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Dear Friend,

Welcome to our February 2022 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



I want to take this opportunity to thank all our loyal donors for their contributions. We are grateful that the FAL community shares our love of and vision for public libraries.

We are also grateful that the FAL community shares our enjoyment of the Friends @ Home author and docent talks. We have sponsored outstanding programs and have a terrific schedule for 2022. If you haven't been able to join us for the scheduled events, please check out YouTube to listen to past speakers.

Covid continues to challenge our re-starting plans. We have tentative dates for the re-opening of Dewey's Cafe and Books for Friends (BFF), the name for the used book sales room in the main library. A revived book sale team has worked to re-envision our operations that include BFF, new one day Pop-up Sales, and our used book sales through Amazon. We are so fortunate to have several new volunteers who are doing exceptional work organizing the

new and renewed operations. Finally, we are beginning plans for the very popular traditional Fall Used Book sale at the O'Club, October 21-23. Mark your calendars!

I will end with quotes from a recent New York Times article about the attraction of physical books and how large quantities "nourish the senses, slay boredom and relieve stress." It goes on to say "entering our library should feel like easing into a hot tub, strolling into a magic store, entering a chamber of curiosities, the house of a friend."

Used book sales - important update

In our last newsletter we told you about the opening of Books for Friends, a used book sales room in the main library. We are so excited about this endeavor, but we have had to rethink the opening date due to Covid. We are assessing the risk weekly and have decided to leave the opening date flexible for now. Please check our website and Facebook pages for the latest news on the Books for Friends opening date.

This change in plans also affects our ability to schedule book donation pickups. When Books for Friends opens, feel free to call 510-747-7737 anytime BFF is open to schedule a pickup.



Our plans for our pop-up sales and the traditional used book sale have not changed. See the schedule below.

Mark your calendars:

March 12, 12 - 4 p.m.: Mysteries & Sci-Fi Pop-up Sale*

April 9, 12 - 4 p.m.: Pop-up Sale, genre TBD*

June 4, 12 - 4 p.m.: Pop-up Sale, genre TBD*

October 21, 22, 23: Used Book Sale, O' Club, Alameda Point

*All Pop-up sales will be held in the Stafford Room at the Main Library

Many thanks to our very hardworking used book sale team from all of us at FAL. We appreciate all you are doing.

Used book sale receives Kiwanis Club grant

The Kiwanis Club Foundation has provided FAL with a grant for a point of sale (POS) system for our used book sale. Many thanks to the Kiwanis Club Foundation for their generosity.

Dewey's Cafe reopening update

We have also had to rethink the opening date of Dewey's Cafe due to COVID. Please check our website and our Facebook page for the latest news on the reopening of Dewey's Cafe.

FAL receives Rotary Club grant

FAL has received a Rotary Club of Alameda Season of Giving Community Grant. The \$1000 grant is for pandemic protection and has been used to help with reopening Dewey's Cafe and the return of our used book sale. Funds have also been used to support our Friends @ Home series. Many thank to the Rotary Club of Alameda for this generous grant.

Call for volunteers

We have many volunteer opportunities available to you. Whether you want to volunteer from home or come to us, we have abundant need for people with a variety of skills. Please click [here to learn more](#).

Call for board members

Friends of the Alameda Free Library (FAL) is accepting applications from members of the Alameda community who would like to serve on our Board of Directors. We are looking for applicants who reflect the diversity of the Alameda community and would like to enhance their leadership skills while advocating for a strong, vibrant library. To apply, please send a letter of interest to volunteer@alamedafriends.com. Please indicate why you are interested in serving on the Board and how your background and expertise could support the Board.

FAL is a nonprofit organization that contributes to the ongoing services and growth of the Alameda Free Library and supports its services and programs through advocacy, volunteerism, and fundraising to supplement public funding. To learn more, visit our website at <https://alamedafriends.com>.

Fall annual fund campaign 2021

A hearty thank you to all those who contributed to our Fall Annual Fund Campaign 2021. With your support FAL was able to exceed expectations and will be able to continue to provide resources to support the library's programs and services in 2022.

Missed an opportunity to donate? It is not too late. Just press the button.

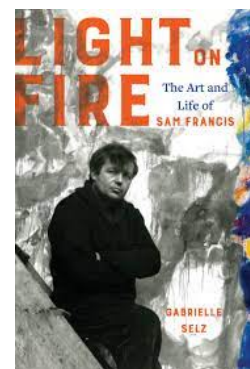
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Gabrielle Selz
Author

Light on Fire: The Life and Art of Sam Francis

February 2 @ 7 p.m.



Light on Fire is the first comprehensive biography of Sam Francis, one of the most important American abstract artists of the twentieth century. Based on Gabrielle Selz's unprecedented access to Francis's files, as well as private correspondence and hundreds of interviews, this book traces the extraordinary and ultimately tragic journey of a complex and charismatic artist.

Find more information [here](#).

Register [here](#).



Jacob Lawrence

Art Docent Event

February 7 @ 7 p.m.

On the Road with Jacob Lawrence - The Migration Series 1940-1941.

In observance of Black History Month, The Friends of the Alameda Free Library present a docent program on one of America's greatest African American artists, Jacob Lawrence. The Migration Series is a 60 panel set of narrative paintings depicting the Great Migration, when hundreds of thousands of African Americans moved from the rural South to the urban North after World War I.

Find more information [here](#).

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Syed Masood Author

The Bad Muslim Discount

February 25 @ 7 p.m.

Following two families from Pakistan and Iraq in the 1990s to San Francisco in 2016, *The Bad Muslim Discount* is an inclusive, comic novel about Muslim immigrants finding their way in modern America.

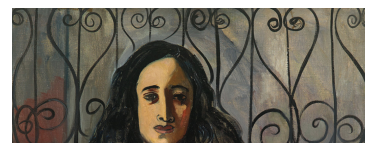


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Alice Neel

Art Docent Event



March 9 @ 7 p.m.

Join us for a talk on the first comprehensive West Coast museum survey of the work of American artist Alice Neel (1900–1984). This retrospective, featuring paintings, drawings, watercolors, and film, marks Neel as one of the century's most radical painters, a champion of social justice whose commitment to humanist principles inspired her life and art.

Our exploration will be led by docent Maureen O'Brien, who received both her B. A. in Art History and her Master's Degree in the Humanities with an Emphasis in Art History from Dominican University of California in San Rafael.



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Lisa See
Author

The Island of Sea Women

March 16 @ 7 p.m.

A vivid and thoughtful novel about two girls who join the other women in their community as sea

divers. They have many adventures and experience some dangers as well. The novel follows them throughout their lives which go in different directions.



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