



Friends of the Sausalito Public Library

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Your Friendship in Action

Anne Walbridge

Hello, Friends, and thank you for all that you do for the Library. Your support can come in many forms, whether through your membership, book donations, book purchases, and your time – and it is all greatly appreciated.

The Friends volunteers, for example, are an extraordinarily active group. When you walk into the Library and see someone shelving new books or DVDs, that's often a volunteer. All those folks running the bookstore upstairs are volunteers. And if you came to the City Yard Sale, you probably spotted even more amidst a sea of used books. Volunteers provided nearly 300 hours of circulation desk support last year. Amazing! Even so, more volunteers are welcome and needed.

Your financial support of the Friends plays a huge role as well, allowing the Library to offer a wealth of "wish list" items including speakers, museum passes, computer classes, and an ever-increasing array of children's services. For instance...

- **Speaker Series:** The opening lectures of the year have been phenomenally well-attended. Beloved local author, Bill Broder, read from his most recent work, *A Prayer for the Departed*, and a docent from the deYoung prepared us for the Masters of Venice exhibit.
- **Museum Passes:** After attending a docent lecture such as that, you'll probably be in the mood to see some great artwork in person, which you can do using the Library's various museum passes and general admission tickets.
- **Children's Programs:** With just a bit of soap and water, the Bubble Lady enchanted every child present and quite a few adults. There's also the Read a Book to a Dog program (yes!), Toddler Story Time, the Summer Reading Program, puppets, and more.
- **Computer Classes:** Perhaps your children are grown and you'd love to keep in touch with them via email, but find computers a bit intimidating. Fear not: the Library offers classes such as Email Basics and Internet Searching.
- **Digital Sign:** The examples above are just a sampling of everything that's going on in the Library these days, thanks to your support. You can keep up with it all by checking out the snazzy new digital sign – also made possible by your contributions.

Look how much you make possible! Imagine the Library without these programs. Worse yet, imagine the Library without new books. As you may recall, the Friends have had to step in and fund large portions of the book budget over the last several years. Fortunately, the City has funded the entire book budget this fiscal year, but you can see how crucial your ongoing support is.

One final way you help support the Library is simply by being involved. Whether you come in once a week to check out books, or attend an evening lecture, or participate in other ways, your presence helps make the Library an even more vibrant part of the community. Thank you for your Friendship!



Friends volunteers at the recent City Yard Sale



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Abbot Chambers, City Librarian

Sausalito residents can now read library books and listen to library audiobooks without making a trip to the City Hall building to visit the library. The secret? The Sausalito Public Library's new collection of downloadable ebooks and audiobooks, known as MARINet Digital Downloads. The collection is free and the ebooks and audiobooks are available for a wide range of devices, including Kindles, iPads, Nooks, iPhones, BlackBerrys, iPods, Android and Windows phones, and laptop and desktop computers. The only other thing you need is a library card.



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If you have any trouble with the new ebook collection, or if all of this ereading jazz is a mystery to you, please call, email, or stop by the Sausalito Public Library for help. We are also offering 1-on-1 training sessions to help local residents get set up with library e-books on their mobile devices; to learn more, please email me at achambers@ci.sausalito.ca.us. And the library has recently launched a collection of circulating electronic reading devices, so you won't even need to own an ereader to find out if electronic reading is for you.

If you discover that you don't like ereading, no worries! The Sausalito Public Library still has thousands of print books, with new titles being added all the time. The most important thing to us is that the people of Sausalito have access to shared collections of reading material in whatever format they prefer.

A version of this article appeared in Abbot's new monthly column in the Sausalito Marinscope newspaper.

Help the Library as You Shop at Mollie Stone's



If you've shopped at Mollie Stone's recently, you've probably noticed their new Community Cards. When you shop with one of these cards, a portion of your bill can be donated automatically to the non-profit of your choice, via eScrip. Isn't that great? We just registered with eScrip, so you will not see the Friends listed on the form, but there is a spot where you can write us in – and we hope you do! Thank you in advance.

Friends Officer Nominations

The Friends Nominating Committee, consisting of Libby Wilkinson, Liz Robinson, and Mary Lou Anderson, submits the following slate of officers for 2012-13. The election will be held at the Friends General Meeting, Tuesday, 5/1, 7pm in the Friends Bookstore on the top floor of City Hall. Refreshments will be served. Come! Vote! Socialize!

President:
Anne Walbridge

First Vice President:
John Hefler

Second Vice President:
Myralin Whitaker

Treasurer:
Stephanie Leonard

Secretary:
Jeannette Sims



Holiday Party Highlights

Photos by Jim Delano

Yes, the holidays have come and gone, but it's always fun to see Friendly faces, isn't it? It was wonderful to see so many at the party.



Murder, Moxie, and Memories

Come join us for more great Speaker Series events! The series features local authors, museum docents and other speakers you are bound to find interesting. All programs are free of charge and sponsored by Friends like you.

6:00 pm "Nosh & Browse" hour with refreshments up in the Friends Bookstore

7:00 pm Speaking events begin down in City Council Chambers

April 23rd - An Afternoon in Italy's Gardens presented by Cathy Edger, Landscape Designer

May 14th - Murder in the Abstract, a story about the contemporary art market presented by Susan Shea, author

June 11th - Pure Moxie: A Confessional Memoir presented by Leda Sanford, author

July 9th - A Storytelling Event for Adults presented by Phil Sheridan, storyteller

September 24th - Beyond His Control: Memories of a Disobedient Daughter presented Linda Bucklin, author

November 26th - San Francisco Ballet, Preview for the 2013 Season presented by Cecelia Beam, SF Ballet Adult Ed. Coordinator

Would you like to get more involved?

- **Be a library volunteer! More opportunities are opening up**
To sign up, call Jim Delano at 215-6538.
- **Come to the General Meeting! Tues, 5/1, 7pm in the Bookstore**



It's Time to Renew Your Membership for 2012!

John Hefler

We are grateful for your membership in the Friends of the Sausalito Library. Your support – book sales, Friends' events, and donations – has enabled us to provide the Library with the funds necessary to maintain its superb services, including Sunday hours and an expanded acquisition program, in spite of California's budget crisis.

Your membership entitles you to attend the Holiday Gala and other special events for Members Only. Through the Newsletter, you will get special book sale news and advance notice of other events, such as the Speakers' Program that showcases local talent throughout the year. Your financial support for ongoing and short term library projects makes a difference. Without your support, the Library could not provide the community with all the special services it does now. Friends of the Sausalito Library is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Your donations are fully tax-deductible.

Please take a moment to check the date on this Newsletter's mailing label. The top line of the label shows your Current or Expired membership status and the effective date. If it says "Expired Membership..." or "Current until 12/31/2011" your membership has expired or is about to expire. Please take a moment to clip the renewal form on this Newsletter, complete it and return it with your dues payment in the enclosed envelope.

We switched to a rolling membership renewal system starting January 2011. If you renewed your membership on or after January 1, 2011, the expiration date will be one year from the date on which we received your renewal. We try to check all membership transactions to prevent and catch errors, but we are not perfect. Do not hesitate to contact me at jhefler@pacbell.net if you have any questions regarding your membership status.

You can now renew your membership online:
Go to <https://marinet.lib.ca.us/> and click "Donate to Your Library"



YES! I want to renew my Friends of the Sausalito Library Membership!

Enclosed is \$_____ (Senior \$5, Member \$10, Family \$25, Supporter \$50, Benefactor \$100+)
Please make check payable to: "Friends of the Sausalito Library" and mail to PO Box 298, Sausalito, CA 94966
You can also use your credit card on the Library's website: <https://marinet.lib.ca.us/> ("Donate to Your Library")

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Thank you for 50 years of Friendship!

Founded in 1961, the Friends of the Sausalito Public Library is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that is an important source of financial support to the Sausalito Public Library, augmenting much-needed services and materials not provided by the Library's budget. The Friends is a registered 501(c)(3) organization, so your donations are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated.

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