

Fall 2019

# In the Stacks

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## We Have a Contractor for the Expansion!

The current Library was built in 1997 and from the start was too small to house all of the services, resources, and space needs of the community. It wasn't long afterward that Director Deborah Mazzolini and a group of forward-thinking community members began contemplating expanding the Library. Now, the many years of community input, planning and fundraising are paying off.

Over the summer months BRW Architects, the Library's architect, released a 152-page bid packet with construction requirements for contractors who wished to bid on the project. On September 17, four bids were opened with Alten Construction submitting the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

At a special meeting on September 25, the Belvedere Tiburon Library Agency Board approved a contract with Alten Construction to build the addition to the Library, remodel the current building, build a new parking lot and landscape the adjacent Zelinsky Plaza and Park.

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## Everyone Is Welcome

On Wednesday mornings the Founders Room in the Library fills up with dozens of toddlers, preschoolers, parents and caregivers to learn Spanish in books, song, dance, and the spoken word. Similar storytimes and programs are presented in French, Italian, German, and of course, English, for adults as well as children.

In any given week, the Library offers programs geared toward seniors, adults, teens, and school-aged children as well as the little ones.

What is the commonality among this assortment of activities and presentations? People of every age, origin, background, economic and educational level are welcomed in this community-focused space.

The Library staff strongly supports the American Library Association's (ALA) core values, including equal and equitable access to all library users, diversity, intellectual freedom, lifelong learning, user privacy and confidentiality, and devotion to the public good. *(continued on page 5)*

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## Fall Library Programs

### Kids' Programs

(sponsored by The Bookmarks)

Thursdays, 4:00pm

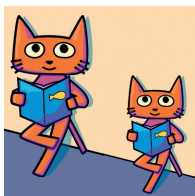
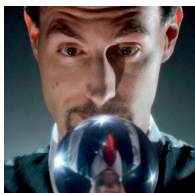
Oct. 24 – *Magician Timothy James*  
(ages 5+)

Nov. 21 – *Holiday Crafts: LED Ornaments* (6+)

Dec. 12 – *Holiday Cookie Decorating*  
(all ages)

Dec. 19 – *Nutcracker Puppet Show*  
(ages 5+)

Jan. 16 – *Insect Discovery Lab*  
(ages 5+)



### Special Events

*Lego Club*

Saturdays, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, & Dec. 14  
1:00pm – 2:00pm

### Weekly Storytimes

(please RSVP on website)

*Baby Bounce* (babies 0 to 24 months)  
Mondays through Dec. 9, 10:30am & 11:00am

*Toddler Storytime* (ages 2 to 3)  
Tuesdays through Dec. 10, 11:00am

*Preschool Storytime* (ages 3 to 5)  
Tuesdays through Dec. 10, 4:00pm

*Spanish Storytimes* (ages 0 to 5)  
Wednesdays through Dec. 11, 11:00am

*Reading Buddies* (grades K - 4)  
Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 23, & 30  
3:30pm & 4 pm

*Stay & Play Storytime* (all ages)  
Thursdays through Dec. 12, 10:30am

*Storytime Française* (ages 0 to 5)  
Fridays, 10:00am

### Teen Programs

All teen programs are free and for students in grades 6-12 unless otherwise stated.

#### *Teen Lounge*

Every Tuesday – except holidays – afterschool to 5 pm. Middle- and high-school students are invited for after-school socializing, snacks, and group study. Teen Lounge Holiday Parties include games, prizes, crafts, and seasonal desserts. Upcoming dates:

Oct. 29: Halloween Party. Enjoy treats and tricks!

Dec. 17: Winter Holidays Party. Celebrate the season before winter break!

#### *Teen Book Club*

Sign up in advance and meet to discuss books at 4 pm on the last Saturday of the month (except during school holidays). Members vote on titles and receive free copies of the book to keep. Upcoming date:

Oct. 26: *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

#### *Movie Night*

Drop in to enjoy pizza, popcorn and fun 5-7:30 pm after Teen Book Club. May be rated PG-13. Upcoming dates: Saturdays, Sept. 28 and Oct. 26. Titles to be decided.

#### *Community Service Club*

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3:00pm – 5:00 pm  
Teen volunteers help with tasks according to their abilities and interests, empowering them to contribute meaningfully to the Library and complete their school requirements for community service.  
New opportunities include:

*Reading Buddies:* This fun, new volunteer program pairs kids and teens to promote early literacy.  
Wednesdays after school, Oct. 9, 23, & 30

*Teen Tech Team:* For students age 14-18 who are great with social media and digital technology and enjoy helping older adults. By appointment; dates to be determined.

#### *Finals Fest*

The Library will stay open in the evenings Dec. 14-16 to accommodate high school students cramming for finals. Talking, working in large groups, and eating is allowed. On Saturday and Sunday, the Library's Founders Room will be open for students until 8 pm; on Monday, the Library will remain open until 9 pm.

## Ongoing Adult Programs

### *New Yorker Magazine Discussion Group*

Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2

10:00am – 12:00pm

Call 415.789.2661 to get on the wait list

### *Trivia Night with Janis Luft*

Special Date: Thursday, Nov. 14

7:30pm in the Fink Room

## Weekly Language Groups

### Fluent French Conversation Group

Weekly on Tuesdays 12:00pm – 1:00pm

### German Conversation Group

Weekly on Tuesdays 1:00pm – 2:00pm

*Does not meet on the second Tuesday of each month*

### Spanish Conversation Group

Weekly on Thursdays 12:00pm – 1:00pm

### Fluent Italian Conversation Group

Weekly on Thursdays 1:00pm – 2:00pm

### *From French Sauces to Saucy French:*

#### *The French Club Marks 20 Years*

by Bob Flynn

On hearing that General De Gaulle had gone to his reward, one Parisian reputedly posed the question, “I wonder what the General and God are going to talk about?” To which another Parisian reputedly replied, “That depends on how good God’s French is!”

That’s typical of the quips, quotes, and anecdotes that spice the discussions of the French Conversation Club, now marking its twentieth year at the Library. The commentary is always animated and covers all aspects of Gallic life, from French sauces to saucy French. Members include native speakers, expatriates, and assorted other Francophiles. But you don’t have to be any of these to sit in on their sessions.

Everybody’s welcome. Active participation in the discussions, however, is limited to those whose French is, if not at the General’s level, at least proficient. The Club meets every Tuesday in the Founders Room from noon to one pm. For further information, call Bob Flynn at 415.306.2974.

### The Great Books Program | Rex Fink Chapter

Tues. Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, 1:30pm – 3:00pm

### Contemporary Fiction Book Group

Tues. Oct. 29, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, 10:00am – 12:00pm

## Art Exhibits, Events, & Workshops

### Current exhibit:

*Finding Voice | Tapestry Artist Sue Weil*  
through Oct. 24

### *Abstracts | Richard Rozen*

Oct. 29 – Dec. 4

Reception: Wednesday, Oct. 30, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

### *Nature Drawings | Obi Kaufmann*

Dec. 10 – Jan. 19

Reception: Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:00pm

Artist talk: Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7:00pm

## Art Workshops

Be inspired to create with various media and wonderful workshop leaders.

RSVP on the website or by calling 415.789.2661

### Art Workshops with Carol Weiss

All materials will be supplied.

### *Stick Figures*

Friday, Oct. 25, and Monday, Oct. 28

10:30am – 12:30pm

### *Quick Sketches*

Monday, Nov. 18, and Friday, Nov. 22

10:30am – 12:30pm

### *Draw from a Live Model*

Friday, Dec. 13, and Monday, Dec. 16

10:30am – 12:30pm



## All Ages Programs

### *Afternoon Tea with Music by Dr. Ira*

Sponsored by the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation

Wednesdays, Oct. 16 and Nov. 20, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Mingle with your friends and neighbors and the library staff for homemade sandwiches and sweets served from a silver tea service.

### *Chess at the Library with Chase Cronkright*

Wednesdays every week at 6:30pm

### *Board Game & Pizza Night*

First Thursday of every month from 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
Nov. 7 & Dec. 5





## Speaker Series

### *The Marin Symphony and Beethoven's Violin Concerto*

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7:00pm

Steven Machtinger will talk about Vadim Gluzman's upcoming performance of the Beethoven Violin Concerto with the Marin Symphony.

### *Marin Harmony Singers*

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7:00pm

Doo-wop and jazz arrangements performed by Marin Harmony Singers will light up your evening.

### *Photography as a Tool for Change* with Steve Disenhof

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7:00pm

Photographer Steve Disenhof will share with us his current engagement with the Daraja Academy of Kenya.

### *California Photographers* with Avril Angevine

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7:00pm

Explore the work of Ansel Adams, Imogen Cunningham, Dorothea Lange, and others.

### *Divine Bodies* | Asian Art Museum Exhibit

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7:00pm

Artworks from the Asian Art Museum's collection show how artists have envisioned the divine, imbuing it with forms that art meant to reflect supernatural qualities.

### *Three Contemporary Women Artists*

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 7:00pm

Learn how Cindy Sherman, Kara Walker, and Doris Salcedo from an expert.

### *How to Write a Children's Book Sequel in Five (Not-Easy)*

*Lessons* with author Pamela S. Wight

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7:00pm, Fireplace Room (Fink Room)

Author Pamela Wight will talk about her latest children's book, *Molly Finds Her Purr*.

### *The State of Water: Understanding California's Most*

*Precious Resource* with author Obi Kaufmann

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7:00pm

Learn about award-winner Obi Kaufmann's new book, *Understanding California's Most Precious Resource*.

### *Singers Marin*

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7:00pm

Enjoy a wonderful holiday concert with Singers Marin, an association of choruses.

## Programs for Seniors

### *Age Well, Drive Smart* with CHP Officer Andrew Barclay

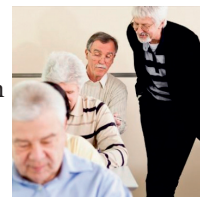
Wednesday, Nov. 6, 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Tune-up your driving skills at this free seminar. Learn to compensate for age-related changes, refresh your knowledge of road rules, and pick up safe driving tips.

### *Medicare Annual Changes and Choices with HICAP*

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 12:00pm – 1:30pm

This presentation will focus on the new changes to Part D and Advantage Plans that take effect in the new year.



## No More Fines!



Haven't quite finished your book by its due date? Don't want to go out in bad weather just to get your book back on time? We have joined a growing number of libraries dropping fines for items returned late. Past fines for overdue materials are being waived.

### *Why are we dropping fines?*

We want you to use our Library and borrow extensively from our collections, so we're changing our policy to get rid of overdue fines. Research shows that fines cause some people to stop visiting libraries and penalize those who can least afford them.

### *How is it going to work?*

Borrow, renew, return, repeat. No more late fines! But make a habit of always returning items on or before the due date. We mark an item lost a month after its due date, and we'll add a replacement fee to your account while curtailing borrowing privileges.

### *Are late fines forgiven for all items I check out?*

If your books or other items are from another library in Marin County they may still be subject to late fines.

### *I didn't lose these items, can I still bring them back?*

Yes! Return any items as soon as you can, and we'll drop the replacement fees.

For more information, see:  
[beltiblibrary.org/nomorefines](http://beltiblibrary.org/nomorefines)

## Tech Workshops

### *Camera, Photos, & iCloud*

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Do you want to learn more about what your iPhone can do? Join our class and discover its amazing capabilities.

### *Updating Your iPhone*

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Join us as we explore the significant changes and how you can take advantage of the new updates on your phone.

### *LinkedIn for Beginners*

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Do you have a LinkedIn profile? Are you interested in exploring it? Sign up for this workshop and learn how to create a brand new professional looking profile.

### *Advanced iPhone and App Store*

Friday, Nov. 1, 10:30am – 12:00pm

Learn about texting, email, phone calls, and web browsing.

### *Google Photos for Beginners*

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

This workshop will cover how to get started using Google Photos, including a look at its major features, and some tips that should make using the service easier for you.

### *3D Printing with Tinkercad*

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Welcome to the world of 3D printing! In this class, you will learn everything you need to know to design and 3D print your own creations at the library.

### *Social Media 101: Instagram*

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

A refresher course for those eager to learn more about the basics of Instagram. Come discover the social networking website that has changed the way people communicate!

### *Introduction to Photos*

Friday, Dec. 6, 10:30am – 12:00pm

We will discuss tools and tips and tricks to help you get the most out of Photos.

### *Mastering Tablets and Smartphones SIG*

Fridays, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, 10:00am – 12:00pm

We meet once a month to learn from each other and share tips and tricks about the basic features of both Android and iOS devices.

## Film Nights

### Tiburon Film Society

*Brake Free*

Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:30pm

*Gilberte's World*

Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30pm

*Cowboy and Preacher*

Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:30pm

*Mabata Bata*

Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30pm



### Library Film Club

*Formerly called the Cult Film Series.*

*Check website for upcoming schedule.*

Join us for the Library Film Club, a monthly program in which Bel Tib Librarians introduce, show, and discuss cult and left-field films along with snacks and refreshments. Past films include *Harold & Maude*, *Dazed and Confused*, and *Face/Off*.

## *We Have a Contractor, continued*

Alten Construction is a Marin-based company with a good reputation and extensive experience building public facilities. It was the contractor for buildings and modernization of both Del Mar Middle School and Bel Aire Elementary School, and has built fire stations and many other large municipal buildings in the Bay Area.

As of press time, the start date is not firm. Watch the Library website and our Library Look blog for the date of the Groundbreaking Celebration.

[beltiblibrary.org/Library-Look](http://beltiblibrary.org/Library-Look)

## *Everyone is Welcome, continued*

The next time you are in the Library, take part in one of the vibrant activities going on. Join your fellow community members and Library staff in celebrating the many wonderful people who are drawn to your Library for its openness and commitment to the free and equal access to knowledge, information, and ideas.

For a full list of core values, visit the ALA website: [ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/corevalues](http://ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/corevalues)

## Upcoming Events



### *30th Anniversary Literary Luncheon with Book Passage's Elaine Petrocelli*

How do we thank Book Passage's remarkable Elaine Petrocelli for 29 years of regaling us with stories of authors and their latest books? By celebrating with a very special 30th anniversary edition of this popular local event! Nov. 12 from 11:00am – 2:00pm  
San Francisco Yacht Club, 98 Beach Rd., Belvedere  
Purchase tickets at:  
[beltiblibfoundation.org/literary-luncheon](http://beltiblibfoundation.org/literary-luncheon)  
Or call 415.789.2651  
This will be a sellout, so get your tickets early!



### *Groundbreaking Celebration*

The expansion groundbreaking is coming soon!  
Watch the Library Look page for the latest updates:  
[beltiblibrary.org/Library-Look](http://beltiblibrary.org/Library-Look)



### *Bookmarks Wreath Auction*

Bid on your favorite wreath from among the many beautiful and whimsical wreaths created by our marvelous Bookmarks group. Wreaths will be on exhibit at Rustic Bakery on the Boardwalk beginning Nov. 19.  
Reception and final bidding:  
Dec. 4, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at Rustic Bakery

### *Annual Teddy Bear Tea*

February 8, construction permitting  
Tickets will go on sale in January 2020

### *Pop Up 94920*

March 26, 2020, 5:30pm – 8:00pm  
Congregation Kol Shofar  
Tickets will go on sale in February 2020

## Local Kids Raise Money

Huge thanks to Jeevan and Sahitya Raghupathy who held a bake sale this summer and donated all of their proceeds to the Library, and to Anna and Charlie Held, who pitched in money from the proceeds left from the softball season Snack Shack at Del Mar School.

No donation is too big or too small as we work to build our expanded Library!



## Michelyn Russell French

Who is the person at the hub of all the activity that is the Foundation? Michelyn Russell French is the Office Manager who pulls it all together and is often the first contact for people who want to get involved in raising money for the Library expansion and the collection, putting on events, joining a committee or working a shift at Corner Books.



Michelyn grew up in Tiburon and knows the community very well. She has had positions at the Landmarks Society, the Belvedere Tiburon Recreation Department (now The Ranch), and at Reed School.

Get in touch with Michelyn if you want to make a donation or have your volunteer time count.  
[mfrench@beltiblibfoundation.org](mailto:mfrench@beltiblibfoundation.org) or 415.789.2651.

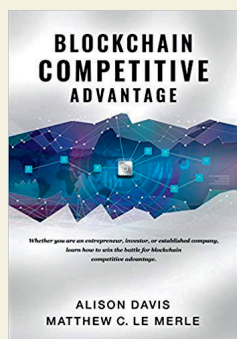


## From the Reference Desk...

Contact the Reference Desk: 415.789.2661  
[refdesk@beltiblibrary.org](mailto:refdesk@beltiblibrary.org)

### New to Our Local Author Collection

*Blockchain Competitive Advantage: Whether You are an Entrepreneur, Investor, or Established Company, Learn How to Win the Battle for Blockchain Competitive Advantage* (2019) by Alison Davis and Matthew Le Merle of Tiburon. The authors offer their expert advice on technology investing, Blockchain, and focused strategies for competing.



*Tasmania: An Island Dream* (2019) by Don Defenderfer, former resident of Tiburon. A collection of articles, poems, and photographs as beautiful as the wilderness he has explored for the past three decades.

*Hitler's Great Gamble: A New Look at German Strategy, Operation Barbarossa, and the Axis Defeat in World War II* by James Ellman of Tiburon. Drawing on a wealth of primary and secondary sources, the author argues that Barbarossa was a gamble, but a reasonable gamble spoiled not by strategic shortsightedness, but by diplomatic errors and poor execution.

### Top Ten Requested Book as of Sept. 2019

- *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett
- *A Better Man* by Louise Penny
- *City of Girls* by Elizabeth Gilbert
- *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
- *Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know about the People We Don't Know* by Malcolm Gladwell
- *The Testaments* by Margaret Atwood
- *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- *The Overstory* by Richard Powers
- *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead
- *Chances Are...* by Richard Russo

### Holiday Hours

The Library will be closed for these holidays:

*Veteran's Day* – Monday, Nov. 11  
*Thanksgiving* – close at 5pm on Wednesday, Nov. 27;  
 closed all day Nov. 28 and 29  
*Christmas* – closed Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 24-26  
*New Year's* – closed Tuesday, Dec. 31  
 and Wednesday, Jan. 1

### Katie Ai

Our library family has lost a devoted volunteer and wonderful supporter. Katie passed away on Aug. 10. She was an early member of the Bookmarks, our children's fundraising group, and worked for many years at Corner Books in various capacities. Katie could always be counted on to brighten the day of anyone with whom she came in contact. She will be missed.



### For Your Convenience – Nugget Book Drop

No time to get downtown to the Library to return your books? Drop them off at the book drop outside Nugget Market in the Cove Shopping Center. The drop is picked up daily by Library staff.

### Suggestion Box

The staff welcomes suggestions from library users. Submit suggestions online at [beltiblibrary.org/about-us/contact-us](http://beltiblibrary.org/about-us/contact-us), or drop a handwritten note into our Suggestion Box as you enter the Library.

### Access to Newspapers Online

Enjoy unlimited online access to *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times* while at the Library. You can also access *The New York Times* for free from home: [www.beltiblibrary.org/go-digital](http://www.beltiblibrary.org/go-digital)

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Tu-Thur: 10-9

Fri-Sat: 10-5

Sun: 12-5



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### Two Ways to Support the Library

#### *Please Make a Gift to Complete the Expansion Fundraising*

The expansion will create a dedicated Teen Library, a new Digital Lab and Makerspace, expanded Program Space and a larger Children's Library.

Thanks to over 1,000 amazing donors we've raised nearly \$14M. Now we need to close the gap and raise approximately \$3M more so we don't have to use a line of credit.

Naming opportunities still available.

#### *Annual Fund for Collections and Programs*

Watch for our Annual Fund letter coming to your mailbox soon and please donate.

Donations to the Annual Fund go towards expanding the Library's Collections (books, audiobooks, music and streaming resources) as well as providing ongoing services and programs for all ages.

## BE PART OF OUR STORY

Let's keep up the momentum. Be Part of Our Story! [www.beltiblibrary.org/donate](http://www.beltiblibrary.org/donate)