



# IN THE STACKS

A Newsletter from the Peninsula Library Foundation

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### Building for the Future



The Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency's next step toward the building project is finalizing a building program planning document and space needs assessment, which will be used as guiding tools for an expansion of the current library facility. The library's staff has been working on a needs assessment that will be professionally refined by a library building consultant.

Actual square footage, design, and uses of the additions need to be determined in order to move forward. The document will include an analysis of all aspects of the current library along with recommendations for areas of improvement and expansion, general design considerations, spatial relationships and traffic flow considerations, functional areas and services, storage, office and work spaces, public areas, and common areas. The community is actively involved in this process, and various committees and volunteers will participate.



Bill Kimball with Bonnie Spiesberger, Chairperson, PLF

The primary purpose of the Peninsula Library Foundation is to raise funds to support the Library's programs, book collection and facilities. With its successes have come new challenges for additional space for programs and services. The future holds promise for the possibility of expanding the Library, and the PLF is fully committed to supporting this effort.

We hope that all who enjoy the many resources of the Library will become members of the Library Society. Membership donations are used for collection development, and fund up to 40% of yearly additions to the Library's collection. To join, contact Deborah Mazzolini at 789-2656.

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### Art Museum Passes

If you live in Belvedere, Tiburon, or in the general 94920 zip code area, you can now check out a Library Institutional Museum pass for the Legion of Honor and de Young which also can be reciprocally used at the Asian Art Museum, the Craft and Folk Art Museum, and Copia in Napa, among others. The pass admits two adults and children.

Each pass can be checked out in the morning, used for the day, and returned in the evening. Register in advance for your day at the museums by calling 789-2661 or emailing [refdesk@bel-tib-lib.org](mailto:refdesk@bel-tib-lib.org).

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### Library Home Delivery Service

Are you unable to make a trip to the library? Library volunteers provide delivery of books, CDs, DVDs, and other resources to those who are homebound. Call 789-2656 for this service.

*Politics, Gardening, Music and more...Mark your calendar for*

## PROGRAMS IN THE LIBRARY

All programs are free and open to the public. Programs begin at 7:30 pm. Check for new additions in the Library Column of THE ARK or on the web at [thelibrary.info](http://thelibrary.info).

Tuesday, April 5

### **Kazakhstan, a new Central Asian Republic**

**Prof. Hartmut Fischer**, a former European emissary to Kazakhstan, is a specialist on international economics and teaches at the University of San Francisco.

Thursday, May 5

### **Life Messages for Moms: Inspiration for a Mother's Spirit**

**Josephine Chambers**, local author, will discuss her tribute to mothers. The contributors are 27 moms from various socio-economic backgrounds.

Tuesday, May 10

### **The Highly Sensitive Person**

**Elaine Aron**, PhD Psychologist/Psychotherapist and local author will discuss her book; defining the trait, describing the research, and suggesting how one can recognize and cope with it in oneself or live with someone who has high sensitivity.

Thursday, May 12

**A Panel of Master Gardeners** will give us a history of the Landmarks Society Art & Garden Center and how it was brought back to life. The panel will offer a wealth of tips for gardeners.

Tuesday, May 17

### **Little Green: Growing up in the Chinese Cultural Revolution**, a memoir in verse.

**Chun Yu**, local author, discusses his first-person account of a child's view of the Chinese Revolution. The book is a stunning account of a country in crisis and a testimony to the spirit of the individual.

Thursday, May 19

### **Paradise In A Pot**

**Susie Maggiora**, gardener, Bayside Nursery, will present a display of container plantings, offer advice, give demonstrations and answer questions. There will be a free raffle of all the containers at the end of the program.

Tuesday, May 24

### **Marin Men's Chorus**

**Don Miller** directs this group of 34, whose repertoire includes show music, spirituals, and popular songs.

### *Afternoon Tea at the Library*

Third Wednesday of every month, 3 to 4:00 pm.

Join the Program Committee volunteers and the Library staff for homemade sweets and sandwiches in the Founders Room.



Thursday, May 26

### **Adventures of a Naturalist in Costa Rica, Darien Jungle and the Panama Canal**

**Meryl Sundove** will present images of and information about the diverse tropical wildlife, special places and people of these areas.

Tuesday, May 31

### **Protecting our Local Ecosystems**

**Britt Bailey**, Director of Environmental Commons, will discuss the history of environmental regulations and policies, and how results are achieved through citizen involvement. Come learn how you can get involved in conserving water quality, air quality and wildlife.

Thursday, June 2

### **The Tall Ships Of San Francisco, 1859 - 1903**

**Steve Priske**, model shipwright and author, unearthed over 1,500 glass plate negative photographs last year depicting the largest fleet of tall ships built on the West Coast in the 1800's. He is now compiling this treasure trove of photos and history for an upcoming book.

Thursday, June 7

### **Gershwin Song-Fest**

Back by popular demand! **Chuck Fuery** will bring some new recordings of Fred Astaire, Billie Holiday, Frank Sinatra and Doris Day. He might even return to the piano to play a few of Gershwin's delightful piano arrangements.

Thursday, June 16

### **The Crisis: The President, the Prophet and the Shah—1979 and the Coming of Militant Islam**

**David Harris**, local author, discusses his book, which tells the story of America's first head on collision with the aroused forces of political Islam in 1979 in Iran. The book opens in the fall of 1978 and relates the history through the 444 days of the hostage crisis and its final resolution.

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*California island town*, will be available for sale from the Landmarks Society.

**April 9, 16 (2 sessions), Saturdays 9:00 – 12:00 am**  
**No Place Like Home, Writing Workshop:** Marilyn Geary will lead this two-part writing workshop providing teens and adults with the tools to write interesting stories from their life experiences. Receive step-by-step instruction, writing exercises and organizational tips to make writing family history or the stories of your own life an enjoyable and rewarding project. Take home a written story and a strategy for creating more. No previous writing experience is required. Please register in advance at the Library or call (415) 789-2661.

**April 19, Tuesday 7:30 pm** **Cornbread and Dim Sum: Memoir of a Heart Glow Romance** by **Jacqueline Sue:** Local author, Jacqueline Sue, will read from her book *Cornbread and Dim Sum: Memoir of a Heart Glow Romance*. Jacqueline, an African-American woman, and Frank, an American born Chinese man, celebrated 40 years of marriage on June 25, 2004. A memoir testimony to the power of love across cultural and racial barriers.

**April 20, Wednesday, 7:30 pm** **Carved in Silence, a film** by **Felicia Lowe:** A documentary about the experiences of Chinese immigrants detained at the Angel Island Immigration Station. A close look at this legacy of a shadow that once darkened the American dream. The Producer/Director, Felicia Lowe, will be present to answer questions.

**April 21, Thursday, 7:30 pm** **An Iranian Cultural Celebration:** Our local Iranian neighbors, led by Nahal Taleghani, will share an evening of culture, including music, stories, art, and food, and will answer questions about their heritage and experiences.

"This project is part of the statewide *California Stories Uncovered* campaign of the California Council for the Humanities (CCH), conducted in partnership with Califa. It is supported in part by CCH through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily reflect those of the California Council for the Humanities or the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information visit [www.californiastories.org](http://www.californiastories.org)."



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## From the Teen Alcove

### Best Books of the Year

Determined each year by a committee of librarians, The **Michael L. Printz Award** is given for excellence in books for teen readers. Here are this year's winner and three honor books. Of course these and other award-winning books are available for checkout!

The winner of the 2005 Printz Award is Meg Rosoff for her uncompromising work, *How I live Now*, set during a shocking occupation by terrorist forces and narrated by a wry and alienated 15-year-old girl.

The three Printz Honor Books are *Airborne* by Kenneth Oppel, the story of a young cabin boy and Kate, a wealthy young girl, who team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface; *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*, by Gary D. Schmidt, the story of a controversial and dangerous friendship in a small town in Maine in 1911, and *Chanda's Secrets* by Allan Stratton, about a girl's struggles amid the African AIDS pandemic in a fictional city in Southern Africa.

In February, the Youth Advisory Committee hosted a very fun and successful **Anime** program for teens. An enthusiastic audience watched the episodes of "Fruits Basket," ate delicious Japanese snacks, and agreed to meet again and often for more Anime. Watch the Teen Alcove wall for announcements of future programs!

### Recently purchased Anime

Fruits Basket	His and Her Circumstances
Escaflowne	Carried by the Wind
Love, Hina	Cardcaptor Sakura
Ai Yori Aoshi	Ghost in the Shell
Ah my Goddess	

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) continues to meet at 4 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month to plan programs and discuss books. We welcome new members.

# ***In the Children's Room***

**Please note!** Unless otherwise indicated, **ALL programs require pre-registration.** Call Alicia Bell, at 789-2662 to register.

## **ONGOING PROGRAMS**

### **Baby Bounce** for ages 2 & under

Mondays at 10:30am & 11am, through April 25<sup>th</sup>  
Frolic with your baby to songs and finger plays.

### **Preschool Story time** for ages 3-5

Tuesdays at 4pm, through April 26<sup>th</sup>  
Join us for stories, songs and finger plays. Older children are welcome!

### **Toddler Story time** for 2's

Wednesdays 11am, through April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Stories, songs, finger plays and other surprises.

### **Cocoa Hour Read Along** for ages 7 & up

Wednesdays 4pm, through April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Enjoy a great chapter book, freshly baked cookies, a free copy of the book, and hot cocoa.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

**Family Tree Music Together** for infants to age 4  
Music educator Bill Polits will be back for a fun filled morning of singing and dancing.

Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

**A story time with the Amazing Toads Slim and Ace,** for ages 3 & over

The Tiburon Audubon Society presents a program on reptiles, where you'll get to see these fascinating critters up close.

### **Bookmarks Friday Night Movies**

for ages 10 & over

5:30pm in the Founders Room

Call the Children's Room to sign up early for this monthly favorite for older kids. Free book provided with the movie.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> - **Spy Kids 3: Game Over.**

May 13<sup>th</sup> - **Jujumani**

Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

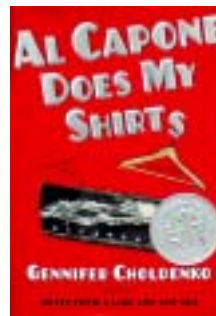
**Lariat Larry – Cowboy Storyteller** for ages 5 and up.  
Experience the Wild West with exciting stories topped off with lots of fancy trick roping and audience involvement.

Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>

**Arthur's Birthday** is the birthday of Marc Brown's Arthur the Aardvark

We'll be handing out party favors and birthday goodies all day in honor of Arthur.

## **Books of Note!**



Local Author **Gennifer Choldenko** received a **Newbery Honor** this year for her book ***Al Capone Does My Shirts***

Alcatraz is the evocative backdrop for this highly original novel set in 1935. Twelve-year-old Moose Flanagan tells about his travails on "the Rock," where his father has taken a job. Hilarious antics are deftly

interwoven with themes of isolation and imprisonment, compassion and connection.

### **2005 Newbery Medal Winner**

***Kira-Kira***, by **Cynthia Kadohata**

The story of a Japanese-American family told from the point of view of their youngest child, Katie. Personal challenges and family tragedy are set against the oppressive social climate of the South during the 1950s and early 1960s.

### **2005 Caldecott Medal winner**

***Kitten's First Full Moon***, written and illustrated by **Kevin Henkes**

Henkes employs boldly outlined organic shapes and shades of black, white and gray to tell a simple story of a kitten who mistakes the moon for a bowl of milk. Lovely gouache and colored pencil illustrations pace the spare text.



# Why wait for the Antiques Roadshow to Evaluate Your Treasures?

## New Databases at the Library

Ever wonder how much your grandfather's old ivory handle cane or that Meissen porcelain plate you inherited is worth? Library users can now get real market based information about their antiques, artwork and family treasures. The Belvedere-Tiburon Library has recently subscribed to two new online Reference Databases. Both are available on computers in the library; just click on "Go to Electronic Databases" from any of the four public catalog computers, or log in to any of the public internet PCs in the Library and click on "Electronic Databases" on our homepage.

### P4A Antiques Reference

A great resource to help you identify and find current prices for antiques, this information is focused on the American regional marketplace, and is drawn from about fifty leading regional auction houses, plus other selected specialist auctions. About 87% of all the information in the p4a Antiques Reference database is unique to this site, and a large portion of it has NEVER appeared anywhere else on the web. One of the unique features is that each record has a picture to help determine if the item is similar to the one you are seeking.

Information in the p4a Antiques Reference database is routinely used to estimate the value of similar items for sale, for purchase or for insurance purposes, to substantiate a formal appraisal, to assist in a family division of property or to learn what was paid for a specific item listed in the database.

### AskART – a fabulous resource on American Art

Are you lucky enough to have an original Asher Durand oil in your attic? Would you like to know more about it, including recent auction prices? Whether you're an art aficionado or collector, gallery owner or appraiser — come to the Belvedere-Tiburon library to peruse AskART, our new online database covering a broad range of subjects in the American art world.

AskART offers comprehensive biographical information about individual artists, and provides references to museums and dealers that specialize in their works. Auction prices and sales details are provided where available, and full color images are displayed in the image gallery. Other details about an artist include exhibits, dealers, upcoming auctions and much, much more.

As of March 2005

## The Most Requested Library Books

- *The Broker* by John Grisham
- *French Women Don't Get Fat* by Mireille Guiliano
- *The Power of Thinking Without Thinking* by Malcolm Gladwell
- *Collapse: How societies choose to fail or succeed* by Jared Diamond
- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- *Conviction* by Richard North Patterson
- *Honeymoon* by James Patterson and Howard Roughan
- *Night Fall* by Nelson DeMille
- *I am Charlotte Simmons* by Tom Wolfe

## Film Series@the Library



Mark your calendars for April 29, May 20 and June 24 for the next sets of films at the library. Shown in the Founders Room, the tickets go on sale at 6:15 for 7:00pm screenings. Wine and hors d'oeuvres are served, lending a party atmosphere to the evening. Seating is limited so film buffs are encouraged to come early. A \$5 donation is requested. Several local restaurants offer a 20% discount when you present your movie ticket.

The series is promoted and the films described on flyers and posters in the library, on the library's plasma screen, in The Ark's Library News column, by colorful banners at Blackie's Pasture, The Cove and at the library, and by flyers posted around the community. Watch for Carole Simon Mills' reviews in The Ark the Wednesday before the Friday programs.

## A Color Copier - Just in time for tax season!

If you've been wondering where to go for color copies on the peninsula, wonder no more. The library staff is delighted to offer you a full color copier that is sure to fill your need for copies of that winning business presentation, brochures, magazine articles, holiday photo collages, and lots more. Its 600 dpi quality will produce excellent results (\$1.00 per copy). In addition, we've also leased two brand new state-of-the-art black and white copiers that have a top performance guarantee by our new supplier. So come on in and give them a try.

## Improve Your Google Searches!

If you use the Internet, you've probably already used Google ([www.google.com](http://www.google.com)), the Web's most popular search engine. Although Google is easy to use, there are some simple tips and techniques you can use to make your Google search results even better. Below we list some of our favorites:

- **Search for keywords that are likely to be on the page or pages you want to look at.** For example, a search for *hamstring stretches* will return better results than a search for *What are some ways to stretch my hamstring muscles?*
- **Be specific when choosing keywords.** For example, if you want to know what orangutans eat, the search *orangutan diet* will give you better results than *monkey food*.
- **Be careful with word order.** The order of the words you search for makes a difference in the results you will get. It is always best to search for keywords in the order they are likely to appear in on the page you want. For example, a search for *baby fat* will give you different results from *fat baby*.

- **Use quotation marks to make a search more specific.** When two or more of your search words form a phrase, you will get more focused results when you use quotation marks to bracket the phrase. Example: "*da vinci code*" review.
- **Remember that Google ignores capitalization.** Google search is not case sensitive. All characters, except the "OR" operator (see next tip), are understood as lower case only. For example, "*captain kangaroo*" "*Captain Kangaroo*" and "*cApTaiN kANgArOo*" will all return the same results.
- **Use "OR" to widen your results.** By default, Google assumes that you want all of your keywords to be relevant to the matches it returns. If you want Google to be less restrictive, you can broaden your search by placing an uppercase OR between two search terms. You may also find it useful to employ parentheses when using OR, e.g. *shark (attack OR bite)*

And don't forget that most sources of information still aren't available on the Internet! For help from a Reference Librarian, please call our Reference Desk at (415) 789-2661.

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## Audio Books That Check Themselves Back In!

Our new audio book collection is now open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from the comfort of your home or office. The Library is launching two new downloadable audio book subscriptions. Now you'll be able to access audio books from your home computer, download them, and even transfer them to a portable device if you like, all for free from your library!

We will share the new **Overdrive collection** with all the MARINet libraries, and like all the other audio books you can check out in the library, you will be able to use them for three weeks. They will check themselves back in so you won't have to worry about overdue fines. If all copies are in use, you can place a hold, just as you do with the physical books on CD or tape. Check our Website at <http://thelibrary.info> for more information. Or you can go directly to the site at <http://califa.lib.overdrive.com/> to find details on how to check these out. The digital book collection contains e-books as well, so click on "All Overdrive Audio Books" to find out more. Make sure to follow the links to find out

which portable devices are supported. Overdrive books can also be burned to a CD.

The new **Recorded Book/ NetLibrary** collection is available to residents of Belvedere and Tiburon only. This is a collection of 500 downloadable audio books containing best selling authors and award winning narrators. Unlike the Overdrive collection, there is no waiting for a popular title to be returned – all the titles are available for immediate download. They can be transferred to a portable device, but they cannot be burned to CDs. You will be able to check out up to six titles at a time, they will automatically expire after three weeks, and you can have one renewal. Details about this collection are available on our Website at <http://thelibrary.info>. Not all portable devices are supported, so be sure to investigate before you buy.

**YES!** I want to attend the Elaine Petrocelli luncheon on May 3, 2005. Please reserve tickets for:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (payable to the Belvedere-Tiburon Library) is enclosed

Please charge my  Visa  M/C

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



### Attention: All Bookworms

Join us for the 16th annual luncheon with Elaine Petrocelli, benefiting the Belvedere-Tiburon Library.

Date: Tuesday, May 3

Time: 11:30am

Place: San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere

Cost: \$40 per ticket (\$20 tax deductible)

To reserve by mail, fill out the above form and mail to the Belvedere-Tiburon Library, 1501 Tiburon Blvd., Belvedere-Tiburon, CA 94920. You may also reserve by calling the Library at 789-2665, ext. 228.

Elaine Petrocelli, owner of Book Passage in Corte Madera and San Francisco, will offer a lively discussion about current books and authors on a variety of subjects. Lists of Elaine's favorites will be given to guests, and books will be available for sale.

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#### Did you know that the Library has a Notary Public?

Mary Vella, the Library's Administrative Assistant, is also one of the few notaries in town. The next time you need a document notarized, stop by and browse the collection in addition to taking care of business. To make an appointment with Mary, call her at 789-2665 ext. 228, or after hours at 902-1064. There's a bonus... 10% of her fee is donated to the library, so everyone wins.

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William Kimball of Belvedere was named an honorary director of the Foundation. Bill and Sarah Kimball's generous contribution of \$100,000 in 1993 gave the Belvedere and Tiburon communities the first money raised to build the new library. The Library will celebrate its eight year anniversary in April.

### Building for the Future



The Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency's next step toward the building project is finalizing a building program planning document and space needs assessment, which will be used as guiding tools for an expansion of the current library facility. The library's staff has been working on a needs assessment that will be professionally refined by a library building consultant.

Actual square footage, design, and uses of the additions need to be determined in order to move forward. The document will include an analysis of all aspects of the current library along with recommendations for areas of improvement and expansion, general design considerations, spatial relationships and traffic flow considerations, functional areas and services, storage, office and work spaces, public areas, and common areas. The community is actively involved in this process, and various committees and volunteers will participate.



Bill Kimball with Bonnie Spiesberger, Chairperson, PLF

The primary purpose of the Peninsula Library Foundation is to raise funds to support the Library's programs, book collection and facilities. With its successes have come new challenges for additional space for programs and services. The future holds promise for the possibility of expanding the Library, and the PLF is fully committed to supporting this effort.

We hope that all who enjoy the many resources of the Library will become members of the Library Society. Membership donations are used for collection development, and fund up to 40% of yearly additions to the Library's collection. To join, contact Deborah Mazzolini at 789-2656.

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### Art Museum Passes

If you live in Belvedere, Tiburon, or in the general 94920 zip code area, you can now check out a Library Institutional Museum pass for the Legion of Honor and de Young which also can be reciprocally used at the Asian Art Museum, the Craft and Folk Art Museum, and Copia in Napa, among others. The pass admits two adults and children.

Each pass can be checked out in the morning, used for the day, and returned in the evening. Register in advance for your day at the museums by calling 789-2661 or emailing [refdesk@bel-tib-lib.org](mailto:refdesk@bel-tib-lib.org).

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### Library Home Delivery Service

Are you unable to make a trip to the library? Library volunteers provide delivery of books, CDs, DVDs, and other resources to those who are homebound. Call 789-2656 for this service.

*Politics, Gardening, Music and more...Mark your calendar for*

## PROGRAMS IN THE LIBRARY

All programs are free and open to the public. Programs begin at 7:30 pm. Check for new additions in the Library Column of THE ARK or on the web at [thelibrary.info](http://thelibrary.info).

Tuesday, April 5

### **Kazakhstan, a new Central Asian Republic**

**Prof. Hartmut Fischer**, a former European emissary to Kazakhstan, is a specialist on international economics and teaches at the University of San Francisco.

Thursday, May 5

### **Life Messages for Moms: Inspiration for a Mother's Spirit**

**Josephine Chambers**, local author, will discuss her tribute to mothers. The contributors are 27 moms from various socio-economic backgrounds.

Tuesday, May 10

### **The Highly Sensitive Person**

**Elaine Aron**, PhD Psychologist/Psychotherapist and local author will discuss her book; defining the trait, describing the research, and suggesting how one can recognize and cope with it in oneself or live with someone who has high sensitivity.

Thursday, May 12

**A Panel of Master Gardeners** will give us a history of the Landmarks Society Art & Garden Center and how it was brought back to life. The panel will offer a wealth of tips for gardeners.

Tuesday, May 17

### **Little Green: Growing up in the Chinese Cultural Revolution**, a memoir in verse.

**Chun Yu**, local author, discusses his first-person account of a child's view of the Chinese Revolution. The book is a stunning account of a country in crisis and a testimony to the spirit of the individual.

Thursday, May 19

### **Paradise In A Pot**

**Susie Maggiora**, gardener, Bayside Nursery, will present a display of container plantings, offer advice, give demonstrations and answer questions. There will be a free raffle of all the containers at the end of the program.

Tuesday, May 24

### **Marin Men's Chorus**

**Don Miller** directs this group of 34, whose repertoire includes show music, spirituals, and popular songs.

### *Afternoon Tea at the Library*

Third Wednesday of every month, 3 to 4:00 pm.

Join the Program Committee volunteers and the Library staff for homemade sweets and sandwiches in the Founders Room.



Thursday, May 26

### **Adventures of a Naturalist in Costa Rica, Darien Jungle and the Panama Canal**

**Meryl Sundove** will present images of and information about the diverse tropical wildlife, special places and people of these areas.

Tuesday, May 31

### **Protecting our Local Ecosystems**

**Britt Bailey**, Director of Environmental Commons, will discuss the history of environmental regulations and policies, and how results are achieved through citizen involvement. Come learn how you can get involved in conserving water quality, air quality and wildlife.

Thursday, June 2

### **The Tall Ships Of San Francisco, 1859 - 1903**

**Steve Priske**, model shipwright and author, unearthed over 1,500 glass plate negative photographs last year depicting the largest fleet of tall ships built on the West Coast in the 1800's. He is now compiling this treasure trove of photos and history for an upcoming book.

Thursday, June 7

### **Gershwin Song-Fest**

Back by popular demand! **Chuck Fuery** will bring some new recordings of Fred Astaire, Billie Holiday, Frank Sinatra and Doris Day. He might even return to the piano to play a few of Gershwin's delightful piano arrangements.

Thursday, June 16

### **The Crisis: The President, the Prophet and the Shah—1979 and the Coming of Militant Islam**

**David Harris**, local author, discusses his book, which tells the story of America's first head on collision with the aroused forces of political Islam in 1979 in Iran. The book opens in the fall of 1978 and relates the history through the 444 days of the hostage crisis and its final resolution.

California Stories, *continued from page 1*

*California island town*, will be available for sale from the Landmarks Society.

**April 9, 16 (2 sessions), Saturdays 9:00 – 12:00 am**  
**No Place Like Home, Writing Workshop:** Marilyn Geary will lead this two-part writing workshop providing teens and adults with the tools to write interesting stories from their life experiences. Receive step-by-step instruction, writing exercises and organizational tips to make writing family history or the stories of your own life an enjoyable and rewarding project. Take home a written story and a strategy for creating more. No previous writing experience is required. Please register in advance at the Library or call (415) 789-2661.

**April 19, Tuesday 7:30 pm** **Cornbread and Dim Sum: Memoir of a Heart Glow Romance** by **Jacqueline Sue:** Local author, Jacqueline Sue, will read from her book *Cornbread and Dim Sum: Memoir of a Heart Glow Romance*. Jacqueline, an African-American woman, and Frank, an American born Chinese man, celebrated 40 years of marriage on June 25, 2004. A memoir testimony to the power of love across cultural and racial barriers.

**April 20, Wednesday, 7:30 pm** **Carved in Silence, a film** by **Felicia Lowe:** A documentary about the experiences of Chinese immigrants detained at the Angel Island Immigration Station. A close look at this legacy of a shadow that once darkened the American dream. The Producer/Director, Felicia Lowe, will be present to answer questions.

**April 21, Thursday, 7:30 pm** **An Iranian Cultural Celebration:** Our local Iranian neighbors, led by Nahal Taleghani, will share an evening of culture, including music, stories, art, and food, and will answer questions about their heritage and experiences.

"This project is part of the statewide *California Stories Uncovered* campaign of the California Council for the Humanities (CCH), conducted in partnership with Califa. It is supported in part by CCH through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily reflect those of the California Council for the Humanities or the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information visit [www.californiastories.org](http://www.californiastories.org)."



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## From the Teen Alcove

### Best Books of the Year

Determined each year by a committee of librarians, The **Michael L. Printz Award** is given for excellence in books for teen readers. Here are this year's winner and three honor books. Of course these and other award-winning books are available for checkout!

The winner of the 2005 Printz Award is Meg Rosoff for her uncompromising work, *How I live Now*, set during a shocking occupation by terrorist forces and narrated by a wry and alienated 15-year-old girl.

The three Printz Honor Books are *Airborne* by Kenneth Oppel, the story of a young cabin boy and Kate, a wealthy young girl, who team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface; *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*, by Gary D. Schmidt, the story of a controversial and dangerous friendship in a small town in Maine in 1911, and *Chanda's Secrets* by Allan Stratton, about a girl's struggles amid the African AIDS pandemic in a fictional city in Southern Africa.

In February, the Youth Advisory Committee hosted a very fun and successful **Anime** program for teens. An enthusiastic audience watched the episodes of "Fruits Basket," ate delicious Japanese snacks, and agreed to meet again and often for more Anime. Watch the Teen Alcove wall for announcements of future programs!

### Recently purchased Anime

Fruits Basket	His and Her Circumstances
Escaflowne	Carried by the Wind
Love, Hina	Cardcaptor Sakura
Ai Yori Aoshi	Ghost in the Shell
Ah my Goddess	

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) continues to meet at 4 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month to plan programs and discuss books. We welcome new members.

# ***In the Children's Room***

**Please note!** Unless otherwise indicated, **ALL programs require pre-registration.** Call Alicia Bell, at 789-2662 to register.

## **ONGOING PROGRAMS**

### **Baby Bounce** for ages 2 & under

Mondays at 10:30am & 11am, through April 25<sup>th</sup>  
Frolic with your baby to songs and finger plays.

### **Preschool Story time** for ages 3-5

Tuesdays at 4pm, through April 26<sup>th</sup>  
Join us for stories, songs and finger plays. Older children are welcome!

### **Toddler Story time** for 2's

Wednesdays 11am, through April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Stories, songs, finger plays and other surprises.

### **Cocoa Hour Read Along** for ages 7 & up

Wednesdays 4pm, through April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Enjoy a great chapter book, freshly baked cookies, a free copy of the book, and hot cocoa.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

**Family Tree Music Together** for infants to age 4  
Music educator Bill Polits will be back for a fun filled morning of singing and dancing.

Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

**A story time with the Amazing Toads Slim and Ace**, for ages 3 & over

The Tiburon Audubon Society presents a program on reptiles, where you'll get to see these fascinating critters up close.

### **Bookmarks Friday Night Movies**

for ages 10 & over

5:30pm in the Founders Room

Call the Children's Room to sign up early for this monthly favorite for older kids. Free book provided with the movie.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> - **Spy Kids 3: Game Over.**

May 13<sup>th</sup> - **Jujumani**

Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

**Lariat Larry – Cowboy Storyteller** for ages 5 and up.  
Experience the Wild West with exciting stories topped off with lots of fancy trick roping and audience involvement.

Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>

**Arthur's Birthday** is the birthday of Marc Brown's Arthur the Aardvark

We'll be handing out party favors and birthday goodies all day in honor of Arthur.

## **Books of Note!**



Local Author **Gennifer Choldenko** received a **Newbery Honor** this year for her book ***Al Capone Does My Shirts***

Alcatraz is the evocative backdrop for this highly original novel set in 1935. Twelve-year-old Moose Flanagan tells about his travails on "the Rock," where his father has taken a job. Hilarious antics are deftly

interwoven with themes of isolation and imprisonment, compassion and connection.

### **2005 Newbery Medal Winner**

***Kira-Kira***, by **Cynthia Kadohata**

The story of a Japanese-American family told from the point of view of their youngest child, Katie. Personal challenges and family tragedy are set against the oppressive social climate of the South during the 1950s and early 1960s.

### **2005 Caldecott Medal winner**

***Kitten's First Full Moon***, written and illustrated by **Kevin Henkes**

Henkes employs boldly outlined organic shapes and shades of black, white and gray to tell a simple story of a kitten who mistakes the moon for a bowl of milk. Lovely gouache and colored pencil illustrations pace the spare text.



# Why wait for the Antiques Roadshow to Evaluate Your Treasures?

## New Databases at the Library

Ever wonder how much your grandfather's old ivory handle cane or that Meissen porcelain plate you inherited is worth? Library users can now get real market based information about their antiques, artwork and family treasures. The Belvedere-Tiburon Library has recently subscribed to two new online Reference Databases. Both are available on computers in the library; just click on "Go to Electronic Databases" from any of the four public catalog computers, or log in to any of the public internet PCs in the Library and click on "Electronic Databases" on our homepage.

### P4A Antiques Reference

A great resource to help you identify and find current prices for antiques, this information is focused on the American regional marketplace, and is drawn from about fifty leading regional auction houses, plus other selected specialist auctions. About 87% of all the information in the p4a Antiques Reference database is unique to this site, and a large portion of it has NEVER appeared anywhere else on the web. One of the unique features is that each record has a picture to help determine if the item is similar to the one you are seeking.

Information in the p4a Antiques Reference database is routinely used to estimate the value of similar items for sale, for purchase or for insurance purposes, to substantiate a formal appraisal, to assist in a family division of property or to learn what was paid for a specific item listed in the database.

### AskART – a fabulous resource on American Art

Are you lucky enough to have an original Asher Durand oil in your attic? Would you like to know more about it, including recent auction prices? Whether you're an art aficionado or collector, gallery owner or appraiser — come to the Belvedere-Tiburon library to peruse AskART, our new online database covering a broad range of subjects in the American art world.

AskART offers comprehensive biographical information about individual artists, and provides references to museums and dealers that specialize in their works. Auction prices and sales details are provided where available, and full color images are displayed in the image gallery. Other details about an artist include exhibits, dealers, upcoming auctions and much, much more.

As of March 2005

## The Most Requested Library Books

- *The Broker* by John Grisham
- *French Women Don't Get Fat* by Mireille Guiliano
- *The Power of Thinking Without Thinking* by Malcolm Gladwell
- *Collapse: How societies choose to fail or succeed* by Jared Diamond
- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- *Conviction* by Richard North Patterson
- *Honeymoon* by James Patterson and Howard Roughan
- *Night Fall* by Nelson DeMille
- *I am Charlotte Simmons* by Tom Wolfe

## Film Series@the Library



Mark your calendars for April 29, May 20 and June 24 for the next sets of films at the library. Shown in the Founders Room, the tickets go on sale at 6:15 for 7:00pm screenings. Wine and hors d'oeuvres are served, lending a party atmosphere to the evening. Seating is limited so film buffs are encouraged to come early. A \$5 donation is requested. Several local restaurants offer a 20% discount when you present your movie ticket.

The series is promoted and the films described on flyers and posters in the library, on the library's plasma screen, in The Ark's Library News column, by colorful banners at Blackie's Pasture, The Cove and at the library, and by flyers posted around the community. Watch for Carole Simon Mills' reviews in The Ark the Wednesday before the Friday programs.

## A Color Copier - Just in time for tax season!

If you've been wondering where to go for color copies on the peninsula, wonder no more. The library staff is delighted to offer you a full color copier that is sure to fill your need for copies of that winning business presentation, brochures, magazine articles, holiday photo collages, and lots more. Its 600 dpi quality will produce excellent results (\$1.00 per copy). In addition, we've also leased two brand new state-of-the-art black and white copiers that have a top performance guarantee by our new supplier. So come on in and give them a try.

## Improve Your Google Searches!

If you use the Internet, you've probably already used Google ([www.google.com](http://www.google.com)), the Web's most popular search engine. Although Google is easy to use, there are some simple tips and techniques you can use to make your Google search results even better. Below we list some of our favorites:

- **Search for keywords that are likely to be on the page or pages you want to look at.** For example, a search for *hamstring stretches* will return better results than a search for *What are some ways to stretch my hamstring muscles?*
- **Be specific when choosing keywords.** For example, if you want to know what orangutans eat, the search *orangutan diet* will give you better results than *monkey food*.
- **Be careful with word order.** The order of the words you search for makes a difference in the results you will get. It is always best to search for keywords in the order they are likely to appear in on the page you want. For example, a search for *baby fat* will give you different results from *fat baby*.

- **Use quotation marks to make a search more specific.** When two or more of your search words form a phrase, you will get more focused results when you use quotation marks to bracket the phrase. Example: "*da vinci code*" review.
- **Remember that Google ignores capitalization.** Google search is not case sensitive. All characters, except the "OR" operator (see next tip), are understood as lower case only. For example, "*captain kangaroo*" "*Captain Kangaroo*" and "*cApTaiN kANgArOo*" will all return the same results.
- **Use "OR" to widen your results.** By default, Google assumes that you want all of your keywords to be relevant to the matches it returns. If you want Google to be less restrictive, you can broaden your search by placing an uppercase OR between two search terms. You may also find it useful to employ parentheses when using OR, e.g. *shark (attack OR bite)*

And don't forget that most sources of information still aren't available on the Internet! For help from a Reference Librarian, please call our Reference Desk at (415) 789-2661.

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## Audio Books That Check Themselves Back In!

Our new audio book collection is now open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from the comfort of your home or office. The Library is launching two new downloadable audio book subscriptions. Now you'll be able to access audio books from your home computer, download them, and even transfer them to a portable device if you like, all for free from your library!

We will share the new **Overdrive collection** with all the MARINet libraries, and like all the other audio books you can check out in the library, you will be able to use them for three weeks. They will check themselves back in so you won't have to worry about overdue fines. If all copies are in use, you can place a hold, just as you do with the physical books on CD or tape. Check our Website at <http://thelibrary.info> for more information. Or you can go directly to the site at <http://califa.lib.overdrive.com/> to find details on how to check these out. The digital book collection contains e-books as well, so click on "All Overdrive Audio Books" to find out more. Make sure to follow the links to find out

which portable devices are supported. Overdrive books can also be burned to a CD.

The new **Recorded Book/ NetLibrary** collection is available to residents of Belvedere and Tiburon only. This is a collection of 500 downloadable audio books containing best selling authors and award winning narrators. Unlike the Overdrive collection, there is no waiting for a popular title to be returned – all the titles are available for immediate download. They can be transferred to a portable device, but they cannot be burned to CDs. You will be able to check out up to six titles at a time, they will automatically expire after three weeks, and you can have one renewal. Details about this collection are available on our Website at <http://thelibrary.info>. Not all portable devices are supported, so be sure to investigate before you buy.

**YES!** I want to attend the Elaine Petrocelli luncheon on May 3, 2005. Please reserve tickets for:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (payable to the Belvedere-Tiburon Library) is enclosed

Please charge my  Visa  M/C

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### Attention: All Bookworms

Join us for the 16th annual luncheon with Elaine Petrocelli, benefiting the Belvedere-Tiburon Library.

Date: Tuesday, May 3

Time: 11:30am

Place: San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere

Cost: \$40 per ticket (\$20 tax deductible)

To reserve by mail, fill out the above form and mail to the Belvedere-Tiburon Library, 1501 Tiburon Blvd., Belvedere-Tiburon, CA 94920. You may also reserve by calling the Library at 789-2665, ext. 228.

Elaine Petrocelli, owner of Book Passage in Corte Madera and San Francisco, will offer a lively discussion about current books and authors on a variety of subjects. Lists of Elaine's favorites will be given to guests, and books will be available for sale.

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#### Did you know that the Library has a Notary Public?

Mary Vella, the Library's Administrative Assistant, is also one of the few notaries in town. The next time you need a document notarized, stop by and browse the collection in addition to taking care of business. To make an appointment with Mary, call her at 789-2665 ext. 228, or after hours at 902-1064. There's a bonus... 10% of her fee is donated to the library, so everyone wins.

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