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# In the Stacks



### A Message from the Director

It has been a whirlwind at the Belvedere Tiburon Library given both the expansion construction and shelter-inplace order. Though the Library building remains closed to the public, staff is providing curbside service for pickups and returns, and librarians are expanding online resources and services.

Our website, beltiblibrary.org, continues to be the main hub of all Library news, services, and catalog. Banners highlight the latest Library and local news, including links to government messages on COVID-19, a Library staff message on anti-racism and systemic injustice, and resources to learn more about these issues.

During the shelter-in-place, our librarians have been busy increasing collections of new ebooks and streaming media, and offering digital training and research assistance remotely. Children's librarians created a YouTube channel for online storytime. The teen librarian hosts online meetings with teens for book clubs and poetry readings.

We are following the protocols determined by the Marin HHS and recommendations from state and national library associations. The staff truly miss seeing everyone! We hope to expand our Library services as soon as we receive permission to do so.

The construction is going smoothly. Framing of the walls and the roof is underway. Administration and the project manager are working with our architects to select furniture and fixtures. It is very exciting to know that there is a wonderful future ahead for the Library.

Many thanks to our Project Manager Glenn Isaacson, who has given thousands of hours of his time and expertise to the expansion effort. It will be a beautiful Library and also a community attraction for its plaza, gardens, outdoor seating and program areas, bookstore, and more. Please support our expansion effort!

Thank you all for supporting our efforts. If there is anything more you need, please get in touch.

Sincerely,

Deborah Mazzolini, Belvedere Tiburon Library Director



Signed by local residents, construction crew, and Library staff, the final beam is positioned into place on June 25, 2020.

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The Library is offering curbside service, details inside.

### Library News

### Anti-Racism: A Message, Resources

In response to recent events, all Library staff would like to express our solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and help spread awareness on antiracism and police reform.

Library staff will continue to learn, grow, and strive to provide equal and unbiased access to resources and information for the community.



The Belvedere Tiburon Library offers many resources that are free and available to all local patrons. These are trustworthy resources that could help us all reflect upon and better understand these urgent issues.

A Topic Guide titled "Fight for Social Justice" can be found on the Library's *Do Research* page and by scanning the QR code to the right.



### **QR** Codes

In this newsletter you will see square bar codes that will bring you directly to Library website links. Simply open you smartphone's camera app and position the camera over the QR code. The site will load automatically. No need to take a photo!



### Auto-Renewal, No Late Fines

If books and A/V media you have checked out are eligible to be renewed, they are now automatically renewed. An email notification is sent when the renewal occurs.



The Library is not charging late fines on Belvedere Tiburon's items.

### Curbside Service

The Library is excited to offer curbside service. Items can be requested from our shelves, other MARINet libraries, and soon Link+ libraries. If you would like help placing a request, call (415) 789-2665 ext. 2222 or email refdesk@beltiblibrary.org.

Once you receive an email notification that your request is ready, please call on the day you would like to pick up your item. A staff member will prepare your item and place it in a single-use bag.

Street parking is available on Tiburon Blvd. in addition to the parking lot by Town Hall. When you walk up to the booth outside the Library, a staff member will bring out your bag. During curbside service there is also an open bin outside for returning items.



Library staff is wearing facial coverings and gloves. Please remember to wear a facial covering and practice social distancing when you pick up your items.

Curbside service is offered:

Monday	10am-2pm
Tuesday	2pm-7pm
Wednesday	10am-2pm
Thursday	10am-2pm
Friday	10am-2pm

We look forward to seeing you outside the Library!

### Seniors Events Online

Librarians are posting links to online workshops, lectures, and programs for seniors offered by local organizations. Event topics include health and wellness, Medicare, and a happy hour!



### Chess Club

Chess Online with Chase Cronkright Wednesdays, 6:00pm

Join our online club to socialize, learn, and play a game or two. The club is open to all ages and skill levels.



### **Programs Online**

### Children's Programs





**Online Storytimes** 

Toddler storytime with Alicia, Mondays Preschool Storytime with Catherine, Wednesdays French Storytime with Emilia, first Friday of the month

Visit the Library's YouTube channel to find all online storytimes and children's programs >





Every other week, we'll post a new theme along with:

#### **Events**

A fun virtual performance.

#### **Book Talk**

Learn about new books perfect for Summer Reading, hosted by Alicia and Martha.

#### **Craft Corner**

Fun projects for all ages.

Kids Connect Send us pics of what you're creating!

**Printout Fun** Downloadable activities and coloring sheets.



### Teen Programs

Teen Services features online programs and events for middle and high school students in grades 6-12 while the Library is closed.

Teen Book Club holds monthly virtual meetings to discuss popular Young Adult books. Free books are provided to book club members and titles are selected by popular vote.

Teen Book Club will meet online Saturday, July 25, to discuss *Deathless Divide* (the sequel to *Dread Nation*) by Justina Ireland, and again on August 29 (book title to be announced).



Teen Summer Reading Program runs throughout the month of July and is part of the collaborative Summer Scares program, focusing on scary stories and horror literature. Teens are invited to join the Summer Scares Book Club, which will meet on Friday, July 31, to



discuss three Young Adult novels. Online contests include writing scary stories, telling ghost stories, and monster make-up. All entries must be submitted by midnight on Friday, July 31, and prizes will be awarded in August. Sign up online.

To watch a great video of student poets reciting their work, a collaborative project between Del Mar Middle School and the Library, visit the Library's YouTube channel. Here you will also find newly added Teen Book Review Videos.



beltiblibrary.org/kids

#### beltiblibrary.org/teens



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

The Library Foundation would like to share our profound hope for everyone's health, safety and perseverance through this unprecedented time in our nation's history.

I have never been more proud to support the Belvedere Tiburon Library and appreciate its many contributions to the deep and intricate fabric of our community. A beacon of social equality, the free and unlimited pursuit of knowledge, and an integral resource for neighbors of all ages, our Library shines bright.

Another bright spot, not just for the Library but for the entire community, too, is the impressive pace of our renovation. If you haven't already made a contribution to the Capital Campaign I hope you'll consider joining our effort. We still have a number of special naming opportunities—all the way from a \$2,000-and-up donor wall to seating rooms, alcoves and even the Children's Library!

The staff and volunteers at our Library will be thrilled when we finally get to see all our friends and patrons again we miss your regular visits. Until then, take good care of yourselves and your loved ones. We're thinking about you!

All my best,

Rachael Ong, President Foundation Board of Directors



#### Save the Date!

31<sup>st</sup> Annual Book Passage Literary Luncheon with Elaine Petrocelli

Tuesday, November 10th Time & Format TBD – Live or Virtual (subject to COVID restrictions)

This much-anticipated annual event features local literary icon, Elaine Petrocelli, founder of Book Passage, who will share highlights from her favorite books of the year. Elaine will offer her wealth of knowledge about books and their celebrated authors—most of whom she knows personally.

### Capital Campaign Committee

#### Join Us!

Thanks to the extraordinary volunteer work of Chair, Bonnie Spiesberger, along with Brenda Bottum, Tom Cromwell, Wyman Harris, Barry Moss, John Scarborough, Suzannah Scully, and Susan Wolfe, the Capital Campaign Cabinet has helped to raise millions in support of the Library's renovation effort. But we still have a ways to go!

With just one year to go until the Library building is completed and \$3M left to raise, now is the time to support this community treasure. If you have not already done so, please consider a contribution to the Capital Campaign. We are offering donors of all levels special recognition opportunities that include a large donor wall, sitting areas and alcoves, and even the Children's Library is available to name!

We are thrilled with construction progress thus far (slightly ahead of schedule and under budget) and can't wait to share the grand opening with you next summer!

#### Share Your Video Story!

3-2-1-Action! Be Part of Our Story by telling us your story. Grab your phone and send us a 10 to 15-second video clip telling us why you love the Belvedere Tiburon Library.

Whether it's free access to thousands of books and digital resources, dynamic programs for all ages or the quiet corner that you use as a second office, the Belvedere Tiburon Library is one of our most cherished resources.



#### What makes our Library special to you?

Send us your video that starts with: "I love the Belvedere Tiburon Library because...." and submit the 10 to 15-second clip under the Expansion Campaign tab on beltiblibfoundation.org.



Make sure to check your social media feeds using the hashtag #mybeltiblibstory to see videos as they are published!

### **Expansion News**

### Library Expansion Project Framing Proceeding Nicely

The Library Expansion Project has been underway for approximately eight months now and there is quite a lot to see. The foundation system is complete, many exterior walls are framed, ridge beams are in place accepting the roof rafters that define the volumes of the new spaces. Out of sight, but nonetheless installed beneath the floor, are the backbones of the electrical and plumbing systems. Shortly, the two exterior walls of the existing structure adjacent to the Expansion space will be removed so that the two structures will be connected.

The staff have been relocated within the existing building to permit the re-work of its former space. The forward-looking plan is to finish the Expansion space and have it become the operating Library while the existing building is vacated for its total refurbishment, including a new roof, restrooms, and air conditioning.

Site improvements for the new North Parking Lot and relocated Zelinsky Park are proceeding but at a slower pace.

Overall, the project is on budget and on schedule for a summer 2021 completion.

-Glenn Isaacson, Project Manager

### When Can We Go Inside the Library?

As of this writing, Marin County has no set date for library buildings to reopen to the public. Nonetheless the Library is preparing for that day. Plexiglass barriers have been installed, furniture has been moved, and safety protocols are being established. We will need to meet specific yet-to-be determined guidelines as set by Marin County Health and Human Services before reopening. Our maximum occupancy will certainly be reduced. Masks and physical distancing will still be required. Additional adjustments may need to be made as the Library will be a construction site through next summer. We will keep you informed via beltiblibrary.org and our newsletters.

You will certainly notice some changes when we reopen to the public, but our commitment to service will remain the same.

### **Donor Recognition Opportunities**

Recognition for Donors \$2,000 and up There will be an outside granite donor wall adjacent to the front entrance to the Library. Each name will be of equal size and all names will be in alphabetical order.

Grouped names on prominently displayed Donor plaques for donations between \$10,000 and \$49,999 Donors at the \$10,000 to \$49,999 amount will be recognized by the donor's gift amount, similar to the current bronze plaques on the pillars outside the Fireplace Room. There are four levels:

- Benefactors: \$40,000 to \$49,999
- Patrons: \$30,000 to \$39,999
- Sponsors: \$20,000 to \$29,999
- Donors: \$10,000 to \$19,999

Plaques on individual spaces or objects for donation of \$50,000 and up

Donor levels for naming spaces have been outlined and many have been committed. Inside donor plaques will acknowledge gifts by space and size.

Plaques currently in the nave that were named by the donors in the original library built in 1996 will be revived. These plaques will show the original 1996 donor and the 2020 donor.

Plaques for donors will be done in bronze, similar to the current plaque design. Size of the plaque will be relative to the gift, from \$50,000 and up.

Major donor recognitions are available from \$1,000,000 and up

**Outdoor Donor Recognition Opportunities** 

- Gardens on Library grounds start at \$75,000.
- Benches and other seating in the plaza at varying levels of donation
- Children's Patio fenced in area adjacent to the plaza

To learn more about how you can contribute to the expansion, contact Jenna Ervice, Executive Director of the Library Foundation, at jervice@beltiblibfoundation.org or Deborah Mazzolini, Library Director, at dmazzolini@beltiblibrary.org

### From the Reference Desk

### Helpful Hint: Bestsellers & Movies

If you find a Belvedere Tiburon Bestseller book, 7-Day Hot Flicks movie, or vinyl record in the catalog that you would like to check out, call or email the Library for a staff member to set it aside for you.

To find these titles quickly in the catalog, search:

"beltib bestsellers" "beltib hot flicks" "vinyl lp"

### Most Popular Books

- Fair Warning by Michael Connelly
- The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz by Erik Larson
- The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir by John Bolton
- White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism by Robin DiAngelo
- *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett
- Camino Winds by John Grisham
- The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel
- Deacon King Kong by James McBride
- Untamed by Glennon Doyle

### Most Popular Movies

- Little Women
- Parasite
- Ford v Ferrari
- Jojo Rabbit
- Bombshell
- Just Mercy

- *1917*
- Dark Waters
- Harriet
- The Gentlemen
- Star Wars Episode IX: The Rise of Skywalker

### **COVID-19** Topic Guide

View the Library's COVID-19 Topic Guide to find official county, state, and national updates on the pandemic, as well as information on unemployment, jury duty, taxes, and more.





### Library at Home: Featured Resources

The Library provides access to dozens of online services you can access from home. Follow the QR code to the Go Digital page on the Library's website.

#### Kanopy

Choose from over 30,000 feature films, documentaries, and Great Courses to stream on a smart TV, tablet, or smartphone.







#### hoopla

Stream movies, TV shows and music, and download ebooks, audiobooks, and comic books.

#### Lynda.com

Learn software, technology, and business skills with these online video tutorials.





#### Ancestry.com

Access billions of records, family trees, and photos to learn about your family history. Patrons are able to access the Library's Ancestry.com subcriptionfrom home during the shelter-in-place.

#### Staff Favorites During Shelter-in-Place

- Simon the Fiddler by Paulette Jiles
- The Starless Sea by Erin Morgenstern
- Uncanny Valley by Anna Wiener
- The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz by Erik Larson
- The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne Collins
- Felon: Poems by Reginald Dwayne Betts
- Banned Book Club by Kim Hyun Sook
- Neuromancer by William Gibson

### From the Reference Desk

Though the Library building remains closed, we continue to provide reference services and resources remotely:

### Find Your Next Read

Our librarians can help you find something new to read. Check out the new materials we continue to add or request a personalized recommendation list.

### Reference Help

We can help you find trusted information using our premium research databases that go beyond the usual internet results. Email, call, or chat with us online.

### Need help? Chat with a Librarian

We can answer your questions from our website while we are open for curbside service. Take advantage of the real-time chat feature on our website when you see this icon. When we close for the day, send us an email using same feature.

### Tech Appointments

If you are having issues with your device or have a question on how to use it, you can book a 'zoom' call with a librarian and get your device working again.

The Belvedere Tiburon Library remains committed to being a source of trusted information and support during this unprecedented moment.

Contact the Reference Desk: (415) 789-2661 refdesk@beltiblibrary.org

### Learn about Local Business

Visit tiburonchamber.org to learn more about Tiburon Slow Street, view the local business directory, and check for updates in Tiburon.



Chat now

### News from the Processing & Acquisitions Department

Hello from the Processing and Acquisitions Department (PAD) Team of the Belvedere Tiburon Library! We are the scene behind the scenes, where Library materials are magically produced. Our team orders, receives, catalogs and prepares the books, music, movies, and magazines that fill the Library shelves. We help to maintain the collection by weeding older and worn materials, repairing items, and helping the Circulation Department with moving the collection throughout the Library.

We are a four-member team. Maria Ramirez has been with the Library for many years and is a familiar face at the Circulation Desk. Her Circulation connection dovetails nicely with her responsibilities in PAD, where she helps with preparing library materials, keeps on top of invoice entry into our catalog system, and is continually shifting the collection to make room for new materials. Gina Vaziri works all over the Library, splitting her time between the Circulation Desk, Administration (where she is a financial wizard), and PAD. Gina places our weekly orders and processes new materials, as well as being an excellent mentor to our assistants. Shani Boyd works tirelessly with the Library's large collection of magazines and newspapers, putting out the new, retiring the old, and keeping the catalog true. Shani is very busy, attending school full-time to earn her Master's in Library Science, and hopes to work in Young Adult Services as a Librarian. Department Manager, Laura Callahan, began work at the Library in January upon the retirement of Patty McDonough, and delights every day in working with the stellar PAD team.

During the closure this spring and summer, our team worked from home on back-burner projects. There is always a backlog in cataloging and database maintenance. The PAD moved from the construction zone back office into temporary digs in the Fink Room, where we have the best view in the house of the Tiburon Hills! We have gradually come back into the Library to work, staggering our workdays. We didn't order new materials during the spring but have made up for it this month, bringing in hundreds of new books and movies. Masked, and gloved, we are very busy in the PAD and throughout the Library, preparing these items for curbside pickup.

- Laura Callahan, Cataloging and Acquisitions Manager



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<b>Director:</b> 415.789.2656	Tuesday:	2pm-7pm
Website:	Wednesday:	10am–2pm
beltiblibrary.org	Thursday:	10am–2pm
Foundation:	Friday:	10am–2pm
415.789.2665 x 2239		

### Belvedere Tiburon **Library Foundation**



## Leave a Legacy!

The Library is one of our community's more cherished public resources. You can support it for generations to come by including the Library Foundation in your will or designating us as a beneficiary of a trust. Planned gifts such as these enable you to provide for your loved ones while helping you to achieve your long-term philanthropic goals. You may even realize a tax savings and be able to make a more meaningful gift than you could in this lifetime!



For more information or to notify us about a planned gift you've already made arrangements for, please contact Jenna Ervice, Executive Director at Belvedere Tiburon Library Foundation 415.789.2651 or jervice@beltiblibfoundation.org.