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President's message by Karen Butter



Join us as we restart pre-pandemic events: buying books at the **Big Used Book Sale**, purchasing coffee and snacks at **Dewey's Friends Cafe** in the Main Library or attending a **jazz concert**.

We are currently hard at work planning the O'Club **Big Used Book Sale**, October 21-23. Find more information about the event in this newsletter.

The **Books Inc. fundraiser** is returning November 7. Purchase books for yourself or an Alameda school library. We deliver the books to the schools and the librarians are thankful to receive needed books for their classrooms More info in this newsletter.

Dewey's Friends Cafe is open Monday - Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and plans are underway to expand the hours. You can find the most up-to-date information on our website.

Live @ the Library is returning with our first jazz concert since the beginning of the pandemic. Watch future newsletters for tickets and updates.

We welcome everyone back to FAL programs and events!

There are many volunteer opportunities at FAL. Please consider volunteering to help. You will find volunteer links throughout this newsletter.

The Big Used Book Sale Returns!!

It's Back! This month

October 21, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

October 22, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

October 23, Noon - 4 p.m.

O' Club

641 W. Red Line Ave.
Alameda, CA



Don't miss out!

No charge for entry.

Low prices on quality used books, CDs and DVDs.

Cash, Checks, Credit Cards Accepted

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE SALE!

Sign-up here

In order to prepare for our Big Used Book Sale, book and media donations will not be accepted again until 11/5/22.

Books for Friends



**Open Thursday - Saturday
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

Open sign in front of Main Library

Books for Friends (BFF) is our used book shop in the main library. The curated books are in exceptional, almost-new condition.

\$100 Holiday Book Boxes are back! Stop in or call BFF at (510) 747-7737 to purchase a \$100 box of very high quality books for yourself or a friend. Books will be personally chosen by

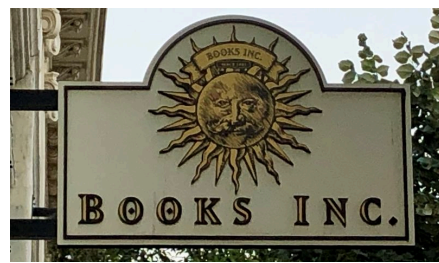
Philip Barry, the BFF manager, based upon the purchaser's choice of genre(s) or his own eclectic selection if the purchase has no preference. Boxes can be delivered locally or picked up at BFF during open hours. **Quantities are limited** so order now.

BFF will soon begin offering **gift cards** for sale in time for the holiday season! BFF gift cards allow the book lovers in your life to pick exactly what they want (the perfect present!) and are redeemable at BFF, Pop-Up Book Sales, and the Big Book Sale.

FAL/Books Inc. Fundraiser coming

November 7, 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.

In person or online orders for pickup at the Alameda Books Inc.



Shop for books for yourself, kickstart your holiday shopping, enhance Alameda school libraries, raise money for Friends of the Library and support a terrific local Alameda business. That's a win-win-win-win-win situation!

The sale starts at 4 p.m. on November 7. Wish lists from local schools will be available in the store. Any book you purchase for a school will be delivered directly to that school by a volunteer from FAL.

If you can't come into the store, shop online anytime on Nov. 7 and have the order delivered to the Alameda Books Inc. location for pick up. Note in comment section "Order is part of Friends of the Library fundraiser" and FAL will get the credit for online sale.

A big thank you goes to Anthony Ramirez and his staff at Books Inc. for making this sale possible.

FAL community mourns loss

FAL lost dedicated volunteer and community member Jan Stamos on Saturday, September 24, 2022. Jan had been a regular Thursday volunteer at Books for Friends, since its opening in March. She was a book sorter and a book sale volunteer. Jan was a pleasure to work with. She enjoyed discovering new gems in book stacks, and was intrigued by what people read and donated. She loved to stop and talk to other volunteers about an interesting find during sorting. She once found \$100 while sorting books! She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with Jan's family and friends.



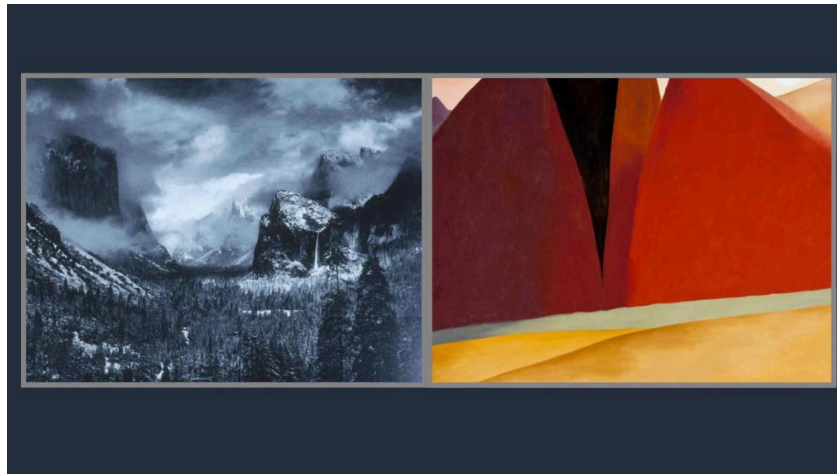
We need you!

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.](#)

URGENT NEED FOR BOOK MOVERS

Do you have a truck or larger SUV and two or more hours a week to help out the Book Sale Committee? We are a dedicated group of FAL volunteers tasked with all the behind the scenes work to support selling donated books. Our past sales events are an Alameda tradition that help circulate quality low-cost books within our community. If you are able and willing to help with picking up donations and/or

moving boxes on a regular ongoing basis, please reach out to us via our [website](#).



Visions of the Southwest

Art Docent Event

October 12 @ 7 p.m.

Take a trip through the Southwest with two unique and different artists, Georgia O'Keeffe and Ansel Adams. Through O'Keeffe's paintings and Adams's photographs we will visit both well-known and seldom seen areas

of the Southwest. Along the way we will learn about how O’Keeffe and Adams created their art and how the two artists are both different and similar.

Our guide for this exploration will be Rebecca Albrecht, who has been a docent at Phoenix Art Museum since 2011. During her time with the docents she has given talks at the museum and throughout the local area. She has served in a number of roles for the docents including serving as its President 2018-19.

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

Stanley Kubrick

Art Docent Event

November 9 @ 7 p.m.

Stanley Kubrick was an American film director, producer, screenwriter, and photographer. Widely

considered one of the greatest filmmakers of all time, his films, almost all of which are adaptations of novels or short stories, cover a wide range of genres and are noted for their realism, dark humor, extensive set designs, and innovative cinematography.

Join us for a talk focusing on Kubrick’s thirteen feature films and the underlying theme of "the disruption of rationale systems," including clips from several of the films. The talk will also include background information and notes about his films that were not made.

Our guide for this exploration will be Contemporary Jewish Museum docent Susan Light.

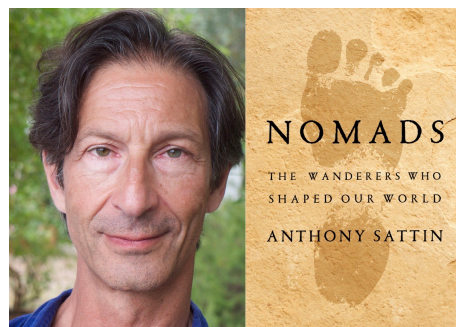
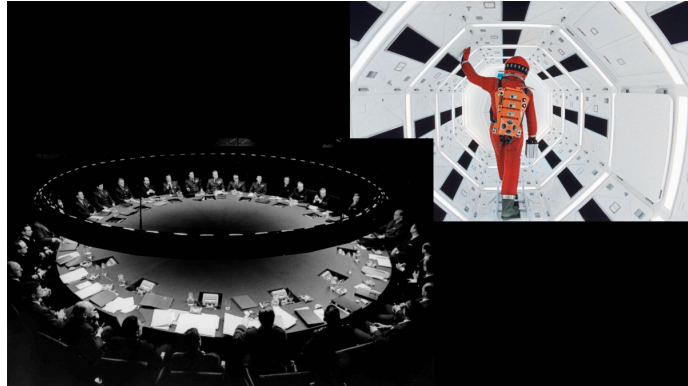
Find more information [here](#).
Register [here](#).

Author Anthony Sattin

Nomads

November 16 @ 1 p.m.

Drawing on wide-ranging research and recent discoveries, Sattin takes us back



12,000 years to a time when all of our ancestors were constantly on the move, nomads living in harmony with the natural world rather than trying to tame it. Moving forward, first across Eurasia and later into Australia and North America, placing the forgotten cocreators of our modern world in the center of this sweeping history, Sattin shows how nomads have been anything but history's "uncivilized barbarians." In what the *Times* (UK) has called "a book of beauty and beguiling rhythm that offers unsettling lessons about our present-day world," Sattin shows how nomads have flourished empires in the past and points to ways in which they might help with solutions to the crises we now face.

NOMADS offers an illuminating and relevant prism through which to view human history. Written by a legendary historian and travel writer who evokes in vivid prose the lands he has closely observed, *NOMADS* reconnects with our deepest mythology, our unrecorded antiquity, and our natural environment to tell the history of civilization through its outsiders.

Find more information [here](#).

Register [here](#).

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