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Immigration Nation: Challenges for All Americans

FAL, AAUW, AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS have empaneled experts to explore an issue that affects most people. It is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Stafford Room of the Main Library. Distinguished presenters shown below will explore the history of federal immigration policy as it informs our current situation. Attention will focus on the sanctuary movement that has galvanized citizens groups. Participants will find out how policy was developed for immigrant and refugee rights at the federal, state, and local levels. Finally, we will learn more about immigration law, and constitutional protections. To make certain there is room for everyone, please register by September 20 at <http://immigrationnationalameda.eventbrite.com>. After you have registered, arrive early (6:10 p.m.) to claim a seat. □


Wilma Chan
County Supervisor



"I Co-chair the Supervisors Committee on Immigration and Refugee Rights to hear from the community directly about their concerns and need for resources."

FOCUS: County and statewide efforts on immigrant and refugee rights, including sanctuary city policies.

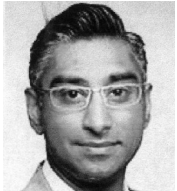
Dr. Laura Fantone
Activist, Scholar



"My research and activism revolve around human rights, immigration, refugees, urban poverty, technology, and art."

FOCUS: Changes in US policy and legislation on immigrants and refugees, historical contexts, and attitudes towards immigrant groups.


Pratheepan Gulasekaram
Law Professor



"I specialize in state and local immigration law, exploring the relationship between immigrants and the Second Amendment to the US Constitution."

FOCUS: Issues with the current immigration ban, including the constitutional rights of noncitizens.


Rev. Deborah Lee
Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity



"For more than 25 years I have worked on the intersection of faith and social justice, organizing and educating on issues of immigration and more"

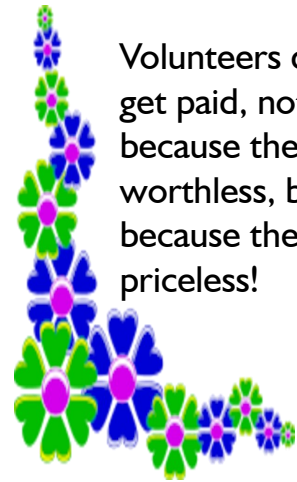
FOCUS: The causes of immigration and the work of the Interfaith Movement with youth and families fleeing violence in Central America.

Amos White
Author, Poet, Leadership Coach



"I speak about leveraging change and influence with social media."

FOCUS: The relationship between the county Sheriff's department and federal ICE agents regarding the arrest and the deportation of the undocumented.



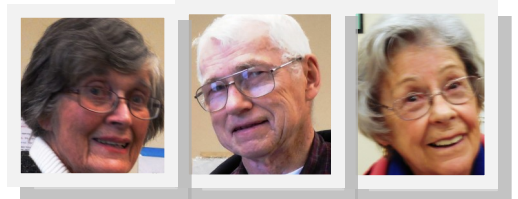
Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless!

A HUNDRED PLUS VOLUNTEERS FETED

THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF FAL VOLUNTEERS were celebrated on a sunny July afternoon at the Dragon Rouge restaurant flanking the estuary. Board President Karen Butter, Mayor Trish Herrera Spencer, Council Member Marilyn Izzy Ashcraft, and Library Director Jane Chisaki spoke, thanking the volunteers and outlining their importance to the Library and to the City. President Karen detailed the enthusiastic participation of the public—63,000 library cards have been issued, 400,000 books were checked out, and patron of all ages took part in more than 1000 library programs. Many of these endeavors are supported by the Friends and by FAL volunteers, including book and media sales, Live@the Library concerts, and Dewey's Café.

Volunteers are essential to the work of the Friends, and they supplement sponsorship and underwriting by giving countless hours to helping programs succeed. Last year alone, Friends' efforts raised more than \$60,000 to strengthen library programs and upgrade technology. For example, Friends funding supports the popular Summer Reading Program, adult literacy, "1,000 Books before Kindergarten," the Teen Book Club and Advisory Board, the Math Club, films for adults, craft classes for all ages, and more. Through a special campaign, FAL raised funds for three new digital screens, to be installed in the Main and the two branches.

The gala also recognized more than forty years of service by three stalwart volunteers pictured: Gert Woods, Peter Woods, and Adair Jorgensen. Their dogged devotion to the book and media sales has garnered well over \$250,000 and enlisted the loyalty of many volunteers. The initial sale at Wood School 1971 raised \$1,200 at a time when books were priced from 2 cents on up! Today the reputation of these sales based on the quality of materials offered is so sterling that people attend from all over the Bay Area. Gert, Peter, and Adair were presented with glass plaques recognizing them for a job well done. Theirs are big shoes to fill! ☐



Mayor Spencer (center) with (left) Luzanne Engh, Eileen Bitten, Eileen Savel; (right) Jane Chisaki, Amber Bales, and Jan Greene. Council Member Ashcraft is not pictured, we thank her for speaking at the event.



MORE THAN SHOES! In fact it takes an entire committee to fill their busy sneakers! Organizing, soliciting, pricing, publicizing, displaying, staffing . . . and luring strong backs to transport during and clear up after. These are some of the many volunteer jobs that need doing all year round. See page 4 to discover what you can do—starting now. ☐



Celebrate Events, Past & Future

Summer of Smiles, A Happy Memory!

The Friends-sponsored summer reading program ended this year with a party and a performance. Tune in next summer for more reading and a new show!



FUTURE: Live@the Library Jazz, Benefiting the Library for Nine Sold Out Years!

- * Sept. 16: "The Art of the Duo" Singer Kenny Washington and Guitarist Jeff Massanari
- * Oct. 28: "From Classical to Jazz: The Piano Trio in the 20th Century" The Alden Trio and, in contrast, the Adam Shulman Trio
- * Dec. 2: "Fever, The Peggy Lee Project" Singer Suzanna Smith

Tickets at Dewey's Café, Books Inc., and brownpapertickets.com/producer/15915.
\$90 for all three or \$35 each. Shows start at 8:00 p.m. Stafford Room, Main Library.
Doors open at 7:00. p.m. Information Luzanne, 510.325.5776, luzengh@comcast.net.



September 16: Kenny Washington and Jeff Massanari

FUTURE: Woody Minor on Alameda Homes

SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30 P.M. Stafford Room to enjoy a slide talk by Author -Historian Woody Minor. He will regale you with lore about "Bungalow Courts," cottage enclaves in our Island City ☐



FUTURE: Art Docent Talk on Teotihuacan, Mexico

GATHER MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 6:30 p.m., Stafford Room for *Teotihuacan: City of Water, City of Fire* shows how artworks from the venerable Mexican city shape our understanding of its ancient culture, its urban environment, and its value as an UNESCO World Heritage Site. View the exhibit at the deYoung Museum, San Francisco, through February 11, 2018. Note: FAL-sponsored docent talks fill up quickly, so please arrive early. ☐

FUTURE: October 20-22 Friends Book & Media Sale

Support a forty year plus tradition, twice a year intensive sales of books, DVDs, and other materials, an endeavor that has raised many thousands of dollars, all to support library programs, equipment, and technology. See page 4 for information on how to donate items and, even more important, how to volunteer! ☐



Pushing On:

October 20-22 Book & Media Sale

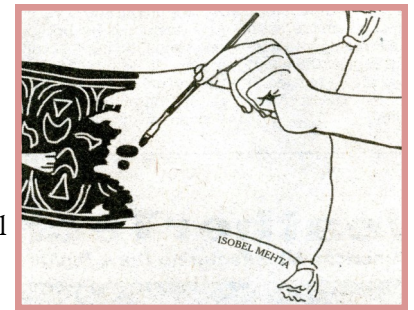
AVID READER AND LONGTIME active Friends member, Peg Rosen discovered our book sales in 1998, when she and her family moved to Alameda. She hastened to volunteer, and those sales became her favorite weekends of the year. Learning that the book sales needed guidance, Peg committed to chair this all-year-round endeavor, “The enthusiastic help from other dedicated volunteers will ensure we have a strong team for years to come!” Join us by emailing Volunteer@alamedafriends.com.

Here are the jobs: ESSENTIAL: Sort, Winnow, and Price Materials BEFORE AND DURING THE OCTOBER 20-22 SALE: *Set up Tables *Pre-count Books *Cashier *Book Sitters *Hand Truck Drivers *Book Boxers *Clean Up *Break Down Tables CRITICAL: Strong-backed folks who will ferry boxes from the Main book room to storage at Alameda Point, transport boxes to customers’ cars, pack up and move sale leftovers. Lots of work !

P.S. The moratorium is over; donations are now welcome! Volunteers are really needed now to help sort, winnow, and price items as they come in. Please visit friendsalamedafreelibrary.org for how and where—thanks! ☐

The Teen Book Club

CLUB PARTICIPANTS are provided with books, snacks, movie tickets, film food and more, thanks to funding from the Friends. Here are are their plans for the fall: **Wednesday, September 6** from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Main Library each teen member will get a free copy of *The Sun is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon. **Wednesday, October 4**, 4-5 p.m. club members will read a creepy graphic novel, *Through the Woods* by Emily Carroll.



Library staff Hallie and Dawn related a bit of background:

◆ **How are Teen Book Club books chosen?** The teens decide; our only parameter is that it’s a paperback to keep the cost down. They read a variety of books and make sure that each member has a say in what to read.



◆ **How do teens get active?** Teens are recruited for these activities by social media posts, flyers, and information sent to schools. Youth already in these groups are our best form of marketing: they tell their friends and invite other students to our meetings and workshops.

◆ **Art and craft projects?** Hallie and Dawn preside gently over a great many sweet peculiar craft and art projects: for example, Flower Crowns, Bad Art, Peeps Dioramas. Who generates the ideas? The Flower Crown workshop was an inspiration of a library teen intern. Ideas also come from the Teen Advisory Board and librarian blogs and magazines.

◆ **Teen Club homework coaching starts this fall?** The teens who coach are 9th through 12th graders. They coach elementary school students and help them complete homework. ☐

Meet Friends Board Member Honora Murphy



What are your earliest memories of reading and books?

My parents and siblings were great readers, and I followed their lead.

Do you enjoy “actual” books? Ebooks? Both?

I love the feel and smell of actual books.

What are you reading these days?

Mysteries, biographies, and history.

You are hosting a literary dinner party in your favorite Alameda restaurant. Who gets invited?

I would ask Elizabeth George, PD James, Jon Meacham, Jean M. Auel, and Michael Beschloss to dine at Angela's.

Tell us about your personal involvement with the Friends.

I was a founding member of the Friends of the Alameda Free Library (FAL) in 1974. Over the years I served as president and was involved in all activities to raise funds toward our goal, a new Main Library. Political advocacy was especially important! I also chaired the Library Building Team, and what a happy day when the new place was dedicated in 2006. Today we have a vital and thriving Main Library and two branches. This success is due to the leadership of Jane Chisaki and the library staff. FAL is proud of all the programs we sponsor and of Dewey's Café, staffed by our volunteers.

What are your hopes for FAL and for the Alameda Free Library?

My hope is that FAL continues to maintain this journey and that new volunteers will step forward and pick up the torch. □

KEEP IN TOUCH! WITH FAL ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Information: Info@alamedafriends.com
- ◆ Become a volunteer: Volunteer@alamedafriends.com
- ◆ Donate funds, services, etc.: Donate@alamedafriends.com

COMING IN OCTOBER!

- 📖 Immigration Nation Panel Report
- 📖 October Book and Media Sale Opportunities

Notes from
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Kris Matarrese



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We would like to hear from you: This newsletter is published monthly by Friends of the Alameda Free Library (FAL). Have a story idea, a correction, or an image to share? Our deadline for the October issue is September 23. Please email inquiries and submissions to judithlynch7@gmail.com.

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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.

2017 FAL Officers and Board Members

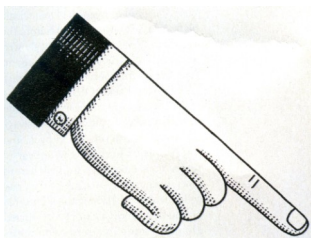
President: Karen Butter; Vice President: Kumar Fanshe; Secretary: Karen Manuel; Treasurer: Bill Gibbs; Board members: Eileen Bitten, Luzanne Engh, Marlene Greevich, Nancy Horton, Honora Murphy, Billy Reinschmiedt, Carole Robie, Eileen Savel, Cindy Silva, and Jo Winzenread. The Board meets the fourth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

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