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Friends of the Alameda Free Library

Dear Friend,

Welcome to our October newsletter. We have a lot of exciting programs and news to tell you about. Thank you for subscribing to our newsletter and please invite your friends to join us! They can sign up for our mailing list **here.**

-The FAL Board

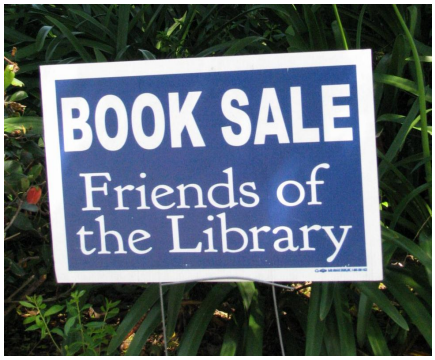
President's message by Karen Butter

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 intend to 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.

Used book sale news

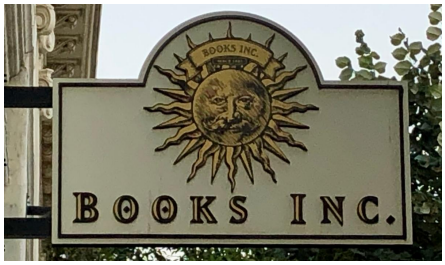


Our amazing book sale committee volunteers, led by Marcie Soslau and Carole Robie, are rethinking how to sell donated books. Though we may return to our large weekend sales at the O'Club in the future, in the near term planning is underway for a small retail space in the Alameda Main Library. We are 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 1st, 5 p.m. to 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.

Donation in memory of Eleanor Stallman

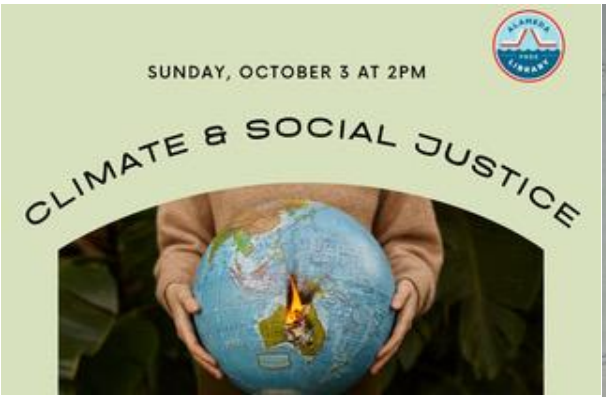
FAL received a very generous, anonymous donation in memory

of Eleanor Stallman who passed away in December, 2020. FAL friends Elizabeth Rogers and Kate Quick share their memories of Ms. Stallman:

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.

Great October Programs at Alameda Free Library



For Adults: Contact the Reference Desk or call (510) 747-7713
Oct. 1: Adult Craft Lab: 11 a.m.
Oct. 2: Me, Myself, and I - Biography and Memoir: 11 a.m.
Oct. 3: Climate and Social Justice: 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 5: Digital Library: 4 p.m.
Oct. 9: Alameda Library Writers' Group: 12:30 p.m.
Oct. 11: Alameda Library Book Club: 6:30 p.m.
Many more all month long. See the Alameda Free Library Calendar

For Teens: Contact Kat Kong, or call (510) 747-7713
Oct. 2: Draw Meet with Komun Horangi, 3 p.m.
Oct. 6: Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 25: Dungeons & Dragons, 6 p.m.
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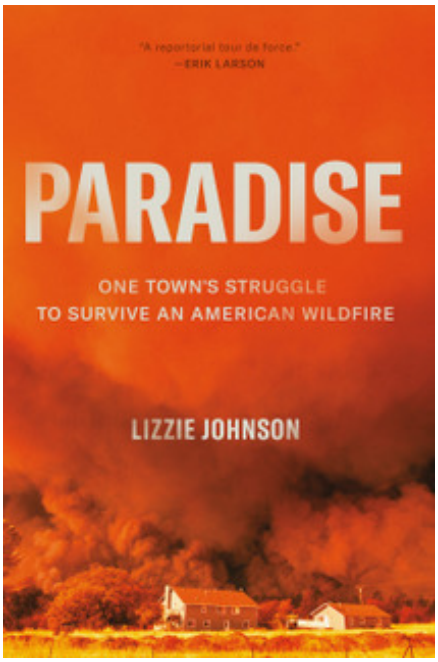
Hung Liu: Golden Gate

Art Docent Event

October 13 @ 7 p.m.

Find out more and register here.



Lizzie Johnson/Author

Paradise: One Town's Struggle to Survive an American Wildfire

October 18 @ 6 p.m.

Join us for an interview with Lizzie Johnson, a staff writer for the Washington Post and former reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle. Ms. Johnson will discuss her recently published account of the Camp Fire, which decimated the town of Paradise.

Find out more and register here.

Color Into Line: Pastels from

the Renaissance to the Present

An Art Docent Event

October 27 @ 7 p.m.

Find out more and register here.

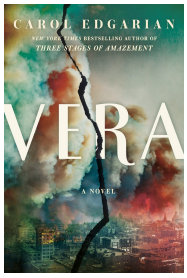
Carol Edgarian/Author

Vera

November 17 @ 7 p.m.

New York Times bestselling author Carol Edgarian delivers a grand adventure set in 1906 San Francisco—a city leveled by quake and fire, greed and corruption.

Find out more information and register here.



Find us on YouTube

While copyright issues keep us from recording many of the art docent programs, we record most of our author talks. If you aren't able to attend our Friends @ Home events in real time, you may be able to enjoy them at a later date. Recordings are posted within a few days of each event. **Check our website** for the past events we have recorded or go to YouTube.com and subscribe to our **Friends of the Alameda Free Library channel.** Enjoy!

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