



The Sausalito Library Foundation ensures the sustained excellence of the Sausalito Public Library by securing a permanent revenue source to enhance the library's programs, materials and environment.

Excerpts from a March 2009 *New York Times* article by Joseph Berger:

Times Are Tough, and Libraries are Thriving

Indeed, the bad news on the economy is good news for libraries...so long as they can escape the budget ax that is falling on many municipal services as cities and towns struggle with declining revenue.

There is an incongruity in libraries providing such a wealth of free services because libraries themselves are vulnerable to the economy.

There's a saying among librarians that **libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries.**

With unemployment rising, people are flocking to the library for help in finding jobs or switching careers or brushing up résumés or checking the financial ratings of companies that are advertising for help, library officials said.

AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, the Sausalito Library informs, educates and entertains. And now, when economic uncertainties require resourcefulness, its value is even more apparent. Not surprisingly, library usage has steadily increased in the last year. Despite repeated budgetary cutbacks, it remains the “keeper of knowledge” in our town. To ensure it will thrive in the future, we’re asking for your financial support of the Sausalito Library Foundation.

PRESERVING THE PAST. In partnership with the Sausalito Historical Society, we’re funding a program to digitize the *Sausalito News* from 1895 to 1922. We hope to co-fund similar projects with other groups to provide online access to our local newspapers from 1922 to the present.

NURTURING THE PRESENT. The computer lab we financed continues to make online access a reality for residents who seek equipment and training, and the Foundation-funded strategic plan is shaping our library’s direction for the next five years.

ASSURING OUR FUTURE. To serve the growing population of children in our town, we will fund a program to expand the resources and services the library offers for kids, their families and their caretakers.

We will continue providing grants for projects that help ensure our library’s continued excellence. To this end, we ask once a year for contributions to the Foundation fund. Thanks to careful investment strategies and the generosity of the community, this fund has grown each year.

HELP US SUSTAIN THIS GROWTH IN 2009. These are not easy times, but your support of a valuable community asset is a wise investment that will pay off for years to come. Please contribute to the Sausalito Library Foundation.



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Members of the Legacy Society contribute to the health of the Sausalito Library by naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of their estates or trusts. The late K.T. Kalbfleisch was named honorary founder of the Legacy Society, as her generous bequest in 2004 formed the cornerstone of the Sausalito Library Foundation. Others in town have followed her example. To learn more about the Legacy Society, please contact Lee Follett at 415.284.9314 or alfollett@aol.com.