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President's message by Karen Butter



Find your favorite book at our huge Used Book Sale, which will be held this year from October 26 to 28 at the Alameda Free Library! Over 10,000 books will be sold at bargain-basement prices during this 3-day event, including popular new releases. Find books, CDs, DVDs in all subject categories and support the Library with your purchases.

Books for Friends will be open during the Used Book Sale, offering a curated collection of high-quality used books. Need a coffee or pastry after you shop? Try out the new menu items at the Library Friends Cafe. And be sure to let us know if you are interested in helping out at the sale, as we are in need of volunteers. We look forward to seeing everyone!

On a very sad note, we are heartbroken at the sudden passing of board member David Beall. Supporters may know David from his wonderful and vital work behind the scenes of the Friends @ Home events. He managed all aspects of these events, including Zoom links, questions, statistics, and follow-up reports. He located and scheduled authors, trained presenters to deliver professional presentations, and managed the live events backstage. Additionally, he did an outstanding job as the board secretary. Words cannot express the loss we all feel and our sorrow at not having time to thank him for his enormous contributions to FAL. Our thoughts go out to his family.

FAL Board mourns the loss of David Beall

We lost a valued member of the FAL Board in September. David Beall died on September 9 after a short illness. He was 84.

David joined our board six years ago and was a willing volunteer for many projects. He served on the Communications Committee, he was the board secretary, and he wrote many articles for this newsletter. He was also co-founder of our Friends @ Home program and worked tirelessly behind the scenes to produce all the author and art docent programs we have sponsored. He took a deep interest in the Friends @ Home author talks and engaged diverse, interesting writers to share their books with the FAL community.



David always had a positive attitude. He was funny and kind and had insightful thoughts about board issues.

David served 20 years in the Navy, during which time he achieved the rank of Commander. He ended his Naval career in Alameda working on the Admiral's staff. David had a BA in English and an MS in Physics. He met his wife, Joan, in college. They were engaged three weeks after they met and were married for 62 years. They raised three sons: Christopher, Michael and Matthew.

David and Joan owned Riverbend Bookstore in Virginia Beach for many years, and they are still in touch with the community they built around the store there. In addition to volunteering with the Friends, David was an active volunteer for Alameda Meals on Wheels and an employee for the SF Giants, where he ushered at games for 19 years. He loved mystery books and was a member of Mastick's Mystery Book Club. He will be deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held on November 5 at 3 p.m. at the Alameda Free Library (1550 Oak Street, Alameda, CA) in the Stafford Room.



The October Book Sale has moved from the O'Club to the Main Library at 1550 Oak Street in Alameda.
Mark your calendars and save the dates!

Thursday, October 26, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday, October 27, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Choose from thousands of bargain-priced, quality used books, CDs, and DVDs in a variety of genres. Our **Library Friends Cafe** will be open during the sale with delicious new pastries and beverages (see article below). You can also check out our permanent used book store, **Books for Friends**, right next to the cafe.

We are looking for volunteers to help staff the Used Book Sale. Please sign up [here](#) if you would like to help us. Thank you!

See you there!

Celebrate Fall at the Library Friends Cafe

Fall is in the air, Halloween is just around the corner, and the Library Friends Cafe is ready with a brand new selection of treats!

The fresh baked goods from Firebrand Artisan Breads have been a big hit so far, and we are updating the menu to reflect an even broader array of options. In addition to the popular **Almond and Ham and Cheese**

Croissants, we are now offering Plain Croissants, Morning Buns, Wheat Free Pumpkin Muffins, Hatch and Jalapeno Cheese Muffins, Pimento Gruyere Pretzel Buns, and Nutella Kouign Amann. If you have not tried any of our more “nutritious” snacks, we now offer hummus, guacamole, cheese and nut snacks, carrots, apples and cuties. Additionally, your tried-and-true favorites — coffee, Cup Noodles, chips, and our usual selection of drinks — are still available. There's a little of something for everyone!



Come in and enjoy a free moment in our friendly cafe. Our fabulous volunteers are eager to help you!

If you are interested in volunteering with us, please [click here](#). We'd love for you to join the team!

Cafe hours

Monday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Tuesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday Noon - 4 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday Closed

Books For Friends



Stop by **Books for Friends (BFF)**, our used book store in the Main Library! Browse our carefully curated selection of bargain-priced books in excellent condition.

BFF Hours

Thursday Noon to 4 p.m.
Friday Noon to 4 p.m.
Saturday Noon to 4 p.m.

Books for Friends will have extended hours during the October Book Sale:

Thursday, October 26, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday, October 27, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- We accept book donations by appointment on Sundays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. In October, we are accepting donations on the 1st and 8th. **We are not accepting book donations on the 15th, 22nd and 29th.** Please find donation and scheduling instructions [here](#).
- All of our workers are volunteers. If you are looking for a fun place to volunteer, please consider BFF! More volunteers will allow us to

expand our hours of operation. Click [here](#) to sign up!

Shop local! All proceeds benefit the Alameda Free Library.

FAL's Fall Fundraising Appeal launches this month

It's that time of year again! Did you know that over 50% of FAL's donations come from the Annual Fund Appeal? This major fundraising campaign is held twice a year during the spring and fall, with all proceeds benefiting the Alameda Free Library and providing much-needed support for the library's services and facilities improvements.



As we celebrate our library, we encourage you to join our fall campaign to ensure that our our Library keeps providing outstanding programs and services for patrons of all ages.

Consider joining our Annual Fund Giving Circles for advance notice of special events, sales, and other perks! The Giving Circles are a small way for us to express our thanks for your support of the Alameda Free Library.

There are multiple ways to donate to the Annual Fund: cash, check, credit card, donor advised funds, and stocks. FAL welcomes gifts of any amount.

Here's how you can give to the fall campaign:

Drop your check in the mail:

Friends of the Alameda Free Library
P.O. Box 1024
Alameda, CA 94501

Donate Online:

With a one-time or monthly gift @ <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/AF>.

Employee Giving Programs:

Friends of the Alameda Free Library participates in many employer giving programs, such as Google, Chevron, Adobe, Apple, Disney, Blue Shield, and Abbott Labs. Many of these programs match donations to your volunteer time! Contact your HR representative to direct your donation to FAL's Annual Fund.

Have any questions?

Please contact Kelly Ground at groundk@alamedafriends.com for assistance with gift-giving.

Thank you for supporting our library!

Coming events!

Online Art Docent Event | October 18

Fashion Statement: How Couture Reflected Culture, 1960-2010

October 18 @ 7 p.m.

How does fashion reflect the changing times? Take a journey through the decades by looking at some of the top fashion designers in the world, all of which are found in the extensive fashion collection of Phoenix Art Museum. From the classic suits of Coco Chanel to the rule-breaking designs of Alexander McQueen, Phoenix Art Museum Docent Susan Marie will have you diving deep into the closets of your mind to relive your past.



To learn more and register, [click here](#).



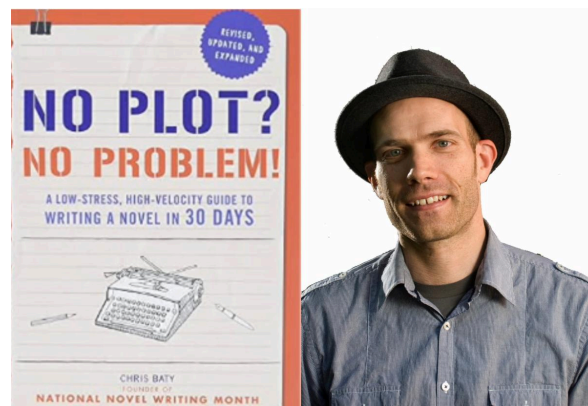
Online Author Event | October 25

Author Chris Baty

No Plot? No Problem!

October 25 @ 7 p.m.

FAL is thrilled to present a conversation with Chris Baty, author and founder of National Novel Writing Month (known colloquially as NaNoWriMo)!



Alameda resident Chris Baty founded National Novel Writing Month by accident in 1999. Since then, NaNoWriMo has grown from a gathering of 21 friends into an international event with more than 300,000 participants in 90 countries. Chris stepped down from leading NaNoWriMo in 2013, but now serves as NaNoWriMo's Board Member Emeritus and uses his expertise to oversee the UX writing team at Figma. He's the author of *No Plot? No*

Problem! and a co-author of *Ready, Set, Novel!*, a writer's block-busting workbook.

Chris will be joined by TC Curry, a past contest winner.

To learn more and register, [click here](#).



Online Author Event | November 11



Author Philipp Schott

Fifty-Four Pigs and
Six Ostriches

November 8 @ 7 p.m.

Fifty-Four Pigs and *Six Ostriches* are the first and second books of Philipp Schott's mystery series featuring Dr. Peter Bannerman, a veterinarian in a small town on Lake Winnipeg in Manitoba. Peter is an amiable, introverted, tea-drinking, obsessive vet who converses more with his dog, Pippin, than anyone else. When Peter's friend Tom Pearson's swine barn explodes, 54 pigs and one human die. Tom, who's suspected of setting the fire that caused the explosion, has disappeared.

These mystery novels beautifully describe a very appealing character and give a brilliant introduction to the Canadian plains landscape. Both are real page-turners to boot!

Philipp Schott is a veterinarian in Winnipeg. In addition to the Dr. Bannerman novels, he is the author of three non-fiction collections of stories and essays about his 30 years of veterinary practice.

To learn more and register, [click here](#).

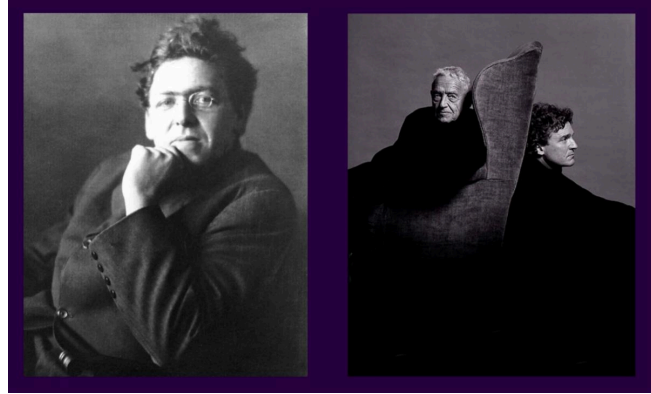


Online Art Docent Event | November 15

Wyeth's World: Three Generations of American Artists

November 15 @ 7 p.m.

Take a strange and wondrous journey through three generations of the Wyeth family, with particular focus on the works of N.C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, and Jamie Wyeth.



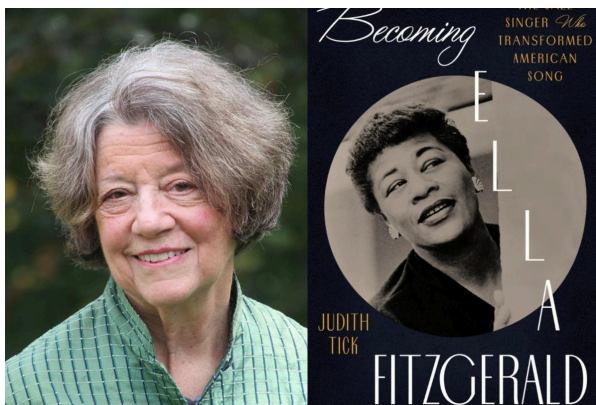
This talk will compare and contrast the artists' styles and reveal the common bonds shared among the three generations, which are reflected in the art they created through the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

Janine Loiselle-Newbern, a Docent with the Phoenix Art Museum, will present this fascinating picture of an American family of artists.

To learn more and register, [click here](#).



Online Author Event | December 5



Author Judith Tick

***Becoming Ella Fitzgerald:
The Jazz Singer Who
Transformed American
Song***

December 5 @ 7 p.m.

*Becoming Ella Fitzgerald: The
Jazz Singer Who Transformed*

American Song is a landmark biography about Ella Fitzgerald, a major American artist and modernist innovator.

Ella Fitzgerald (1917–1996) possessed one of the twentieth century's most astonishing voices. In this first major biography since Fitzgerald's death, music historian Judith Tick draws on deep archival research, family interviews, and newly available recordings and concert footage to show how

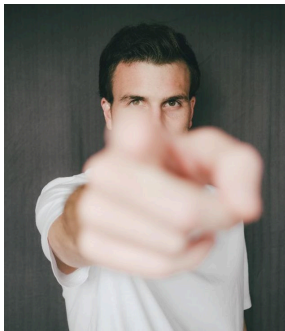
Fitzgerald fused a Black vocal aesthetic with mainstream popular repertoire to revolutionize American music.

Judith Tick is professor emerita of music history at Northeastern University. She has published award-winning books and articles about American music and women's history in music, including *Ruth Crawford Seeger: A Composer's Search for Music*.

To learn more and register, [click here](#).



Looking for local volunteer opportunities?



We Need You!

Whether you would like to volunteer from home or in person, we'd love for you to join our team! We are a dedicated group of volunteers working in a variety of ways to raise money for our wonderful library. We welcome fresh ideas and new ways to raise funds.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

Find us on YouTube



Did you miss a Friends @ Home event, or want to rewatch your favorites? Simply [check our website](#) or subscribe to [our YouTube channel](#) to view the recordings. We record as many events as possible, copyright permitting. Enjoy!



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