



# Friends of the Sausalito Public Library

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## If Music Be the Food of Love, Read on...

Lucy Croll

Whenever Shakespeare wanted to listen to some music, he had to engage a band of live musicians or go to his local theater or tavern. We can also fill our senses with the magic of live music, but when that's not available nor convenient, we can rustle up an intimate recital, a grand opera, a solo lutenist or even a gaggle of madrigal singers that our Elizabethan forbears would recognize, with the press of a few very un-Shakespearean buttons. Three cheers for the invention of recorded music!

Were you belting out an aria from Puccini's *Tosca* whilst you showered this morning, singing a show stopper from *South Pacific* whilst making lunch, tapping your toes to Duke Ellington at the supermarket checkout, or perhaps humming a few bars from a Beethoven sonata whilst walking your dog this afternoon?

Would you like to fill some of your musical needs and wants or even expand your musical horizons by finding something new to listen to? Would you like to introduce someone you know to a new genre of music? If the answer is YES to any of these questions, then please come on down to your always friendly Friends Bookstore, in City Hall, where we cater to the music lovers amongst us as well as to all our bibliophiles. Not only will you be pleased that your purchases (as always) support your library, but you will be thrilled with our exceptionally low prices as well as an ever-changing inventory.

We offer a wide range of CDs covering a diversity of genres: classical, opera, Broadway musicals, film and TV soundtracks, jazz, blues, soul, funk, rap, gospel, pop, folk, new age, rock, country and western and a generous sampling of world music to boot.

For those purists amongst us who love the warmth and depth of sound (and even the occasional crackle) of vinyl, we have LPs, yes records! It's time to dust off those turntables or add to your record collection if you never stopped spinning them. There's always a gem waiting to be discovered by a keen record collector with a good eye and ear of course.

If you love to be fully immersed in your musical experience, we also have a sampling of concert DVDs from classical to pop. You will find those near the classical CD section.

Want to make your own music? We can help you, as we also cater to the singers and musicians amongst us. At the Friends Bookstore we have a fabulously broad selection of sheet music and songbooks from Piano for Beginners through to the more difficult Chopin Études, and from Italian Baroque arias for mezzo-sopranos to Gershwin hits through to Bob Dylan and Joan Baez. Nothing beats a hearty sing-a-long with family and friends gathered around the piano or just singing a cappella!

Adjacent to the CDs, DVDs, LPs, sheet music and song books are shelves filled with books in our music section: biographies of composers and artists, books on musical history and theory, companions to operas and jazz, and many titles in between.

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*Two of Lucy's favorite recent finds*



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*(Continued from front)* We would all agree that the world would be a much duller place without music to fill it. So let us help you fill your musical world at great prices! Many of our CDs and records are only \$1! Please come and feel free to browse through our musical offerings, buy recorded music to listen to, or sheet music and songbooks to make your own music by. Please also help us spread the word by telling your partner, siblings, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors and anybody and everybody else you know.

It is always a pleasure to meet our valued members and visitors to our mighty little bookstore on the top floor of City Hall and we look forward to seeing you soon during our regular bookstore hours: Monday 9am - 5pm, Wednesday and Saturday 10am - 1pm. Happy hunting and music-making!



## A Little Free Library for Sausalito

*Abbot Chambers*

The Friends of the Library have partnered up with the Galilee Harbor Community Association on a fun project that will benefit everyone from houseboat dwellers to dog walkers to tourists. The so-called "Little Free Library" that we'll be launching in the spring of 2015 will be located near the corner of Bridgeway and Napa Street, adjacent to the "Art Car."

What is a Little Free Library? A Little Free Library is a free-standing, weatherproof bookcase that serves as a venue for people to freely take or leave used books. Unlike a public library, there are no check outs or due dates. The idea is for the community to participate in making the free library a success. There are thousands of Little Free Libraries across the United States and around the world.



*"Little Library" model created by Richard Graef*

Sausalito's Little Free Library will be seeded with excess books from the Friends of the Library Bookstore that we would otherwise give to the Salvation Army. Volunteers from the Friends and from Galilee Harbor will keep an eye on the library to make sure it is well stocked and that any worn out or hopelessly dated titles are removed.

A small committee of volunteers has been spearheading the project. The design we're using was the brainstorm of longtime Friends volunteer Libby Wilkinson. Instead of the "birdhouse for books" design that is most typical of Little Free Libraries, we are creating a Sausalito-friendly design that looks like dock pilings lashed together. The shelves for the books will be cut out of the pilings. Construction is being overseen by Inka Petersen of Galilee Harbor.

A model of the Little Free Library is on display inside the Sausalito Library. The Library will also have updates on the project and, when set, the date of the grand opening celebration.

## It's Nomination Time

The next Friends General Meeting will be Tuesday, May 5th, at 7pm in the Friends Bookstore (top floor of City Hall). The agenda will include electing your new officers. The Friends Nominating Committee, consisting of Alex MacDonald, Lucy Croll, and Ruth Hanna, has submitted the following slate for 2015-16. All Friends are welcome and encouraged to participate. Refreshments will be served.

*President: Susan Rogiers*

*1st VP: John Hefler*

*2nd VP: Jean Buckingham*

*Treasurer: John Walsham*

*Secretary: Jeannette Sims*



## Scooping The Economist

John Walsham

It may not be true that reporters from *The Economist* magazine interviewed the Friends' book sales volunteers before writing their recent article about e-commerce and online sale of used books (*The Economist*, Jan. 10, 2015; page 68). Had they done so, they would have found that the Friends' experience with on-line sales closely matches the conclusions they reported.

They said that books that address narrow interests might sit on the shelves of a used book store, like the Friends' book sales room, for years waiting for that one special reader to come by. However, when these books are offered online they can be found easily by readers from around the country and beyond and often command premium prices. *The Economist* cites a book which lingered at length in a used-book store priced at \$0.75 but then sold quickly online for \$20. The buyer was happy to find it and to pay that price.

Online book sales contribute about 25% of the Friends' book sales revenues. The books we offer online typically cover obscure subjects and would be unlikely to sell in our bookstore. We are happy to see these books command premium prices which helps our mission of providing financial support to the library.

## Holiday Party Highlights

Photos by Bill Simms, Jim DeLano, and Marge Creazzi



## Wrapping up a Year of Movies!

Laurel Botsford

As many of you well know, the FOSL have been "Goin' to the Movies... at Home!" With monies from the Friends, a powerful projector was purchased as well as a big beautiful screen now permanently well-positioned in the main hall of the library, ready to be unfurled at a moment's notice, transforming the hall into a comfortable and friendly movie theatre, aided of course, by the dedicated moving about of bookshelves and the bringing in of enough chairs to accommodate the crowd – crowds that have grown to record size with every new film. What fun it has been!

Kick-off was in August with the all-time favorite from Alfred Hitchcock *The Birds*. From this auspicious beginning, the enjoyment of selected films did not diminish: Orson Welles' femme fatale flick *The Lady From Shanghai*; terror upon San Francisco in *It Came From Beneath The Sea*; and the ever-so-loved *Dr. Strangelove* of Stanley Kubrick, starring longtime Sausalito resident, Sterling Hayden.

This theme of "close to home in Sausalito" gave birth to the winter series from January to February when a special selection of documentaries brought those of us who are new to our town (and dare I admit it to California) up-to-date on the Sausalito waterfront with Saul Rouda's *Last Free Ride* and Marianne Dolan's *Houseboat Wars*, on Alan Watts in *Why Not Now?* as documented by his son Mark Watts and on the changing phases of *Sausalito After The Bridge* by Eric Torney. All of these films were extremely enlightening for me and I feel proud of this past that has helped to make our little burg what it is today.

All-in-all I give a big A+ to the Library and its quest to bring more to the community by organizing these films, as well as, it is important to say, many other uses they have made of the projector and screen through their Speaker series and special events. Repeat performances are on demand and we eagerly await the coming year's selection of themes and films.

Please join us:

**General Meeting**  
**Tues, May 5th, 7pm**  
**Friends Bookstore**

## Dear Friends,

Three Objectives of the Friends of the Sausalito Public Library, as set forth in our By Laws, are:

- To further closer relations between the library and the citizens of Sausalito and to add to the warmth and pleasure of visitors to the library.
- To promote public lectures and meetings of a cultural nature, book reviews, and discussions.
- To provide more adequate books and entertainment for the children of Sausalito.

We are able to achieve these objectives because of the members who provide time as volunteers and generous donations, and the community which donates to, and patronizes our wonderful bookstore.

We are contributing to the warmth and pleasure of the library with new signs, designed and installed by Victoria Colella.

We provide support for the many cultural offerings City Librarian Abbot Chambers has brought to the library, with speakers and movie nights. We have just completed the upgrade of the audiovisual system of the library, thanks in part to the donation of a powerful video projector by Sylvia Elsesser in memory of her husband Eric. A sophisticated amplifier and microphone system and new lectern are the last elements of this improvement.

Programs for children continue to gain popularity under the direction of Erin Wilson, and include such events as "Talk Like A Pirate Day" and the very successful Summer Reading Program.

We encouraged new library cardholders by providing an Apple iPad Mini for a drawing held in January.

Finally, we have underwritten a portion of the Little Library project, which will bring a free book exchange point to the foot of Napa Street.

Thank you for being a Friend,  
Jim DeLano, President

What  
would the  
library do  
without  
**YOUR**  
support?  
Thank you!



### 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

**Or pay online at [www.FriendsoftheSausalitoLibrary.org](http://www.FriendsoftheSausalitoLibrary.org)**

**Donate**

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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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