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## President's message by Karen Butter



With more than 14,000 books sold, our first Big Used Book Sale in almost three years was an overwhelming success! We raised close to \$20,000, an impressive amount for a two-and-a-half-day event.

The sale would not have been possible without the outstanding support of the Coast Guard, the Marines, and the Navy, who moved countless boxes of books. We are also grateful to the more than 130 individuals who volunteered to organize, count, and sell books and move bags and boxes to cars. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet and talk with our volunteers in person during the event.

We have plenty more events lined up for 2023, including book sales, Friends @ Home author and docent talks, and the return of our Live @ the Library jazz concerts. Author and docent talks will continue to take place on Zoom, as we have many attendees and speakers from outside of the Bay Area.

We are cautiously and gradually expanding our services and programs. Dewey's Friends Cafe will begin limited morning hours, and Books For Friends (BFF), our used bookstore in the main library, will soon be open on Wednesdays.

Since this is our last newsletter for 2022, I'd like to give special recognition and thanks to all our supporters from this past year. The significant participation of our many volunteers, both new and old, indicates the immense value of the library to our community. FAL is dedicated to continuing to support the library's current programs and partner on the development of new ones.

**FAL / Books Inc. Fundraiser Monday evening**

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

**In-person sales or online orders for curbside or in-store pickup at Books Inc. in Alameda qualify.**



Buy books for yourself, kickstart your holiday shopping, enhance Alameda school libraries, raise money for FAL 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 participating schools will be available in the store. Any book you purchase for a school will be delivered there for you by a FAL volunteer.

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 Curbside or In-Store Pickup. Write "Order is part of Friends of the Library fundraiser" in the comments section, and FAL will receive credit for sale.

A big thank you goes to Anthony Ramirez and his staff at Books Inc. for making this sale possible, and to Board Member Karen Roemer for planning and organizing the event.

## Annual Fund Giving Circles



Love Alameda libraries? Help support their services and programs by joining our new Annual Fund Giving Circles! The Annual Fund benefits the libraries' facilities, programs, services, and events. These programs wouldn't be possible without the generous support of people like you!

Press the button below to learn more and to donate.

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## New Books For Friends logo

FAL is proud to present the brand-new logo for Books For Friends (BFF), our bookstore in the main library!

BFF held a soft opening on March 10, 2022, and officially opened its doors on June 25. Managing a brick-and-mortar store was a new venture for us. We were getting by with a mixture of graphics to promote BFF but as the

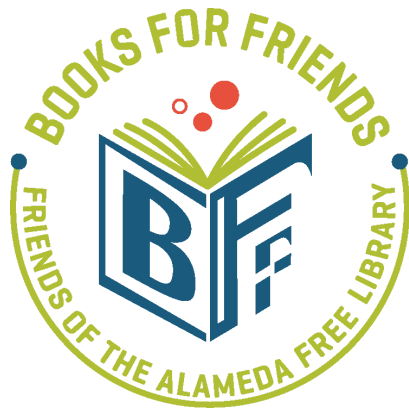
bookstore's popularity grew, a unique logo for BFF became essential in promoting the bookshop.



Thanks to longtime FAL supporter Patrick Kenney, our logo design became an assignment for his "Sketching Fundamentals for Design" students at Berkeley City College. Over a period of four weeks, each student submitted their unique designs, which we provided feedback on. The incredible talent of each student made the final decision very difficult. After much deliberation, we ultimately decided on the design above, created by Jerry Hsaio.

We are very grateful to Patrick Kenney, Jerry Hsaio and all the participating students for their outstanding work. It was a fun project for us, and we are delighted with the result!

## More BFF news!



### Books For Friends Open Thursday - Saturday 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**\$100 Holiday Book Boxes** are back! Stop in or call BFF at (510) 747-7737 to purchase a \$100 box of high-quality used books for yourself or a friend. Books will be personally chosen by Philip Barry, the BFF manager, based upon your choice of genre(s) or his own eclectic selection if the purchaser 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** 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.

## The Big Used Book Sale was a great success!!

The Big Sale at the O' Club in October was a huge success, with a steady stream of shoppers all weekend long. It was a pleasure to be back in person, to meet everyone who came to shop, and to see all our volunteers back together.

We'd like to thank our many volunteers (over 130 total!), who all contributed to the event's success. Special thanks go to the Coast Guard, Marine and Navy volunteers who helped us move countless boxes of books.



We owe immense gratitude to Cathy Peloquin, the chairperson leading the sale, whose countless hours of organizing came together seamlessly.

We are also grateful to many members of the book sale team:

Amy Loo: volunteer coordinator/scheduler

Billy Reinschmiedt: Coordination of book moving, set-up and management

Cynthia Silva: Coordination of book moving, set-up and management

Jane Chisaki: Library Director, Jane-of-all-trades, snack purveyor, spirit team

Kelly Ground: volunteer system implementer

Susan Schonberg: volunteer coordinator and volunteer system implementer

## We need you!



We have many volunteer opportunities available. Whether you want to volunteer from home or in person, we have a huge 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, managing volunteers 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 large SUV and two or more hours a week to help the Book Sale Committee? We are a dedicated group of FAL volunteers responsible for all the behind-the-scenes work to support the sale of donated books. Our Used Book Sales are an Alameda tradition that helps circulate high-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 basis, please reach out to us via our [website](#).

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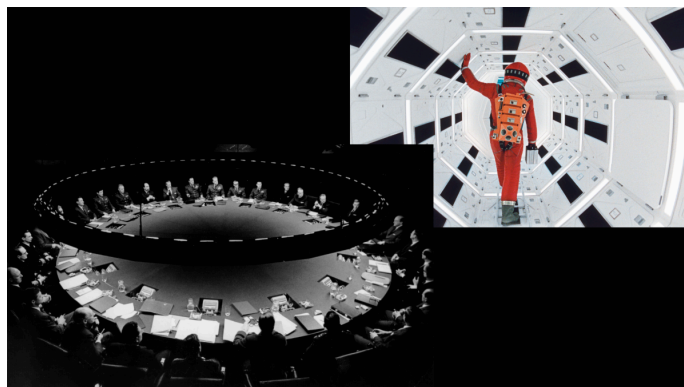
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## Stanley Kubrick

### Art Docent Event

**November 9 @ 7 p.m.**

Stanley Kubrick was an American film director, producer, screenwriter, and photographer who was widely considered to be one of the greatest filmmakers of all time.



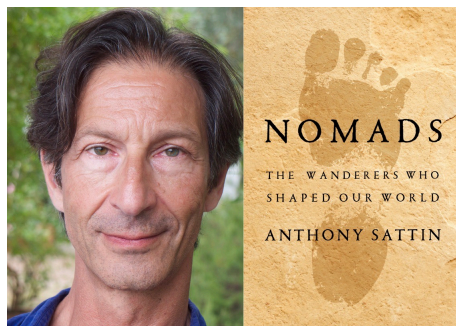
His films, almost all of which are adaptations of novels or short stories, cover a wide range of genres and are noted for their realism, dark humor, extensive set designs, and innovative cinematography.

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 unproduced films.

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

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

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## Author Anthony Sattin

### *Nomads*

**November 16 @ 1 p.m.**

Drawing upon wide-ranging research and recent discoveries, Sattin takes us back 12,000 years to a time when our ancestors were constantly on the move, living in harmony with the natural world rather than trying to tame it. Placing the forgotten co-creators 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.

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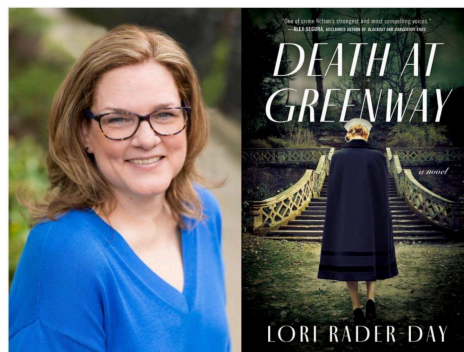
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## **Author Lori Rader-Day**

### ***Death at Greenway***

**December 5 @ 7 p.m.**

Join us for a conversation with the multiple-award-winning author Lori Rader-Day.



Her Agatha Award-winning *Death at Greenway* is a captivating suspense novel set during World War II, about two nurses who come to Agatha Christie's holiday estate to care for evacuated children. When a body is discovered nearby, the idyllic setting becomes host to a deadly mystery.

Bridey Kelly has come to Greenway House in disgrace. A terrible mistake at St. Prisca's Hospital in London has led to her dismissal as a nurse trainee, and her only chance for redemption is a position in the countryside caring for children evacuated to safety from the Blitz. Chasing ten young children through the winding paths of the estate grounds might have soothed Bridey's anxieties and grief - if Greenway were not situated so near the English Channel and the rising aggressions of the war.

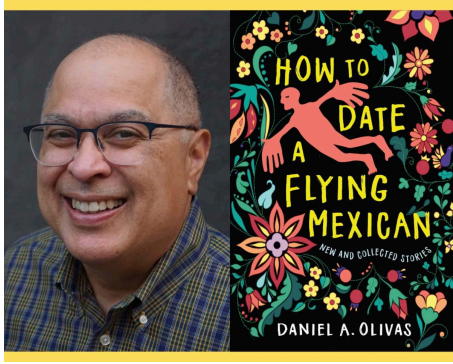
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## **Author Daniel A. Olivas**

### ***How to Date a Flying Mexican***

**January 25 @ 7 p.m.**



*How to Date a Flying Mexican* is a collection of stories derived from Chicano and Mexican culture, ranging through fascinating literary worlds such as fairy tales, fables, and dystopian futures. Many of Daniel A. Olivas's characters confront both directly and obliquely questions of morality, justice, and self determination.

The collection is made up of Olivas's favorite previously published stories, along with two new stories - one dystopian and the other magical - that challenge the Trump administration's anti-immigration rhetoric and policies.

Daniel will be interviewed by his friend, poet León Salvatierra, author of the poetry collection *To the North/Al Norte*.

More information coming soon.

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