



FAL President's message by Karen Butter



Find bargain-priced books at our October Used Book Sale at its new location in the Alameda Free Library! The Library Friends Café and Books for Friends will be open during the sale. Come and support the library!

On a very sad note, we are heartbroken at the sudden passing of board member David Beall. David managed all aspects of our Friends @ Home events and did an outstanding job as Board Secretary. Words cannot express the loss we all feel. Our thoughts go out to his family.

FAL mourns loss of David Beall

We lost a valued member of the FAL Board in September. David Beall died on September 9 after a short illness. He was 84. David joined our board six years ago and was a willing volunteer for many projects. He served on the Communications Committee, he was the board secretary and he wrote many articles for this newsletter. He was also co-founder of our Friends @ Home program and worked tirelessly behind the scenes to produce all the author and art docent programs we have sponsored. He took a deep interest in the Friends @ Home author talks and engaged diverse, interesting writers to share their books with the FAL community. David always had a positive attitude. He was funny and kind and had insightful thoughts about board issues.



David served 20 years in the Navy, during which time he achieved the rank of Commander. He ended his Naval career in Alameda working on the Admiral's staff. David had a BA in English and an MS in Physics. He met his wife, Joan, in college. They were engaged three weeks after they met and were married for 62 years. They raised three sons: Christopher, Michael and Matthew.

David and Joan owned Riverbend Bookstore in Virginia Beach for many years, and they are still in touch with the community they built around the store there. In addition to volunteering with the Friends, David was an active volunteer for Alameda Meals on Wheels and an employee for the SF Giants, where he ushered at games for 19 years. He loved mystery books and was a member of Mastick's Mystery Book Club. He will be deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held on November 5 at 3 p.m. at the Alameda Free Library in the Stafford Room. 1550 Oak Street, Alameda, CA.

October Used Book Sale



The October Book Sale has moved from the O'Club to the Main Library at 1550 Oak Street in Alameda.

Mark your calendars and save the dates!
Thursday, October 26, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, October 27, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Choose from thousands of bargain-priced, quality used books, CDs, and DVDs in a variety of genres. Our **Library Friends Café** will be open during the sale with delicious new pastries and beverages. You can also check out our permanent used book store, **Books for Friends**, right next to the cafe.

Books for Friends

Stop by **Books for Friends (BFF)**, our used book store in the Main Library!
Browse our carefully curated selection of bargain-priced books in excellent condition.

BFF regular hours
Thursday Noon to 4 p.m.
Friday Noon to 4 p.m.
Saturday Noon to 4 p.m.

Special hours during the book sale
Thursday, October 26, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, October 27, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Books Shop local! All proceeds benefit the Alameda Free Library.

Library Friends Cafe



The Library Friends Cafe is now selling pastries from Firebrand Artisan Breads: **Almond, Ham and Cheese, Chocolate, and Plain Croissants, Morning Buns, Wheat Free Pumpkin Muffins, Pimento Gruyere Pretzel Buns, and Nutella Kouign Amann.** If you have not tried any of our more “nutritious” snacks, we now have hummus, guacamole, cheese and nut snacks, carrots, apples and Cuties. And you can still find your old favorites like coffee, Cup Noodles, chips, and our usual selection of drinks. Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; Noon - 4 p.m. on Wednesday; and Closed Sunday.

FAL welcomes Marlon Romero as Acting Library Director

Alameda City Council approved the appointment of Marlon Romero, the Supervising Librarian for Technical Services, to Acting Library Director, replacing Jane Chisaki upon her retirement on June 30. Marlon (shown in photo with Jane Chisaki) has been with the Alameda Free Library since 2015. He earned a BA in History from UCLA and a master's degree in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. Marlon will manage the library until a permanent Library Director is hired, expected in early 2024. Congratulations on your new position, Marlon. We look forward to working with you!



Our Fall Appeal has launched!



It's that time of year again! Did you know that **over 50% of FAL's donations come from this Annual Fund Appeal?** This major fundraising campaign is held twice a year during the spring and fall, with **all proceeds benefiting the Alameda Free Library.** We encourage you to join our fall campaign to ensure that our Library keeps providing outstanding programs and services for patrons of all ages.

You may donate via **cash, check, credit card, donor advised funds, or stocks.** Consider joining our **Giving Circles** for advance notice of special events, sales, and other perks!

Giving Circles are a small way for us to express our thanks for your support. We welcome gifts of any amount.

You can **send a check** or donate **online with a one-time or monthly gift** at

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/AF>.

We participate in many employer giving programs, including Google, Chevron, Adobe, Apple, Disney, Blue Shield, and Abbott Labs. Contact your HR representative to direct your donation to FAL's Annual Fund.

Please contact Kelly Ground at groundk@alamedafriends.com for assistance with gift-giving.

Thank you for supporting our library!

Online Art Talk | Fashion Statement: How Couture Reflected Culture | October



Take a journey through the decades by looking at the some of the top fashion designers in the world, all of which are found in the extensive fashion collection of Phoenix Art Museum. From the classic suits of Co-co Chanel to the rule-breaking designs of Alexander McQueen, Phoenix Art Museum Docent Susan Marie will have you diving deep into the closets of your mind to relive your past.



Register @ <https://bit.ly/FAL-Fashion>

Online Author Talk | Chris Baty - *No Plot? No Problem!* | October 25 at 7 p.m.



Alameda resident Chris Baty founded National Novel Writing Month by accident in 1999 and oversaw the event's growth from 21 friends to more than 300,000 writers in 90 countries. Chris stepped down from leading NaNoWriMo in 2013, but now serves as NaNoWriMo's Board Member Emeritus and uses his expertise to oversee the UX writing team at Figma. He's the author of *No Plot? No Problem!* and a co-author of *Ready, Set, Novel*. Chris will be joined by TC Curry, a past contest winner.



Register @ <https://bit.ly/ChrisBaty>

Online Author Talk | Philipp Schott - *Dr. Bannerman Mystery Series* | November 8 at 7 p.m.



Philipp Schott is a veterinarian in Canada and an accomplished writer of both non-fiction and mystery fiction. *Fifty-Four Pigs* and *Six Ostriches* are the first and second books of Philipp's mystery series, which feature Dr. Peter Bannerman, a veterinarian in a small town on Lake Winnipeg. Peter and his dog, Pippin, find themselves in situations that test their sleuthing skills and lead them into many adventures. In addition to the Dr. Bannerman novels, Philipp is the author of three non-fiction collections of stories and essays about his veterinary practice.



Register @ <https://bit.ly/DrBannerman>

Online Art Talk | Wyeth's World | November 15 at 7 p.m.



Take a strange and wondrous journey through three generations of the Wyeth family, with particular focus on the works of N.C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, and Jamie Wyeth. This talk will compare and contrast the artists' styles and reveal the common bonds shared among the three generations, which are reflected in the art they created through the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.



Register @ <https://bit.ly/FAL-Wyeth>

Online Author Talk | Judith Tick - *Becoming Ella Fitzgerald* | December 5 at 7 p.m.



Ella Fitzgerald possessed one of the twentieth century's most astonishing voices. Music historian Judith Tick draws on deep archival research, family interviews, and newly available recordings and concert footage to show how Fitzgerald fused a Black vocal aesthetic with mainstream popular repertoire to revolutionize American music.



Register @ <https://bit.ly/FAL-EllaFitzgerald>

You may also register for these events at www.AlamedaFriends.com/calendar.



Find us on YouTube! Many of our author programs and a few of our art programs are recorded and available to view on our YouTube channel. <https://bit.ly/FriendVideos>



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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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