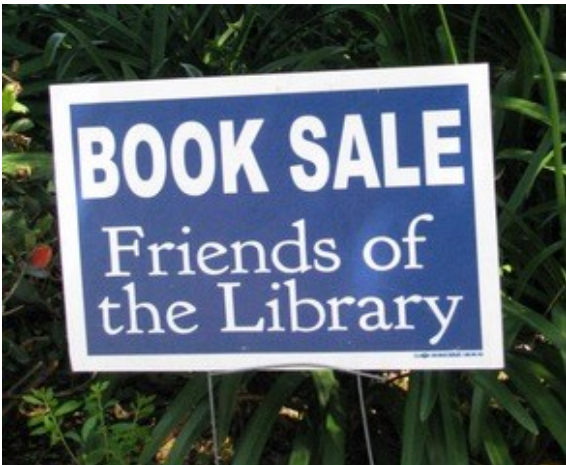




Used book sale news



Our amazing book sale committee volunteers, led by Marcie Soslau and Carole Robie, are rethinking how to sell donated books. Though we may return to our large weekend sales at the O'Club in the future, in the near term planning is underway for a small retail space in the Alameda Main Library. We are planning a grand opening in January, initially with limited hours 3 or 4 days a week. We'll update you on our plans in the November newsletter.

We will soon be able to accept a limited number of donations of the bags and boxes many of you have accumulated in your garages and basements over the past year and a half. Again, we'll update you in future newsletters as we firm up our plans.

The book sale team has been scanning and selling books online as an additional way to raise funds and reduce our inventory. Thank you to the book sale committee volunteers, both new and old members, for their hard work and creative ideas for returning to book sales.

FAL - Books Inc. fundraiser

Mark your calendars

November 1 from 5 - 9 p.m.

FAL Evening at Books Inc.

Shop for your holiday gifts, for yourself and family, and/or donate to Alameda school libraries. School librarian wish lists will be available for your perusal and your purchases will be delivered to the Alameda school library of your choice.

FAL will receive a percentage of the proceeds of all books sold during this 4 hour event, including books on order that you prepay for during the event. Save the date and begin your in-person holiday shopping with us.

A huge thank you to Anthony Ramirez and Books Inc. for helping us with this fun and now annual event. Support FAL, our local school libraries, and get started on that holiday gift list. Books Inc. is located at 1344 Park Street, Alameda.





Art Talk: Hung Liu, October 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Hung Liu was one of the most important Chinese-born artists working in the United States up to her recent death. Her paintings are the focus of Golden Gate, a compelling new installation at the de Young Museum. This talk will explore Liu's roots in Maoist China, where she was trained in the Social Realist style of painting. You'll learn how Liu wove her personal history with the stories of other immigrants who left their indelible mark on California history, society, and culture. For more information and to register for this Zoom event, go to our website.



Author Lizzie Johnson, October 18 at 6 p.m.



On November 8, 2018 the people of Paradise, California awoke to a mottled gray sky and gusty winds. Soon the Camp Fire was upon them, gobbling up one acre every second. Less than two hours after the fire ignited, the town was engulfed in flames with residents trapped in their homes and cars.

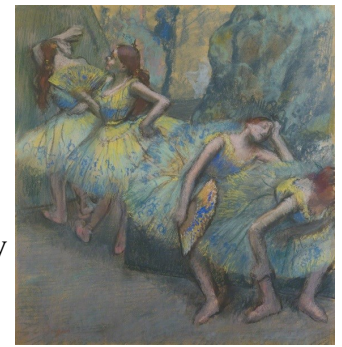
As a reporter for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Lizzie Johnson was there as the town of Paradise burned. Lizzie is now a staff writer at the *Washington Post* and has just published her book about the event, aptly named Paradise.



Join us for an interview with the author about her work in documenting the unfolding tragedy. For more information and to register for this Zoom event, go to our website.

Art Talk: Color Into Line, October 27 at 7 p.m.

With the appearance of painting, the immediacy of drawing, and the matte finish of a fresco, pastel is one of the most versatile mediums used throughout art history. "Color into Line: Pastels from the Renaissance to the Present," an exhibition coming to the Legion of Honor, spans five centuries of art. This talk will trace the history of pastels while also providing audiences with a once in a lifetime opportunity to appreciate rare works not usually on public display. For more information and to register for this Zoom event, go to our website.



Find us on YouTube

We have had an amazing group of authors speak at our Friends @ Home events since the pandemic began. If you missed any of these presentations, you can find them on our YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/FriendVideos> or on our website under past events.



Memorial corner

Since our last newsletter we have lost 3 people who were important to FAL and the Alameda Free Library.



Lynda Graham was a longtime and valued volunteer with the Friends of the Alameda Free Library's used book sale team. Her expertise and presence are sorely missed. FAL has made a contribution in her name to the Alameda Free Library for DVD and media purchases.



FAL President Karen Butter met with Gayle Gow to show her a plaque that will be placed on the donor wall of the main library in memory of her parents. The Gows moved to Alameda in 1965. Gayle's mother Shirley was a poet, was active in the Kiwanis Club, loved bridge, and reading. Her father Harold ran a business and loved to read biographies. The Gows were avid supporters of the library and contributed to the installation of the elevator in the main library.



FAL received a generous, anonymous gift in honor of Eleanor Stallman. Elizabeth Rogers and Kate Quick share their memories: Eleanor had a true passion for libraries and advocated for equity in school library services at the West End, particularly at Encinal High. She was dedicated to providing the best educational opportunities for all students. She founded an informal group called the Brown Bags, a group of women who worked primarily on school issues. They made sure the candidates for office they backed were supportive not only of schools, but of new library and public amenities that would serve the whole community. She was always generous with her time and a woman of great integrity. Alameda will benefit for years to come from her contributions to the civic good.

We're maintaining the City's little free libraries

Thanks to the efforts of FAL volunteer Stephen Johnson, all the city's little free libraries have been repaired and refurbished to make them water tight and pleasant to use. FAL board member Billy Reinschmidt is restocking the city's little free libraries on a regular basis with books donated to our book sales. Thanks Stephen and Billy!



FAL President's Message by Karen Butter

The most frequent questions Board members receive are “when is the next book sale,” “when will you accept book donations,” and “when can I go to a Live @ the Library concert?” The pandemic put a halt to these well-loved programs. As socializing has become safer, we have begun to reimagine our book sale. You'll find out how in the article in this newsletter.



We are hoping to restart our Live @ the Library jazz concerts early next year. Maintaining conditions to reduce virus transmission in the small concert area is our highest concern for performers and the audience. Stay tuned for further updates.

Meanwhile we will continue our Friends @ Home author and art docent talks into next year. They have been successful beyond our expectations. We understand some regular attendees miss the social interaction of in-person events, but we are reaching much larger audiences and attendees can easily see and hear the speaker. We have an outstanding line-up through the end of the year. Check out our calendar and invite your friends and family to join you.

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 fundraising to supplement public funding.

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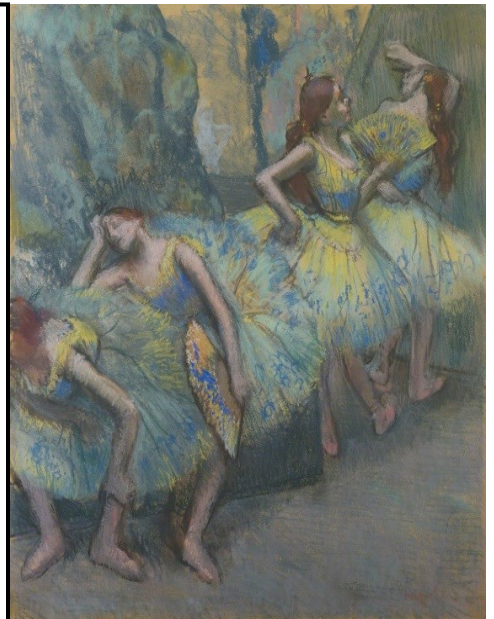
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In store purchases only at 1344 Park St., Alameda 94501

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Art Talk: A Look at Some American Abstractionists
Register for these Zoom programs at www.alamedafriends.com



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