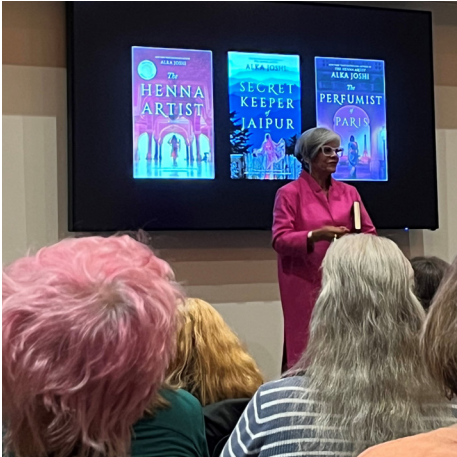


IN THE STACKS

March 2024



Director's Note

The Belvedere Tiburon Library is kicking off the new year on a remarkable note, marked by the completion of two significant milestones: adopting an ambitious strategic plan and retiring the debt obligation from the library expansion.

The 2024-2026 Strategic Plan will guide our endeavors, informing both fiscal decisions and service priorities as we continue to grow and serve our community in meaningful ways. Through collaborative efforts with community participants and library leadership, we identified four cornerstones of connection: **Each Other, Your Library, Community, and Culture**. The complete plan is available on our website at beltiblibrary.org/strategicplan or by scanning this QR code:



In January, the Library Agency resolved to utilize reserve funds for the remaining \$1.3 million loan balance for the library renovation. Settling the renovation loan is a prudent and beneficial strategy and demonstrates our commitment to preserving the financial stability of the library.

While we celebrate these achievements, it's essential to recognize that our work is far from over. Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing quality programs and services that enrich the lives of all who walk through our doors or visit the virtual library. We are emboldened in our mission **to nurture curiosity, spark connections, and foster lifelong learning**.

With your support, we can continue to foster a vibrant community of learning and connection, and we invite you to join us in realizing our vision for **a community where every person feels included and inspired**. We are immensely grateful for your ongoing dedication to the Belvedere Tiburon Library.

Sincerely,

Crystal Duran
Library Director



Clockwise from top-left:

New York Times bestselling author Alka Joshi discusses her three novels (Oct. 2023);

Teens plant seeds in the Teen Garden (Feb. 2024);

Opening reception for the Colors in Art: Voices Soft & Loud exhibit (Jan. 2024);

Recording artist Suzanne Ciani talks about her career in music (Feb. 2024);

Three writers discuss their work at Local Authors Night (Jan. 2024)



Adult Highlights

Events

For all events, visit:
beltlibrary.org/events

Author Talk

Portal: San Francisco's Ferry Building and the Reinvention of American Cities by John King

March 7, 6pm

King will discuss his new book on the Ferry Building and how the waterfront icon reveals San Francisco's landscape and culture over the past 125 years.

Bestsellers Book Club

March 14, 2pm

Get a copy of one of the hottest books in Marin, then attend a discussion group. In March we'll read *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Pick up a copy at the Info Desk.

Book Circle: Connecting through Conversations

March 30, 11am

A new book circle to connect as a community in a meaningful way and create a safe space to expand and deepen our understanding of the world around us. The selection for March is *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Pick up a copy of the book at the Info Desk.

Irving Penn Lecture

FAMSF Docent

March 27, 6pm

Learn about Vogue's longest-standing contributor who revolutionized fashion photography in the postwar era.

How to Use the Library

April 1, 5pm

Learn about downloading ebooks, reserving museum passes, finding articles, and ask questions about any of our other services.

Joining the Marin Civil Grand Jury

April 4, 1:30pm

If you are concerned about how issues are handled, or not handled, by the county, cities, towns and local agencies, and want to investigate current issues in Marin, this could be a volunteer opportunity for you.

Marin Harmony Chorus

April 6, 3pm

Join us in the Founders Room for an afternoon of music from the Marin Harmony Chorus.

Drop-In Computer Help

Mondays, 2-3pm

Bring your device (e-reader, laptop, phone, tablet) and questions to this drop-in help session hosted by librarians.



Author and professor Jasmin Darznik reads from her book *The Good Daughter* (Nov. 2023)

Check Out Resources from Our Local Partners

Adult & Senior recreation programs are available through The Ranch, Belvedere Tiburon Joint Recreation Committee

www.TheRanchToday.org



Save the Date

**An Evening with
Ira Flatow of Science
Friday**

April 18, 2024

Belvedere Tiburon Library

Join us for the exclusive
opportunity to hear and meet Ira.

Hosted by the Belvedere Tiburon
Library Foundation to support
library services.

Tickets on
sale in March

Limited Seats



Gallery Exhibits

Del Mar Artists: Pixels and Paint

March 21 - April 11

Artist reception: March 21, 5pm-6:30pm

Fine art and digital pixels combine and radiate in this show from our local Del Mar Middle School. These 7th and 8th grade artists are showcasing their art interpretations through drawings, mixed media, paper mosaics, and paintings. Come experience their powerful fusion of the analog and digital art worlds.



Recapturing Humanity through the San Quentin Art Program

April 15 - June 13

Artist reception: April 21, 2pm

Panel Discussion at 3pm

Art strengthens the human connection, and for some viewers, those quiet reflections can engender a deep sense of empathy. The Library Art Gallery is especially proud to produce and showcase Recapturing Humanity Through the San Quentin Art Program as a socially relevant and contemporary art exhibition. This powerful art show

features works from ten formerly incarcerated San Quentin artists along with a few champions affiliated with this transformative art therapy program. From inside the confines of San Quentin, these incarcerated men experience how art can serve as a cathartic outlet which helped guide them on a journey of self-discovery, healing, and rehabilitation.

Artists' Interpretations: Buildings and Structures

June 20 - September 12



Above left: L&M by Del Mar students Lily and Maddie

Above: Lower Yard by Eddie Herena

Save the Date

Senior Expo

Resources to enrich your life on the Tiburon Peninsula

April 26, 10am-2pm

At the Belvedere Tiburon Library

Come and discover the wide range of offerings on the Peninsula.

Participate in health demonstrations, join us for informative sessions, and learn from local providers.

Hosted by The Ranch and Belvedere Tiburon Library

Library of Things

We've added new and exciting things to the collection. Use your library card to check out these brand-new items for three weeks:

- Chromebooks
- Internet Routers
- Wi-Fi Hotspots

And don't forget about the:

- Chess Sets
- Ukuleles
- Hiking Backpacks
- CA State Parks Passes
- Museum Passes
- Nook e-readers
- Roku streaming sticks

Check It Out!

Use the new RFID pads to check out stacks of items at a time at the self-check. There's no need to scan each barcode anymore!



Strategic Plan: Let's Connect

Executive Summary

We're grateful to all the community members who took the time to participate and contribute to developing our strategic plan. With your help, we identified four cornerstones of connection, impacts, and strategies to guide our work. Over the next several weeks, library administration will assess and identify the resources needed to implement the plan over the coming years. We look forward to your continued support in these endeavors.

View the complete plan here:



beltiblibrary.org/strategicplan



Our Vision

A community where every person feels included and inspired

Let's Connect

These four cornerstones for 2024-2026 will allow the library to connect with:

Each Other

Impact: *The Library is a warm, welcoming space for neighbors to connect*

Strategies

- Cultivate a comfortable atmosphere
- Bring the community together
- Establish the Library as a destination gathering space

Your Library

Impact: *The Library delivers responsive services to the community*

Strategies

- Deliver one-on-one services
- Implement responsive programming and services
- Transform perceptions of public library service

Our Mission

To nurture curiosity, spark connections, and foster lifelong learning

Community

Impact: *The Library partners with organizations to leverage resources*

Strategies

- Bring community organizations together for collective impact
- Create a local information and resources hub
- Become a node of emergency preparedness and response
- Drive sustainability goals

Culture

Impact: *The Library connects community members to resources, expertise, and opportunities*

Strategies

- Curate offerings that reflect and inspire the community
- Increase the capacity of the popular Makerspace



right: Isabel Allende in conversation with Elaine Petrocelli (2023)

President's Note

Dear Library Friends and Neighbors,

Spring is around the corner and your library is busy with new beginnings. My name is Lucy Churton, and I am grateful to be the new Foundation President. I am excited to announce that we have an incredible new Foundation team: Mickey Hubbell will serve as Vice President, Toni Lee as Treasurer, and Michelle Thomsen as Secretary. We are honored to be a part of the Foundation team and look forward to working with our talented library staff, engaged community, and generous volunteers.

We would like to thank outgoing Foundation members Suzannah Scully, Rachael Ong, Pamela Goldman, and Whitney Lee for their countless contributions to the Foundation over the years.

So many fun events are coming your way. If you haven't purchased your tickets for Teddy Bear Tea - hurry,

as the event is almost SOLD OUT! Sip hot chocolate, enjoy treats, and make a teddy bear craft. Our beloved Children's Librarian, Alicia, will host a cozy story time for all. This nostalgic library event has been a sold-out treasure for over 20 years!

Since its opening in September 2022, the Library Art Gallery has featured nine powerful shows from over 200 artists showcasing over 345 pieces. Artwork is for sale and a portion of the proceeds support library services and programs. The gallery is currently showing Colors in Art: Voices Soft and Loud through March 14th, followed by our local Del Mar Middle School showing of Del Mar Artists: Pixels and Paint. Stop by to see this incredible gallery as it will surely spark your creativity and ignite your imagination.

Sincere gratitude for the support from our Annual Fund donors! Your contributions help us bring exciting programs and services to our thriving library. Thank you for your support, and I am looking forward to seeing you at one of our several upcoming events!

With gratitude,

Lucy Churton
President, Foundation
Board of Directors



Teddy Bear Tea

Founders Room
March 23

Teddy in Paris



It's time for Teddy Bear Tea! Bring your friends and family and join us for Teddy in Paris!

Tickets are \$40 per person or you can purchase a table for 10 guests for \$400.

**If you would like to purchase a table, please buy 10 tickets at your preferred seating time.*

Mimosas will be available for purchase at \$10 per glass (2 per person).

- Sip hot chocolate, tea, and an optional mimosa
- Enjoy festive treats
- Make a teddy bear craft
- Listen to Storytime with Alicia, our beloved Children's Librarian

A HUGE thank you to Sam's Anchor Cafe, our 2023-2024 Corporate Sponsor!



Left: The Teddy Bear Tea

Annual Fund & Leave a Legacy

Please show your love for the library by giving generously to the library's Annual Fund. By making a gift to the library, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have contributed to the well-being and enrichment of your community.

www.beltibrary.org/library-foundation

Scan the QR code to learn about the many different ways to give!



Youth Highlights

For all Children's storytimes, art workshops, and more, visit beltiblibrary.org/kids

For all Teen movie nights, book clubs, and more, visit beltiblibrary.org/teens

Children's Programs

Beginning Chess for Kids

Grades 3-5

March 3, April 21, May 12, 1-2pm

An interactive lesson and free play led by local high school student Ryan Wolk, who has previously taught with ChessPals.

Family Storytime

March 3, April 7, May 5, 11-11:30am

Stories, crafts, and songs for the whole family. All ages welcome.

Craft Challenge for Grades 4+

March 13, 2:30-3:30pm: Advanced Button Making

May 8, 2:30-3:30pm: Slime

Craft Club for Grades 2-3

March 27, 2:30-3:30pm: Button Making

May 22, 2:30-3:30pm: Suncatchers

Book Buddies Book Club

for Grade 3 5-5:50 pm

March 19: *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School and Other Scary Things* by Lenore Look

April 16: *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

May 14: *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein

Chomp! A Book Club with Snacks for Grade 4+ 5-6 pm

March 21: *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko

April 18: *Holes* by Louis Sachar

May 16: *City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day)

April 30, 4 pm

Día is a celebration of children, families, and reading. We'll have a special craft day where you can make papel picado, a craft made by cutting designs into sheets of paper. All ages welcome.

Below left: Celebrating the Lunar New Year with Red Panda Acrobats (Feb. 2024)

Below: Valentine's Day in the Teen Room (Feb. 2024)

Teen Programs

For students in grades 6-12

SAT Practice Test

March 2, 10 am-2pm

Family Game Night

March 14, April 11, May 9, 5-7 pm

Enjoy classic and new board and card games (no video games). Pizza, snacks and refreshments are provided.

College Admissions Testing 101:

How to Plan for the ACT & SAT

April 20, 10:30-12:30 pm

Marin Poetry Center & CalPoets in the Schools Present the 2024 High School Anthology Gala Award Ceremony

May 21, 6:30-8 pm

The Marin Poetry Center's poetry contest provides students professional review, selection, and publishing in the High School Poetry Anthology. Hosted by Marin Poet Laureate Francesca Bell. Readings by Bay Area high school poets.



Teen Garden Club

The garden in the teen patio is transitioning to the new season with a recent planting of organic seeds provided by Ground and Marin Master Gardeners. As a community service project by and for teens and funded by Tiburon Peninsula Foundation, the garden benefits the library and the local ecology, and is home to native plants and pollinators.

Classes

View the schedule for tutorials each month:



3D Printing Basics

March 12, 11am

Learn how to choose models, configure the printer, and create designs.

Laser Cutter Basics

March 21, 11am

Make ornaments, signs, puzzles, artwork, and more.

Intro to Cricut Crafts

See website

Make decals, cards, and stencils.

Tiburon CoderDojo

Fridays, 4pm

CoderDojo is a free afterschool computer programming club for young people ages 8-17.

“As a non tech-savvy person, candidly I was initially a bit intimidated by the idea of using the Belvedere Tiburon Library’s new digitization resources.

However, the library staff did a tremendous job of flattening my learning curve. They could not have been more welcoming, friendly, and helpful.”

- Tim G.

Digitization Services at the Library

Attend an orientation and book an appointment to digitize your:

- 8mm & Super8
- Videocassettes
- Audiocassettes
- Vinyl (33, 45, & 78)
- Video from camcorders

We are looking for additional machines to enhance our Digi Lab services. If you have functioning hardware such as tape players or other a/v equipment that you no longer need, consider donating it to our library. Your generosity will help us continue our mission of preserving knowledge for future generations. We are looking for:

- DVCAM & MiniDV
- Hi8, Digital8, Video8
- BetaMax
- Reel-to-reel

Email makerspace@beltiblibrary.org for donations.

Right: Cricut creations by Justin Goldman

Welcome, Birgitta!

The Makerspace is thrilled to welcome our newest creative catalyst, Birgitta Danielson! Birgitta joins us with a vibrant toolkit of experience in sewing, arts and crafts, and an infectious passion for empowering others to unleash their inner maker.



Whether you’re a seasoned pro or a curious newcomer, Birgitta will be your enthusiastic guide from idea to prototype, fostering a collaborative space where innovation thrives. So get ready to tinker, explore, and learn alongside Birgitta – the Makerspace just got much brighter!

Stay tuned for upcoming workshops and programs with Birgitta, and don’t hesitate to introduce yourself when you see her around. Birgitta promises to be a valuable asset to the Makerspace community With her contagious enthusiasm and expertise. Welcome, Birgitta!

Featured Makers

Jack (5) and Ellie (4) along with their parents Sarah and Andrew wandered in to the Makerspace. They stayed for an hour making Valentine’s Day roses on the Cricut machine. Jack loved the 3D printer and wants to attend afterschool programs to learn more about it.





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"I thoroughly enjoy volunteering at the Corner Books in the Library because it offers a warm and inviting atmosphere where anything can happen during my two-hour shifts. What excites me the most is the unpredictability of who will walk through the door. Engaging with visitors, hearing about their diverse backgrounds, experiences, and aspirations is incredibly stimulating. It's fulfilling to be a community advocate for the library, striving to make everyone feel valued and uplifted in some way during their visit to the bookstore."
– Catherine C.