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Dear Friend,

Welcome to our April 2022 newsletter. We have 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



come ready to shop.

March was a fantastic month for FAL. The March Pop-up used book sale, featuring mysteries, sci-fi, and adventure, had lines of buyers ready to shop as the doors opened. Almost everyone seemed to find a good book to buy and a couple of people returned to buy more. The sale was so successful we have scheduled two more with different selections of books. Please mark the dates on your calendar and

Adding to our joy is the opening of our new Books for Friends (BFF) selling space, located just across from Dewey's Friends Cafe. The material is carefully selected and covers many categories. BFF is open 3 days a week. Be sure to stop by when you are in the main library.

The Friends @ Home author and docent series have been amazing. We have added closed captioning to make the events available to a wider audience. Author Lisa See's discussion of her book *The Island of Sea Women*, an incredible story of an all-woman diving collective in Korea, hit an all-time

high on registration. The very popular docent talks have outstanding upcoming programs featuring exhibits from the Legion of Honor and the Oakland Museum of California. Please register to join us.

Board Member Marlene Grcevich resigned from the FAL Board. She has been an important member of our fundraising efforts, writing lovely thank you notes to donors. She also assisted in getting information out to teachers in the school district about our book sales. We will miss her and we hope to see her at future FAL events.

Finally, we are delighted that the Alameda Free Library is bringing children, teens and adults back to the library with exciting in-person programs. Many thanks to all our supporters. I hope to see you at an event soon.

We need you



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. We are in need of people interested in managing our Communications Committee, staffing Dewey's Friends Cafe, staffing Books for Friends, or working on the various book sale events. Please click [here to learn more.](#)

Books for Friends is now open

Books for Friends (BFF) opened on March 17.

Open hours

Thursday 12 - 4 p.m.

Friday 12 - 4 p.m.

Saturday 12 - 4 p.m.

Find our new, attractive, used book selling space in the main library on Oak Street. We have carefully selected great quality used



books in many genres for your shopping pleasure. Credit cards are accepted.

Used book donations: FAL is happy to announce that book donations are now being accepted, by appointment only. We accept used books, DVDs, and CDs to help raise funds for Alameda's libraries. Your donations are necessary, appreciated, and tax deductible.

Please DO NOT leave your donations at the library without an appointment. The library does not have the staff to support the collection or sorting of donations.

To donate, call (510) 747-7737 or send an email to booksale@alamedafriends.com to schedule an appointment. Please visit our [website](#) for further information about donating books and other media.

Pop-up book sales



We held our first-ever themed Pop-up book sale on March 12. It was very successful, with many shoppers finding a great selection of almost new books at very affordable prices.

More Pop-up sales are coming and are held at the main library in the Stafford room.

Saturday, May 7, 12 - 4 p.m.: in honor of Mother's Day, you will find children's books, crafts/hobbies, gardening, cookbooks, and more.

Saturday, June 25, 12 - 4 p.m.: our Pride Day sale, focusing on LGBTQ+ content, and dedicated to Lawrence Reh, a gay faith leader whose estate donated 70 boxes of books to FAL.

Our Used Book Sale is returning!

We are looking forward to the return to our semi-annual Used Book Sale this **October 21, 22, and 23** at the O'Club at



Alameda Point. We eagerly await seeing you all at this venerable event. More details to come...



Visit Dewey's Friends Cafe



Dewey's Friends Cafe is open **Monday through Friday from 12 - 4 pm.** The tables and chairs are returning to the cafe, so you may choose indoor or outdoor seating while you enjoy your food and drinks.

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>.

Library bookmark contest - Fun!

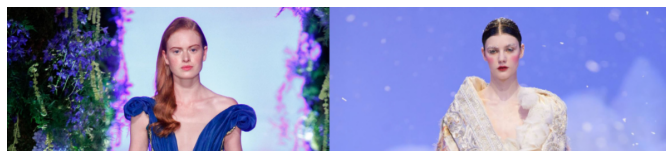
The Alameda Free Library is sponsoring a 2022 Bookmark Design Contest. The theme for this year's contest is the 2022 Summer Reading theme "Read Beyond the Beaten Path." All ages are encouraged to participate, and entries will be judged according



to four age categories: ages 5-8, ages 9-11, ages 12-18, and 19+. Entries must be submitted to the checkout desk of any Alameda Free Library location by Saturday, April 30. Don't miss out on the fun. For more information, see Alameda Free Library's webpage [here](#).



Guo Pei: Couture Fantasy



Art Docent Event

April 13 @ 7 p.m.

Join us for a look at the extraordinary designs of Guo Pei, hailed as China's first couturier, in an exhibition that includes more than 60 works from the past two decades, highlighting her most important collections shown on Beijing and Paris runways. Through exquisite craftsmanship, lavish embroidery, and unconventional dressmaking techniques, Guo Pei creates a fantasy that fuses the influences of China's imperial past, export art, European architecture, international theater, and the botanical world.



Find more information [here](#).

Register [here](#).



Sarah Penner

Author

The Lost Apothecary

April 20 @ 7 p.m.

Sarah Penner is the New York Times and

internationally bestselling author of *The Lost Apothecary* which will be translated into forty languages worldwide and is set to be turned into a drama series by Fox.

In her addictive and spectacularly imagined debut, Sarah Penner tells us of an eighteenth century female apothecary who secretly dispenses poisons to liberate women from the men who have wronged them—setting three lives across centuries on a dangerous collision course.

Find more information [here](#).

Register [here](#).

California Ceramic Tradition



Art Docent Event

April 11 @ 7 p.m.

Learn about some of the state's most interesting clay crafters, from studios in Berkeley, on Catalina Island, and in Southern California — familiar names like Arequipa, California Faience, Bauer, Metlox, and fascinating individuals like Marguerite Wildenhain, Jade Snow Wong, and Edith Heath.

Find more information [here](#).
Register [here](#).



Gail Tsukiyama

Author

The Color of Air

May 16 @ 5 p.m.

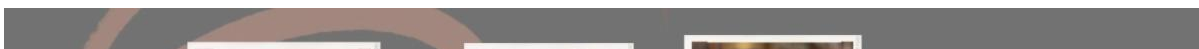
National bestselling author Gail Tsukiyama's latest book *The Color of*

Air is a gorgeous and evocative historical novel about a Japanese-American family set against the backdrop of Hawaii's sugar plantations.

Gail Tsukiyama was born in San Francisco to a Chinese mother from Hong Kong and a Japanese father from Hawaii. She is the bestselling author of *Women of the Silk* and *The Samurai's Garden*, as well as the recipient of the Academy of American Poets Award and the PEN Oakland/Josephine Miles Literary Award.

Find more information [here](#).
Register [here](#).

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