



# Friends of the Sausalito Public Library

Fall 2014

## Another Good Year for the Friends of the Sausalito Public Library

Jim DeLano

Our Spring Event was held in the Library, where more than 100 Friends enjoyed an inspiring talk by local author Jennifer Gennari, music by the Nob Hill Ensembles trio, and a wide selection of gourmet hors d'oeuvres by Sausalito's own Laurel's Catering.

We continue to remain in robust financial health, with steady income from the Bookstore and generous donations from members. With these funds we have been able to sustain strong support for Library programs. We fund the many parts of the offerings for children, including the summer reading program and story times throughout the year and other special events just for kids.

This year we contributed nearly \$5,000 to the very popular pass program for the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, and associated Docent Lectures introducing coming exhibits. We also sponsor an Opera Appreciation group. We donated a projection screen, mounted over the Kids' area, which, coupled with a projector donated by Sylvia Elsser in memory of her husband Eric, will facilitate presentations and even made possible Movie Nights at the Library.

Our membership is steady at just under 300. Your membership expires on the date shown on the address label. Please remember to renew on or even before then. Thanks for being a Friend, supporting the Bookstore with donations and patronage. We hope to see you for the Holiday Party in early December (invitation to follow).

## Impressive Library Statistics

Abbot Chambers

- Total number of items in the Library's collection: 52,436
- Circulation of items in the collection during FY 2014: 145,384
- Total circulation increase since FY 2012: 30.3%
- Increase in the circulation of the Library's children's books since 2012: 48.5%
- Total attendance at programs for children in FY 2013: 2,591
- Total attendance at programs for children in FY 2014: 3,827
- Number of items added to the Library's collection in FY 2014: 5,406
- Items added to the collection in FY 2014 that were donated to the Friends: 464
- Retail value of these items from the Friends: \$9,365.76



*Clockwise from top left: young patrons immersed in books; kimono expert Marge Benjamin Warren overseeing installation of her tapestries; face-painting fun; summer costume party guests; City Librarian Abbot Chambers installing art exhibition*



### **What's inside?**

- From banana groves to the Friends board
- What it's like to be a Library Trustee
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## Meet One of Your New Friends Board Members

*Laurel Botsford*

Dear Friends, it is with great pleasure that I join the FOSL as a member of the Board. Following a lengthy 30-year sojourn away from America, living, learning and working in a panoply of diverse countries, I have returned home, although I have never before resided in California. It is the welcome I have received here in Sausalito that makes it “home.”

Adventure lives in my blood and veins, punctuated by voyages to far-off frozen lands and spicing the comings and goings of exciting cultures, deep differences, and realizations of the Oneness of Humanity where everywhere everyone is concerned about the price of food, their children’s education and finding their soul. My adventures continue here in an America unrecognizable after so long; as am I, with nascent unfamiliar feelings of remaining, sprouting roots and settling down! Discovering my niches of interest in this new landscape while living on my sailboat keeps the adventure alive.

And I am drawn to the FOSL! I have been and am a Travel Consultant, Scuba Instructor, volunteer caretaker of banana groves, Teacher, Author, Healer, amateur Astronomer and Activist; seeking out intellectual stimulation in conversations and libraries as my way of keeping my brain alive, active, and productive. Because that is a Library’s gift to Humanity. Our Sausalito Library has many wonderful programs to do just that; many of them fun, some of them serious; and I hope to perpetuate these gifts by contributing on the Board. I combine this with my volunteer community awareness activism on human and sex trafficking; to expose this evil in our midst, in order to eradicate it. Every necessity, the fun and the foe, will lead our community to be more empowered, conscious and compassionately inclusive of all its inhabitants and, most of all, to bring our common goals to fruition by taking action in all ways to help others, for the good of Mankind. Thank you Sausalito for your welcoming arms!

### Volunteer Corner:

**You can support the Library by volunteering, either at the Circulation Desk or in the Bookstore.**

**The Circulation Desk has a shift available each Thursday, from 1 to 2:30. Duty during this time is to process the books on interlibrary loan coming from other Marin libraries and placing them for patron pickup.**

**If interested, please call Jim DeLano at 215-6538.**

**Thank you.**



### What’s Inside the Friends Bookstore

*Jean Buckingham*

Our Sausalito Library gets better every time you turn around, doesn’t it?

Did you know that many of our new programs were funded by the Friends of the Library and the bookstore upstairs provides most of those funds?

In case you didn’t know, the bookstore is open Mondays from 9:00-5:00 as well as Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00-1:00. Also, thanks to our fellow Sausalito neighbors, we receive a constant supply of donated books, and the quantity and quality of these donations make for one of the best bookstores in the area. The bookstore currently has over 20,000 items available. And you can’t beat the price.

In addition to books, we have music CDs for all: Classical, Jazz, R&B, and Pop (also Oldies on vinyl). And you can’t beat the price.

We also have movies on DVDs, and for drivers or those of you who no longer see so well, books on tape and CD. And yes, you can’t beat the price.

While most of you already know this, too many people do not. Thus we have a favor to ask of you. Tell your friends, your neighbors, the people you work with about us. We do appreciate our “regulars”, but feel that more customers can only enhance what is already a top notch all volunteer bookstore.

## Being a Trustee in the Sausalito Library Community

*Diane Brockob*

I am the newest member of the Board of Trustees of the Sausalito Library and a Sausalito resident since May 2012. Last fall, it was suggested that I might apply to be a Trustee since I have a helpful parent's perspective of the Children's Library and programs. I am, together with husband Bob, the parent of 7-year-old library patron, Max. We've attended almost all the Library programs for children and over the past couple of years have checked out most of the children's collection, it seems. Max's library card is pretty worn out.

The Sausalito Library captured my attention from the moment we moved to Sausalito, with its exquisitely beautiful and spacious "living room," fantastic children's collection, and the outstanding programs for kids of all ages. Every year the Summer Reading Program, created and administered by Children's Librarian Erin Wilson, seems to out-do itself from the year before. On one memorable afternoon, the "Circus of Smiles" drew a crowd of over 60 children in attendance. I know that I speak for the community when I voice my appreciation to the Friends of the Sausalito Library for the top-notch, high-quality entertainment and learning activities of this program.

As Board members we review the administration of Library operations, make recommendations and decisions as well as institute Library policies. At most meetings, we discuss ideas and proposals brought to the Board by Abbot Chambers, City Librarian, and take a vote, if appropriate. In addition, we scrutinize Abbot's Library budget report each meeting. As a Board, we are always assessing the role of our Library in the context of available new technologies as well as gauging the judicious use of space in the Library. A recent meeting agenda included such items as the Library signage update, the art exhibit policy, and the E-book postcard report. A recent Librarian's report mentioned the purchase of a new short-throw projector, newspaper digitization, and implementation of the proposed Little Free Library.

Because we are appointed to the Library Board of Trustees by the City Council and are under the aegis of the City Council, we brief them on pertinent topics. We've organized this so that each member of the Board has a "Council buddy" to whom we report. My Council buddy is Council Member Linda Pfeifer. As a Library, we have tremendous support from the City Council.

So far, I've very much enjoyed my tenure on the Board and look forward to being part of the Board over the next few years, until my term ends. I appreciate having this opportunity as it helps me feel that I'm an active participant of our lively & superb Library community, and I hope that my perspective as a parent can contribute to the vitality of the Board.

The Board of Trustees meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 pm in the Friends Bookstore (top floor of City Hall). The public is always welcome to attend.



*Activities in and around your Library (from top to bottom): Max and Diane Brockob; one of the many Littles program activities for pre-K kids; the fabulous new projection system in action during Lea Gulino's presentation for the Sausalito People series; Children's Librarian Erin Wilson and City Librarian Abbot Chambers at the Caledonia Street Festival*

**Save the Date!** The Friends' Holiday Party will be Sunday, December 7th. Festivities will start in the Bookstore at 5pm and spread to the Library at 6pm.

## 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.

**You can now renew your membership online:**

**Go to [www.FriendsoftheSausalitoLibrary.org](http://www.FriendsoftheSausalitoLibrary.org) and click the “Donate” button**



### **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)

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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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