2nd Monday, contact Pam J, [pam-chung@aol.com](mailto:pam-chung@aol.com). April: ***Speak: A Novel***, by Louisa Hall and-or ***Fahrenheit 451***, by Ray Bradbury

**Check Yo'Shelf Book Group**, (teen books for adults) Family Literacy Room, 7:00 p.m., 3rd Tuesday, Carlie, [cwebber@alamedasca.gov](mailto:cwebber@alamedasca.gov). Members bring Young Adult (YA) novels.

**Teen Book Club**, ages 13-18, 4:00 p.m., Stafford Room, 1st Wednesday, Hallie, [hfields@alamedaca.gov](mailto:hfields@alamedaca.gov). April : ***Everything Everything*** by Nicola Yoon; members will see the movie made from the book in May.

**Youth Book Clubs**: [Note: These clubs are full; register for the 2017-18 school year lottery in August, information 747.7705]. Beginning (grades 1-3); Intermediate (3-5); Advanced (grades 5-8)



## VICE-PRESIDENT KUMAR FANSE



**What are your earliest memories of reading books?** My father was an avid reader. He read in his spare time, even though his work needed lot of travelling. My mother was not very well educated, but she read all the time. We used to get lots of newspapers and magazines in various languages. When I was seven or eight, my father would send me to a local library to get him books. Though it was a small railroad town, the local library was very good. Only later did I realize that it was a way to introduce me to world of libraries and books.

**Do you enjoy actual books? Ebooks?** I do not like ebooks. I like to feel books, smell new books, and linger on certain pages and paragraphs. I buy books for the same reason.

**What are you reading these days and why?** I just finished reading “Hillbilly Elegy.” I like socio-economic topics. Before that I read “When Breath becomes Air” I seldom read fiction, but once in a while I will read Booker or Pulitzer prize winning fiction. I like political, economic, and biographical books. I rarely will leave a book half read, even though I may not like it. I am about to start “Rebooting India” by Nandan Nilkenny. It is about digital revolution in India.

**You are hosting a literary supper party. Whom do you invite?** Nikos Kazantzakis, Dr. Abdul Kalam, Gabriel Garcia Marques, Mahfuz, Mirza Ghalib. I would not go to a restaurant in Alameda, they are all noisy. I want to hear every word they have to say. I would invite them to my house for a quiet evening with no time pressure and leisurely chat. Food will be secondary.

**Tell us about your personal involvement.** I am new to the FAL board, but I have used the library for 46 years, and I have to give something back. I worked with the Library Art Committee for six years helping with art exhibits and docents programs. Now I serve on the board and its Communications Committee.

**What are your hopes and fears for the library?** Maintaining budget allocations to the library is my biggest fear. The present political climate is not favorable to independent thinking. There is a tendency for sensational journalism, no investigating or in depth outlook. I usually find only younger people in the library or retired people. Young adults are busy with their lives, taking care of families and have little time for reading. This is a troubling development. □



**DON'T MISS OUT** on any Friends of the Alameda Library (FAL) events and announcements Please send your email address to [friendsalamedalibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsalamedalibrary@gmail.com).

### Notes from Kris, Our Editor

**Letter to the Editor:** “I do intend to sign up. The newsletter is spectacular! We need our libraries as centers of civil discourse and intellectual intersections of citizens now more than ever, and it's clear the Alameda Library is doing that job! Joan K March 2017”

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### Mission: Friends of the Alameda Free Library

- ✳️ **TO PROVIDE A VARIETY** of ways to contribute to the on-going 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.

### FAL officers and Board for 2017

President: Karen Butter; VP Kumar Fanse;  
Secretary: Karen Manuel; Treasurer: Bill Gibbs;  
Board members: Eileen Bitten, Luzanne Engh, Marlene Grevech, Nancy Horton, Honora Murphy, Billy Reinschmiedt, Carole Robie, Eileen Savel, Cindy Silva, Jo Winzenread The Board meets the fourth Monday of each month except December, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Room of the Main Library. The public is welcome. □



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☞ Sunday April 2, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Stafford Room, the Alameda Backyard Growers and the Alameda Library present



**“The Starfish Throwers,”** a film about the fight against hunger. Refreshments and information tables from local groups including the Backyard Chickens, Pollinate, and others. Film shown at 2:30 p.m. with discussion following.

☞ **Peeps Diorama Contest:**

April 18-28 vote for your favorite. The winner of the “Peeples Choice Award” will be announced May 1. Reference Desk, Main Library.



☞ **Preview Community Sailing Day:**

Saturday, May 20, noon-5:00 p.m. Encinal Boat Ramp, a Libraries Outside activity, see page 4.