



# Friends of the Sausalito Public Library

Winter 2013-14

## How Do the Friends Do It?

*Jim DeLano, President*

How do the Friends of the Sausalito Public Library make a difference?

Friends support the Library in several different ways.

Our bookstore, on the second floor of City Hall, open Monday 9 to 5, Wednesday and Saturday 10 to 1, receives a huge number of donations every week. These books and other media are sorted, priced, and shelved for immediate sale by our tireless volunteers. Popular books in good condition are forwarded to the Library to replace worn volumes. We also are able to sell unusual books with an internet partner; see the article by Myralin Whitaker for details.

Income from the bookstore is used, in large part, to support ongoing Library programs for adults and children. These include the Monday Speaker Series and the recently inaugurated Friday evening Sausalito People series. Programs for children, overseen by Children's Librarian Erin Wilson, include weekly story times, a summer reading program, and special events such as the Talk Like a Pirate Day and Fairy Day in the fall.

Volunteers carry out all Friends activities. In addition to the bookstore group, Circulation Desk volunteers assist in opening the Library on weekends and processing incoming inter-library "hold" materials and "paging" for materials requested by patrons from other Marinnet libraries. This group contributes in excess of 300 hours per year.

The Library is not a static institution; it is evolving and expanding the scope of services. The Friends help the process by supporting new programs and technology needs.

You can help by donating books, CDs and DVDs to the bookstore; shopping for books in the bookstore, volunteering some time each week, and continuing your membership. Your renewal date is shown on the mailing label.

Thanks for being part of us.



*From top: Full house for a talk about crows; Fairy Day; Aarrgh! Talk Like a Pirate Day; Chilling at the City-Wide Yard Sale*



### Inside:

**Ahoy! Was that a sailboat in the library?**

**Obscure books = big windfalls**

**Do you have what it takes to be the next book club host?**



Come browse in person!

## Book Room Internet Sales

Myralin Whitaker

Would you come into the Book Sale Room and pay \$67 for *Trustees Handbook: A Guide to Effective Governance for Independent School Boards*? We have found a way to profit from esoteric titles.

Many have expressed interest in the Friends' on-line book sales. Some felt excluded from an opportunity to buy valuable books we offer on-line. The books are carefully selected and have a limited market in the book store. The prices commanded on-line far exceed any price we could reasonably expect at the store. For example:

- *Esteban Vicente* recently sold for \$171.99.
- *Blacksad: The Sketch Files* sold for \$94.94.
- *Palm Beach Splendor: the Architecture of Jeffrey Smith* was \$385.30.
- *Cocina Sulipena: Culinary Gems From Old Pampanga - Philippine Book* was a paperback that sold for \$117.50.

In the last two months, our online sales included more than 25 titles. Five books about teaching math in elementary school totaled \$95 online. Most of the books sold are priced from \$50-75.

Those of us who work in store are often surprised when our scanner shows an inflated asking price. We pass the books on to our book seller, TheBookForest.com, who handles all the work: warehousing, listing and describing the condition, and packing and shipping the books. This has proved to be a desirable business arrangement for each of us.

It's a joy to get a confirmation that an obscure title has commanded a price that will benefit the Sausalito Library. We still look for requested titles and, occasionally, find one for a grateful customer. If you have any questions please come to the book store and we shall tell you more.

## Library Seeking Volunteer Book Club Facilitator

Augie Webb

Calling all lovers of the printed (or digital) word! Do you devour books like candy? Enjoy describing the plot of the latest thriller or perhaps recommending something more obscure to others? Wish there was a book club in Sausalito that had more variety or an interesting theme?

We are seeking an enthusiastic volunteer with a little time on their hands to commit to a monthly book discussion group that will supplement our popular (and filled to capacity) "Lesser Known Novels." Theme, content and scheduling are flexible. Staff will arrange for space in City Hall during open hours, develop promotional materials and provide assistance to the right candidate. Prior book club experience not required but group facilitation, creativity and critical thinking skills are a plus. If facilitating a fun and engaging program for our community is meant for you, please contact Assistant City Librarian Augie Webb at 415-289-4121 to discuss the possibilities.



“Google can bring you back  
100,000 answers...

...a librarian can bring you back  
the right one.”

- Neil Gaiman

## New Program: Game Night at the Library

Classic Board Games for Adults  
Every Wednesday night except holidays  
6:00-8:45pm in the Library Reading Room



Bring a friend or two and check out one of our classic board games to play inside the library. We have several to choose from: Monopoly, Chess, Checkers, Apples to Apples, Balderdash, Doink It Darts, Jenga, Backgammon, Scrabble and more!

## Looking Back Over 2013

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The Friends enjoyed a very good 2013. In the Spring we participated in the Remodel Project Celebration, and noted our contribution of the sound wall which provided some auditory relief during the noisy construction of the new area for children.

A new series, Sausalito People, began Friday evenings in the spring, with a second series following in the fall.

The Bookstore continued to do well, with both onsite and online sales. We forwarded to the Library collection 582 donated items with a retail value of \$12,264. These items, which represented 12% of new additions, were checked out 1,662 times.

With assistance from the Sausalito Art Festival grant we were able to provide museum passes for our members.

We welcome new members and hope that former members will renew in a timely fashion. We also welcome new volunteers for Bookstore and Circulation Desk. Please stop by the Bookstore and say hello.



*Yes, that is a sailboat smack dab in the middle of the library. It was for a talk by Gordie Nash, founder of the Funky Boat Race, and a great example of the lively new Sausalito People Series.*

## Homebound Delivery Program

*Augie Webb*

Do you know someone who is a Sausalito resident, unable to visit the library on their own and would like to have a volunteer deliver books, movies or music CDs to their home? Are you interested in becoming a volunteer and providing a valuable service to our community?



We are currently gathering applications for eligible patrons and volunteers who are passionate about lifelong learning and engaging with others for our new homebound delivery service.

For more information, please check out our webpage for more information: <http://www.ci.sausalito.ca.us/index.aspx?page=1911> (or if you're already on the Sausalito Library website, just click on Services, and then Homebound Delivery Program).

## Upcoming Speaker Series Events

### **Living Healthy in a Toxic World**

Monday, January 27, 7:00pm  
Edgewater Room

### **Easter Island Sketchbook: An Artist's Journey to the Mysterious Land of Giant Stone Statues**

Thursday, February 6, 7:00pm  
Edgewater Room

### **It's Simply Serendipity: Four Steps to Manifesting a Life of Bliss**

Monday, February 24, 7:00pm  
Edgewater Room

### **All About the Marin Civil Grand Jury**

Monday, March 17, 7:00pm  
Council Chambers



**Please join us at the next Friends General Meeting Tuesday, 2/4, 7pm in the Book Store (City Hall top floor). The agenda will include electing members to the nominating committee, headed by Libby Wilkinson. Refreshments will be served.**

## Thank You for Your Membership! Is It Time to Renew?

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 shows it 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 back in 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](mailto:jhefler@pacbell.net) if you have any questions regarding your membership status.

“At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better. It’s an enormous force for good.”

- Barack Obama



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

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Benefactor \$100+, Supporter \$50, Family \$25, Member \$10, Senior \$5)  
Please make check payable to: “Friends of the Sausalito Library” and mail to PO Box 298, Sausalito, CA 94966  
**If you prefer, you can now use your credit card at [www.FriendsoftheSausalitoLibrary.org](http://www.FriendsoftheSausalitoLibrary.org)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Thank you for over 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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