



IN THE STACKS

A Newsletter from the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation

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Space Exploration

Last fall, the Board of the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency, feeling the squeeze on our Library's space and services, hired a consultant to do a needs assessment. The first phase of this assessment was conducted by Kathryn Page of Page and Moris Associates of San Francisco, who then prepared a report summarizing the space needs of the Library based on collection and circulation statistics, observation of usage, annual reports, interviews with staff, volunteers, committees, and other key indicators of the Library's service levels. She also analyzed our current service levels compared with similar libraries, and with current library planning practices. Ms. Page's recommendations of the components the Library needs to address are as follows:



Our current storage area!

- Shelving that accommodates a collection of 90,000 books and AV media items, in a mix of shelving heights and styles that are appropriate to each component of the collection. This will allow the collection to grow over time by approximately 50%.
- Larger children's room space that accommodates children through age 11; a new teen area for

private and group study and relaxation; a technology training area for ongoing classes and learning; private study rooms in all public areas.

- Seating capacity of 122, including a combination of table, study and lounge seating that is distributed throughout the public spaces.
- Increased public-access computers as well as building-wide wireless access and plentiful distribution of electrical outlets for laptop power supply.
- Expanded programming space, including enlarging the meeting room to enable accommodating audiences of 100 adults or 150 children; a storytelling space that can serve 30 children and their parents; a conference room for groups of 10 to 14, and four small group study rooms.
- Library staff work space needs to be redesigned and enlarged to accommodate the personnel needs and requirements of the current Library organization. Work space for the Library's numerous volunteer-based activities is also required.
- A modest amount of space set aside for a bookstore and café would be desirable.

At its most recent meeting, the Library Agency accepted Ms. Page's report and voted to move forward

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Community Goings-On

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in the next couple of months on the second phase of the needs assessment. This will include solicitation of public input through community meetings, focus groups, interviews and a community survey. During the second phase, the phase one recommendations will be further explored, tested and refined to more completely identify and incorporate public priorities, concluding with a Library building program that will enable the Library to meet community needs through the year 2030. Please keep in touch with the Library, or get on the Library's email listing, to obtain notification of meetings and discussions.

A particularly pleasing note in Ms. Page's report was her comment that, "Despite the (current) building's space limitations, the Library continues to be a primary community gathering place and an ongoing source of community pride. It is apparent that the Library is treasured by residents of all ages. Since it opened nine years ago, it has been wildly successful. With appropriate space allocated to both public and support services, the Library's future could be unimaginably bright." We think so too!

Get On Board with the Library: Be a Volunteer

The Library is looking for community residents to volunteer two or three hours a week to help with shelving materials and arranging the Library books. We could use help in the children's room and the adult areas. It's a great place to work and your volunteer help would be a wonderful contribution to the entire community. So join us, get involved, and get to know the Library!

Heads-Up From the Bookmarks: Save the Dates!

Saturday, September 30
Family Fun Day
10 am to 2 pm

Families please join us for a Family Fun Day for ages 2 and up. We will have wonderful activities for the kids for a fun-filled event to raise funds for the Children's Room of the Library. Come one, come all and ring in the new school year. Details will follow.

Saturday, December 9
Teddy Bear Tea

Mark your calendars now for our annual Teddy Bear Tea held at the library for ages 2 and up. This event is always popular with children and their "grown-ups".



Welcome New Directors

At its Annual Meeting in February the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation elected a new slate of officers and new directors for 2006. Five new directors were welcomed to the Board: Greg Bohannon, Sharon Kahn and Roxanne Richards of Belvedere and Sher Honchariw and Bill Teiser of Tiburon. Each director brings an array of skills, expertise and interest, and all have already begun to participate in the various committees that support the Library — speaker programs, the film series, the annual Petrocelli Luncheon, fundraising and building facilities.

Belvedere Community Foundation Gift Supports the Start of Library Expansion Project

Once again the Belvedere Community Foundation demonstrated its strong support for the Library and its commitment to the Tiburon Peninsula community. A big thank-you goes to the BCF whose president, Frank Greene, presented a check for \$10,000 to the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation at the BTLF's annual meeting in February. The money is to be applied toward preliminary architectural, engineering and structural costs relating to the Library's expansion project.

A fundraising campaign for the Library expansion is in the planning stages by the BTLF, and the Belvedere Community Foundations's generous gift takes us one exciting step closer to realizing its dream for the Library's future.

Help is Available for Library Construction: Proposition 81 on the June 6 Ballot

Proposition 81 is a statewide bond measure which would provide \$600 million in state monies to fund library construction or renovation projects. The Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency recently passed a resolution to endorse and support Proposition 81 and encourages voters to lend their support to the creation of this public library bond fund on June 6. The Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation voted its support of the Proposition 81 campaign at its April meeting. If you would like further information, please visit the website www.yesforlibraries.com.

Art, Politics, Hiking, Health ... Mark your calendars for our

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 in The ARK or on the web at thelibrary.info.

Tuesday, May 16

International Arts and Crafts, An Exhibition at the de Young

Julia Geist, a favorite docent, presents a slide show and commentary on the current exhibition organized by the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, which includes masterworks in all media from worldwide museums and private collections. The importance of home is highlighted in four domestic room settings. The exhibition is divided into four principal geographical sections with one devoted to America including works by Frank Lloyd Wright, Gustav Stickley, and Greene and Greene.

Afternoon Tea at the Library

Third Wednesday of every month, 3 to 4 pm.

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



Thursday, May 18

An Evening of Music with Chuck Fuery

Trained as a concert pianist, Chuck has won a number of piano competitions and awards in music. He has done two wonderful programs for us on the music of George Gershwin, and will surprise us with tonight's selections.

Tuesday, May 23

Master Drawings from the Goldyne Collection

Ellen Harden, docent, presents a slide show on the Joseph and Deborah Goldyne Collection, currently exhibited at the Legion of Honor. This is one of the largest and most diverse collections of drawings in the United States, and the talk will cover almost 100 works of art, including Rembrandt, Van Dyke, Turner, Degas, Matisse and Mondrian.

Thursday, May 25

Discovering Design

Michela O'Conner Abrams is President and Publisher of DWELL, an award-winning design and lifestyle magazine. Ms. Abrams will talk about her exploration of design from the novice point of view and how modern design has developed over the years.

Thursday, June 1

Merv Field Discusses the Political Scene

Merv Field will describe some significant aspects of the state and national political scene, including voting trends leading up to the June 6 primary election, the partisan shape of Congress after the November Congressional races, and a description of the bi-partisan National Vote Plan. The latter is a movement gaining momentum to reform the electoral college and change the way we choose our president. A Powerpoint presentation.

Tuesday, June 6

Tales from the Trail

Back by popular demand, **Tacy Dunham** discusses some of Marin's 400 miles of public pathways. She will show slides of her favorite places and share some delightful and amazing stories from her 30 years of hiking Marin's trails.

Tuesday, June 27

Regaining and Maintaining Flexibility and Mobility

Eric Nelson, DPT (Doctorate in Physical Therapy) and owner of the Tiburon Physical Therapy Center, discusses restrictions and impairments that affect mobility: how physical therapy addresses these problems; how exercise enhances the quality of life; and how it aids in transitioning to an independent home/gym program.

Note: Last Thursday of the Month

Trivia Night with Suzi Hileman

Join a team, bring your friends or come alone and have fun.

Check back with us for additional information on the following upcoming programs:

- Thursday, June 22, **Marin Poetry Center**
- Thursday, July 6, **Poets from Oregon and Washington**
- Thursday, July 13, **Art program on MONET**

Overheard about the Art Auction

“It Felt Like Being a Kid in a Candy Store”

Many of those who attended the 3rd Gently-Used Art Auction found some wonderful artworks at great prices this past March. The first evening, in particular, was lively and crowded, and a lot of fun! Thanks go to Jeanette Carr and Joanne Horton, who chaired the event, and to all who volunteered their time and to those who contributed their artwork. The Art Committee collected over \$12,000 to donate to the Library.



Tour

Three Fabulous Art Collections

There are some places available for the three Art Tours still to occur this summer. The first tour in April was a great success, and people loved seeing Janet Huston's outstanding collection in Mill Valley. The three summer tours are listed below. The fee is \$50 per person per tour. To attend, please send your check to the Belvedere-Tiburon Library, 1501 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon CA 94920, attention Jeanette Carr. Alternatively, you may pay at the Circulation Desk at the Library. Include the letter (C, D or E) to indicate your chosen tour, plus your phone number on the check. Each visit will begin at the Library and last approximately 2 hours.

Collection C - Saturday, June 10, 1-3 pm

The collection in this custom designed Belvedere home contains ancient classic Asian art from China, Japan and Southeast Asia, including funerary objects, jade, and religious pieces, plus rare Russian Icons and French modern abstract paintings.

Collection D - Sunday, June 25, 1-3 pm

This Tiburon collection features Amish geometric quilts dating from 1880-1940. The Denver Art Museum, the Renwick Gallery and the University of Michigan Museum of Art have all been venues for this collection. Also of note is a collection of museum quality contemporary ceramics and international studio glass.

Collection E - Wed., August 23, 1-3 pm

This Belvedere collection has been included in ARTNEWS Magazine's top 200 collections for the past several years. Art of the past century is represented in virtually all media, and includes the work of Larry Rivers, Sol LeWitt, Ed Ruscha, Andy Warhol, Arthur Dove (1939) and Ed and Nancy Kienholz. The photography collection encompasses the history of photography, from the early surrealist explorations of Maya Deren to the social realism of Bernice Abbott to the "street photography" of Garry Winogrand and Lee Frelander.

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 10:30 am & 11 am, June 19 through August 7

Frolic with your baby to songs and finger plays!

Preschool Story time *for ages 3-5*

Tuesdays at 4 pm, June 20 through August 8

Join us for stories, songs and finger plays. Older children are welcome!

Toddler Story time *for 2's*

Wednesdays at 11am, June 21st through August 9th

Stories, songs, finger plays and other surprises.

Lemonade Hour Read Along *for ages 7 & up*

Wednesdays at 4 pm, June 21st through August 9th

Featuring a free copy of a chapter book, delicious lemonade, and freshly baked cookies.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

“Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales”

June 19 through August 10

Furry pets and circus regalia will adorn our Children's Room for our summer reading program, and we'll have weekly treats of pencils, buttons, animal erasers, and squishy frogs to further entice you. You'll find lots of book displays featuring our circus theme, so stop by the Children's Room this summer for great reading materials. And be sure to take advantage of the wonderful free programs listed below, made possible by our dedicated Bookmarks Committee.

Thursday Performances for Ages 5 & Up

All performances take place at 11 am in the Founders Room unless otherwise noted.

June 22 **Juggler Marcus Raymond**

Hysterical comedy, extraordinary escapes, and amazing juggling feats! See the wildest stunts performed with the most unusual objects.

June 29 **Singing & Storytelling with Uncle Eye**

Uncle Eye has brought laughs from California to Scotland. During his interactive adventure he dances with plants, parties with penguins and sings his way out of a can of Spam.

July 6 **The Bubble Lady – Rebecca Nile**

With creative stories woven throughout, the Bubble Lady creates a variety of amazing bubble sculptures. Join us for this lively, bubblelicious presentation.

July 13 **Magic Show with Brian Scott**

Brian weaves magic, music, & comedy into a fun-filled world of illusion for all.

July 20 **Storytelling with Bob Kanegis**

Bob combines books and nature stories to lead kids on a journey through the great outdoors.

July 27 **Music with Colibri**

Get ready for a lively musical journey through Latin America featuring an exciting array of traditional folk instruments.

Aug 3 **Ventriloquist Sandi Sylver**

Sandi and Toodles have an eclectic Story bag chockfull of True Stories, Tall Tales, Folk Fables and World Tales.

Aug 5 **Swazzle Puppets: BARK the Robot Dog**

The house is turned upside down by the discovery of B.A.R.K. Can Ratchet and Rivet set things right before Mr. Johnson comes home? *Note: Saturday Program!*

Aug 9 **Wildlife Associates – The Living Earth**

Learn about endangered species, & habitats. Meet an African Serval Cat, Snowy Owl, Grey Fox, & Porcupine. *Note: Wednesday Program!*

Aug 10 **Reading Program Party**

Caribbean singer Asheba leads us in dancing and singing at our end of summer party. Join us for balloons and prizes.

from the Teen Alcove!

Middle and High School Students

It's not too early to think about picking up some great summer reading! Here are some new page-turners:

Check out the paperback shelf for a new series called Students Across the Seven Seas (SASS), about exciting semesters abroad for some lucky high school students. In *Pardon My French* by Cathy Hapka, 17 year old Nicole's dreams and plans of a future with her boyfriend change during her semester in Paris. In *Spain or Shine* by Michelle Jellen, 16 year old Elena blossoms in her new theater class and meets a cute Spanish guy during her semester in San Sebastian.

Other Books of Note

- *ttfn* by Lauren Myracle, the sequel to the hugely popular *ttf*, continues the "instant messaging" between best friends Zoe, Maddie, and Angela, as they experience a junior year filled with challenges as well as fun.
- In *Fake I.D.* by Walter Sorrells, a 16-year-old has just six days to find out why her mother disappeared, and why they've been on the run and using fake names ever since she can remember.
- In *Montmorency and the Assassins* by Eleanor Updale, the 3rd book of the adventures of a gentleman thief in 19th century England, Montmorency becomes involved in a murderous political plot.

New Manga, just received:

- D. N. Angel, volumes 1-3
- Kare First Love, volumes 1-5
- Happy Hustle High, volumes 1-3
- Fruits Basket, volume 12

Our **Summer Reading Program** runs from June through August! It's super easy to participate! Here's the scoop:

1. Read some books!
2. Fill out a form with a short review for each book you read and put the review in the box in the Young Adult area. If you liked it, make us want to read the book!! If you hated it, tell us why!
3. You will be entered into a drawing for great prizes (movie passes, gift certificates, and more!) each time you complete a review.
4. Prizes will be given out at an end-of-summer pizza bash.

We will be having movie nights and other events in the summer, so please check the website or the Teen Alcove wall for announcements!

Fascinating Takes on Tiburon, Following Feynman, and other Works from our Local Authors Collection:

Tiburon residents **Jim Mitchell** and **Larry Smith** produced and wrote *The Way We Were : A Celebration of Tiburon's 40th Birthday* (2004). Narrated by **Larry Smith** this video recording in DVD format was edited by **Diane Smith, Piper Berger** and **Jim Mitchell**. This 12 minute production is a photographic tour of Tiburon taken in 1964. The photographs were supplied courtesy of the **Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society**.

Ned Eichler of Tiburon has written *Fame or Fortune : Giants of the Housing Industry Revealed* (2005). He presents a "series of fascinating insights about some of the most famous homebuilders in U.S. history."

Belvedere author **Ralph Leighton** has issued three CDs titled *The Feynman Tapes* (2002) about renowned physicist Richard Feynman. The recordings were made in the 1970s and 1980s and consist of informal conversations between Mr. Leighton and Dr. Feynman.

Elizabeth Davoren of Tiburon wrote a chapter on the "Role of the Social Worker" in the classic text, *The Battered Child*. Often called the "Bible" of the study of abused and battered children, this work is a landmark and is now in its fifth edition.

If you are a Belvedere or Tiburon author and would like to donate a copy of your work to the Library's Local Authors Collection, contact Librarian Elaine Crepeau at ext. 229.

Still Alive and Running

Despite recent changes in Federal Tax Laws, it is still possible to donate vehicles to our Library. Donors now can claim tax credit equivalent to the amount the Library gains from the sale of the vehicle. All proceeds go directly to the Endowment Fund of the Library. Call the Library at 415-789-2656 if you would like to make a donation, or for additional information.



Sincerest thanks to our most recent donors, Carl Reichardt, Joyce Tayer, and Jennifer Barker. Thanks also to the Infiniti dealership of Marin, which has facilitated the development of our Vehicle Donation Program.

from the Reference Desk

Lifelong Learning in the Library

How would you like to take a college course during your commute, or while working out on the treadmill? The Library has a great collection of Teaching Company courses taught by some of the leading professors in the country. Lecturers are carefully selected for audition by professional recruiters who travel from Harvard to Stanford and other top colleges & universities around the country, attending lectures by an A-list of the top 1% of professors based on teaching awards, published evaluations and other sources.

Courses are available in all media, including audio CDs and tapes, and videos and DVDs. Subjects range across the board from music, literature and the arts to science, history, and economics. Some of our most popular titles:

- *Books That Have Made History: Books That Can Change Your Life*, by Prof. J. Rufus Fears.
- *Great Artists of the Italian Renaissance*, by Prof. William Kloss.
- *How to Listen to and Understand Opera*, by Prof. Robert Greenberg.

The Library's collection has moved to a new set of shelves in the nonfiction video alcove. Ask our staff for directions. And please give us some feedback at the Reference Desk. We know the collection is enormously popular with many of our patrons, but we'd love to know if we have new converts, and we welcome suggestions for new courses.

Calling All Book Clubs

If you are part of a book club in the Belvedere-Tiburon area, the Reference Department of the Library would like to invite your club to meet here at least once a year to introduce our state-of-the-art resources and tools for book selection, reviews, and more. Please call 789-2665 ext. 227 and let Reference Librarian Joan Garrett know you're interested.

In the meantime, go to our web site at <http://thelibrary.info> and explore our Readers' Place online. There are great resources available, including Award Winners, Best Sellers, Book Club and Reading Group Resources, Book Review links, Literature Resource Center, NoveList, Monthly Book Newsletters, Online Book Club, and more. Let us know what you think of our Readers' Place Virtual Library.

As of April 2006

Top Ten Most Requested Books at the Library

1. *In the Company of the Courtesan: A Novel* by Sarah Dunant
2. *Cobra 2: The Inside Story of the Invasion and Occupation of Iraq* by Michael R. Gordon and Bernard E. Trainor
3. *Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog* by John Grogan
4. *Arthur & George* by Julian Barnes
5. *Abide with Me: A Novel* by Elizabeth Strout
6. *Game of Shadows: Barry Bonds, BALCO, and the Steroids Scandal that Rocked Professional Sports* by Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams
7. *You're Wearing That?: Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation* by Deborah Tannen
8. *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* by Doris Kearns Goodwin
9. *Dirty Blonde* by Lisa Scottoline
10. *The Jury Master* by Robert Dugoni

New Email Service from the Library

If you enjoy keeping up with new and popular books at the Library, our new email service may be right for you. Every month we send out seven newsletters covering new fiction, new nonfiction, new mysteries, new biography, New York Times bestselling fiction, New York Times bestselling nonfiction, and the most-requested books by Belvedere-Tiburon Library patrons. Each newsletter features a list of titles with cover photos, descriptions, and direct links to the MARINet catalog so you can check availability or place a hold.

To sign up for one or more of our newsletters, go to the Library's home page at www.thelibrary.info. From the home page, click on the rose-colored "Readers' Place" tab, then look for the box on the right side of the Readers' Place page that says "New Books Email!"

The Town of Tiburon Wins the Lawsuit

The California Court of Appeals has ruled in favor of the Library with regard to the lawsuit to prevent the expansion of the Library on the land directly behind our facility.

The lawsuit, Fenster v. the Town of Tiburon, purported that the Library expansion on that parcel of land was improper and inconsistent with the original land dedication. After the Marin Superior Court ruled in favor of the Town of Tiburon and the Library, the Fensters appealed the decision to the Appellate Court. The Appellate court recently affirmed the decision of the Trial Court, stating that “There can be no doubt that a public library can be considered a public use of land. In the circumstances, since the proposed use is both a recreational and a public use of the dedicated land, we see no conflict between the use of a small portion of the lot for a library and the terms of the dedication” and “we see no abuse of discretion in the town’s decision to redesignate a small portion of the lot” to the Library for an expansion.

Needless to say, we are delighted with the decision, and will be moving forward with plans and a building campaign. (See Pages 1 and 2).

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Come to the Champagne and Chocolate Party

*Monday, June 5
7:00 - 9:00 pm*

Attention to all of our 625+ households that are members of the Library Society for 2006. The time has come to socialize at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation’s Annual Champagne and Chocolate Party. This event, organized this year by Jennifer Barker, is a thank you to all Library Society members for supporting the Library and a great reason to have a fantastic get-together and get-to-know-each-other celebration. Children’s Librarian and jazz singer Alicia Bell, along with a jazz trio, will be performing. We hope that all Library Society members can attend.

This year the Foundation will be honoring Genny Chapman, the Library Society’s visionary and creator. For eight years Genny planned, organized, and hosted the annual event and oversaw the membership drive. Thanks to her efforts, the Library Society is going strong and the memberships generate \$50,000 a year for the purchase of books and materials for the Library’s collections.

*To join the Library Society,
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