



## Belvedere-Tiburon Library

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# IN THE STACKS

A Newsletter from the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation

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It's That Time Again: For Bargains, Treasures and Tax Breaks

## *Come To Our Fourth Gently-Used Art Auction*

Are you craving an exciting change of art for your home or office? Next month the Library is having its biennial art auction, comprised of donated art from homes of local art lovers and collectors. From highly sought-after objects and paintings to vibrant tasteful prints, hundreds of items will be available via silent auction bidding.

For those who fall in love with a piece and want to be certain of getting it, a blue line ("take it now") price will be listed. It is a win-win situation for all: the donors receive tax-deductible receipts for what they determine to be the fair market value of their donations; the Library gets the benefit of the proceeds; and the purchasers walk away with something new and wonderful for themselves or for someone they love.

Donations are the first component of the auction. Please check your storage rooms, shelves, attics and walls. If you have framed paintings, prints, posters, or fine art books that you are ready for someone

else to appreciate, we are ready for you. For more information, please call Jeanette Carr 435-1763 or Joan Don 435-3783.



Donations should be brought to the Founders Room in the Library on:

Monday, March 3  
Tuesday, March 4  
10:00am – 7:00pm

***The Fourth Gently-Used Art Auction will be open to the public at the following times:***

Friday, March 7  
Saturday, March 8  
10:00am – 5:00pm  
Sunday, March 9  
Noon – 3:00pm

### **Preview Invitation!**

A special preview party and sale for Library Society members will be held on Thursday, March 6, from 5 to 8 pm. If you are not already a member of the Library

Society and want to be among the first to see the show, you can purchase a Library Society membership at the door or call Mary Vella at the Library: 789-2665, ext. 228.

# Community Goings-On ... Mark your calendars

*Bringing Us Together - the Second Year:*

## One Book One Marin

Belvedere-Tiburon Library, along with other MARINet Libraries and our Community Partners, is delighted to announce the return of **One Book One Marin** – after an amazingly successful inaugural year with author Isabel Allende and her novel, *Daughter of Fortune*. With an exciting calendar of free events at Marin libraries planned over the next three months, **One Book One Marin** invites our entire community to **Read & Discuss & Build Community**. The series begins January 23, 2008 with a Launch Party at Book Passage bookstore in Corte Madera.

### 2008 Featured Book:

#### ***Saving Fish from Drowning* by Amy Tan**

Bibi Chen, a San Francisco art patron, has planned a wonderful journey along the famed Burma Road for eleven lucky friends but comes to a mysterious and untimely death. The friends continue on the trip as planned, but Bibi watches aghast from her ghostly perch as the American tourists embark on a trail paved with cultural gaffes and tribal curses, Buddhist illusions and romantic desires. The resulting journey is a provocative and mesmerizing tale about what is real and what is make-believe.

### Have You Joined the Library Society?

If you haven't renewed your annual membership, or are new to the community, please join. Over 40% of the funds for the Library's new materials acquisitions comes from member donations. We need your support.

Donors automatically become members of the Library Society and receive invitations to special events.

Annual dues are:

\$50  \$100  \$250  \$500  \$\_\_\_\_\_

Donations are fully tax deductible. Here are three easy ways to join the Library Society:

- Pay by check to the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation
- Charge by phone to VISA or MASTERCARD: Call Mary Vella at 789-2665, Ext. 228
- Join online: Go to [www.thelibrary.info](http://www.thelibrary.info)

One Book One Marin Events at the Belvedere -Tiburon Library:

#### **Film Event: *Joy Luck Club***

**Thursday, Feb. 28th, 7:00-9:30 P.M.**

Belvedere-Tiburon Library Founders Room  
Please join us for a screening of *The Joy Luck Club* based on the novel by Amy Tan. This beautiful film by director Wayne Wang tells the story of four Asian women and their American daughters. R Rated (under 17 requires accompanying parent or guardian), 139 minutes.

#### ***Saving Fish from Drowning***

**Discussion led by Elaine Petrocelli**

**Tuesday, March 18th, 7:30-9:00 P.M.**

Join other members of the community at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library for a lively discussion of this year's book.

#### **Culmination Program**

**Tuesday, May 6th – 7 pm**

Angelico Hall, Dominican University  
Amy Tan will be interviewed by KQED "Forum" Host Michael Krasny. The entire community is invited to attend this event.

For a continuing update of events at our library and other venues, visit the Website <http://www.onebookonemarin.org>

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## *An Invitation to all Book Lovers and Book Clubs*

**Join us** for the 19th annual luncheon with **Elaine Petrocelli**, benefitting the Belvedere-Tiburon Library.

Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Time: 11:30am

Place: San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere

Cost: \$45 per ticket (\$20 tax deductible)

Elaine Petrocelli, our delightful speaker, and owner of Book Passage in Corte Madera, offers a lively discussion about current books and authors. Lists of Elaine's favorites will be given to guests, and books will be available for sale.

To reserve tickets, call Mary Vella: 789-2665,ext.228

*Tough Lessons, Dark Passages, and Beautiful Music ... Just a few of our*

## PROGRAMS IN THE LIBRARY

All programs are free and open to the public. Programs begin at 7:30 pm. Also check for additions in the Library News column in THE ARK or on the web at *thelibrary.info*.

Tuesday, February 12

### **The House of Mondavi: The Rise and Fall of an American Wine Dynasty**

Journalist **Julia Flynn Siler** discusses her book about the turmoil within the Mondavi family's wine empire.

Thursday, February 14

### **Integrity: Good People, Bad Choices, and Life Lessons from the White House**

**Egil "Bud" Krogh**, one of the "president's men" in the Watergate era, recalls his life under the pressure of politics and power. In his book, he provides lessons in what integrity and success really mean.

Tuesday, February 19

### **A Study of Mountain Lions in the Bay Area**

**Zara McDonald**, Executive Director of Felidae Conservation Fund, a Belvedere-based non-profit organization, will discuss the study plan and the conservation questions that shape this ground-breaking study.

*Afternoon Tea  
at the Library*

*Third Wednesday  
of every month,  
3 to 4 pm.*

Patrons of all ages, toddlers to seniors, are invited to gather with Library staff and volunteers in the Founders Room. Enjoy tea, cookies, snacks and conversation as you listen to Dr. Ira's joyful piano music. All are welcome.



Thursday, February 21

### **A Night in the Marais with Cara Black and Leonard Pitt**

**Leonard Pitt** will take you on a guided tour of the splendors and miseries of one of Paris' most renowned districts. Originally a posh quarter for the French aristocracy, by the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century the Marais had deteriorated into a grimy slum shunned by the Parisian public. Enlightened individuals stepped forward to save

the Marais for posterity. The stories of this historic district will surprise, shock and delight you.

**Cara Black**, author of five murder mysteries set in Paris, will talk about how she uncovered her alter-ego, crime investigator Aimee Leduc, and how she solves murders that never happened. She will discuss the process of creating the first in her series, "Murder in the Marais" and tell of places she visited that most Americans would never see.

Tuesday, February 26

### **Changing Course: Windcall and the Art of Renewal**

Author **Susan Wells** and her husband, Albert, are founding board members of the Abelard Foundation, which has been supporting social justice and change efforts since the civil rights movement. Ms Wells will discuss the Residence Programs they have established to address the frequent incidence of leadership burnout.

Wednesday, February 27

### **Trivia Night with Stephen Pudelka.**

Stephen leads this popular and lively evening. Bring your own team or come alone and join the fun (see p. 6).

Thursday, March 13

### **The Grass Roots Guy - Keep on Voting After the Election**

Local author **Joel Blackwell** discusses his new book about ways that ordinary people can impact policy.

Tuesday, March 25

### **The Audubon Canyon Ranch**

Docents **Jeanette Carr** and **Nancy Young** will present a power point program on the conservation and education mission of the Audubon Canyon Ranch.

Thursday, March 27

### **Duos for Violin and Cello from the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries**

**Barbara Bogatin**, cellist with the San Francisco Symphony, presents a recital by the Marin Chamber Soloists. The performers also will discuss the music and the composer's creative process.

### **Coming Attraction:** Date to Be Determined:

In April, the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society will present *An Illustrated History of The West Shore of Belvedere*, including the Cod Fishery and the Artists Colony. Numerous photos from the Landmarks collection, as well as audience participation (recollections of living on the West Shore Road) will be included.

# from the Teen Alcove!

For Middle and High School Students

## Read a Winner!

Thousands of books for teens are published each year. Out of that number, how can one choose which books to read? One way is to pick an award winner. A number of awards are given every year to authors of Young Adult books for books that tell a good story while providing a powerful venue for exploring concepts and ideas. Following are the 2008 Young Adult Book Award Winners:

**The Margaret A. Edwards Award** honors a specific author for his or her lifetime contribution to Young Adult literature, and also singles out specific works by that author for special recognition. This year's award went to writer **Orson Scott Card**, with special recognition for his following works, which are two of the all-time best sci-fi books available:

***Ender's Game*** - A young boy is sent to a challenging battle school where he learns to command others. What he doesn't know is how important his progress is to the world.

***Ender's Shadow*** - The story of Ender continues from the perspective of Bean, another boy at the battle school who is asked to serve humanity.

**The Michael L. Printz Award** is an award for a single book that exemplifies literary excellence in Young Adult literature. This year's winner is:

***The White Darkness***, by Geraldine McCaughrean  
Symone, a 14-year-old girl, thinks she is going on a dream vacation to Antarctica with her uncle. But survival becomes the object when her obsessed uncle puts them in great danger.

Four Honor books are also chosen. They are:  
***Dreamquake: Book Two of the Dreamhunter Duet***, by Elizabeth Knox  
In the finale to the Dreamhunter series, Laura's father disappears. While looking for him, Laura finds a mystery involving the true nature of the Place.

***One Whole and Perfect Day***, by Judith Clarke  
Think you have a crazy family? Lily lives in Australia with her eccentric relatives, dreaming of having one "whole and perfect day" in which everyone can be happy.

***Repossessed***, by A.M. Jenkins  
A fallen angel skips out of his job in the underworld, taking over the body of a 17-year-old boy in order to experience the feelings of a physical human, and resulting in greatly confusing the boy's family with his odd behavior.

***Your Own, Sylvia: A Verse Portrait of Sylvia Plath***, by Stephanie Hemphill  
The influence of people, events, and art on the short life of famous poet Sylvia Plath.

**The Alex Awards** are given each year to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to teens, ages 12 through 18. Following is a partial list of the 2008 Alex Awards:

***American Shaolin: Flying Kicks, Buddhist Monks, and the Legend of Iron Crotch: An Odyssey in the New China***, by Matthew Polly

This is the true and humorous story of a young American who hopes to become a kung fu master at the Shaolin Temple in China.

***Bad Monkeys***, by Matt Ruff  
Is Jane crazy or is she just caught up in a convoluted world of spies in which a secret organization assassinates "bad monkeys," aka evil people? This is a fast-paced, satirical story that will keep you guessing until the end.

***The God of Animals***, by Aryn Kyle  
Twelve-year-old Alice lives a difficult life in a dry Colorado town, helping her father with the family business. You will root for Alice as secrets and events combine to affect her life.

***A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier***, by Ishmael Beah  
This is the true story of a boy forced to leave childhood behind and become a rebel soldier in a war-torn African country. The events are frightening, yet in the end, both redeeming and inspiring.

***The Spellman Files***, by Lisa Lutz  
Izzy Spellman is the main character in a quirky and amusing new mystery series about a family of private detectives whose youngest member disappears suddenly.

A list of award-winning books with links to the catalog can be found on the Library's web site in the Teen section under Books & Authors. The direct link is <http://thelibrary.info/teens/book.htm>. Other book lists by genre can be found on the same page.

The next time you are looking for a great read, or come home from school with an assignment to read an "award-winning book," check out an award-winner.

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# ***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 & 11:00am, through April 28<sup>th</sup>  
Join us for songs and stories for the very young!

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

Tuesdays at 4pm, through April 29<sup>th</sup>  
More stories, songs and finger plays. Older children are welcome!

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

Wednesdays at 11am, through April 30<sup>th</sup>  
Stories, songs, finger plays and other surprises.

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

Wednesdays at 4pm, through April 30<sup>th</sup>  
Featuring a free copy of a chapter book, hot cocoa, and freshly baked cookies.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS for ages 5 and up**

All take place in the Founders Room unless otherwise noted.

### **Red Panda Acrobats**

*Thursday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm*  
Wayne Huey of Red Panda Acrobats will be performing moves guaranteed to amaze you with juggling, handstands, tightly fitting into a cylinder and more!

### **Traveling Lantern Theatre Presents: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe***

*Thursday, Mar 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm*  
Leap into the exquisite Land of Narnia! Inside a mysterious old house, children find a musty, magical wardrobe containing a secret entrance that leads them into a fantastic world. C.S. Lewis' Narnia is a land where a malicious Witch and a beautiful and dear Lion touch the hearts and influence the choices of all who enter.

### **Write Your Own Spy Story!**

*Thursday, Mar 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm*

Local author Elizabeth Singer Hunt presents a special young writers' workshop for children ages 7-10 years, where they will create secret agent/spy stories.

### **Flute Sweets & Tickletoons Presents: *Green Golly & Her Golden Flute***

*Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm*

Rapunzel may have been horrified to spend her days trapped in that big old tower but not Green Golly – she was delighted! She was so inspired by all that whizzed past her window that she couldn't help but make music. Featuring the music of Mozart, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Gossec, Elgar, Bizet, Chopin and Copland, this funny and extraordinarily musical event introduces children to the art of the flute and the magic of classical music.

### **Word for Word Presents: *When Tom Smith Caused the 1906 Earthquake***

*Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm (note special time)*

Who is the most powerful medicine man - Tom Smith or Big Jose? Animals talk, fire walks, many strange things happen, but Tom Smith isn't satisfied with everyday magic. He wants to be the most powerful. His out-of-control desire spreads strong magic all the way to San Francisco.

### **Clay Day Crafts for ages 5 and up.**

*Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm*

Join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Clay Day." We'll provide everything you need to make amazing clay gifts for Mother's Day.

### **Opera Piccola Presents: *The Stolen Aroma***

*Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm*

A hilarious production featuring the wealthy Imo, who accuses Slough Dog of stealing the aroma of his food. Text by Oakland playwright Beverly Jarrett, with African and jazz music by Wesley Riley.

### **Arthur's Birthday**

*Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>*

We'll be handing out party favors and birthday goodies all day in honor of Marc Brown's *Arthur the Aardvark*.

## Exercise Your Brain at Trivia Night

*Who is the only U.S. President to die in one year, and be buried in the next?\** *What does a Samhainophobe fear? \*\** If you answered those questions without skipping a beat, you're a great candidate for the Library's monthly Trivia Night. Even if you're still pondering the answers, you'd never be on the spot because you're part of a team, and usually all of us have some bit of knowledge unknown to others – that's how trivia works!

Trivia Night is held the last Wednesday of the month from 7:30-9:00pm in the Founders Room. According to Stephen Pudelka, the Trivia Night leader, "There are probably close to fifteen dedicated regulars, perhaps another ten semi-regulars, a few blue mooners, and the occasional first-timers. Attendees have spanned almost every possible age group. Some groups come as families, some as circles of friends, others are neighbors who meet up at Trivia Night and form ad hoc alliances."

Stephen's questions run the gamut of knowledge, and he is a natural for the role of leader. In his own words: "From an early age I was fascinated by history and facts and had the nerdy habit of randomly opening and reading *The Encyclopedia Britannica*. Consequently I became a rather precocious *Trivial Pursuit* player and joined my father for regular sessions of *Jeopardy*."

All are welcome. Whether you bring your own team or come solo, you are invited to join the fun.

\*Answer: Gerald Ford (2006/2007)

\*\* Answer: Halloween

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## the Teen Alcove Upcoming Events

All events are for students, grades 6-12

### Teen Valentine Party

Tuesday, February 12, 2008 from 3 - 5 pm  
Dance Dance Revolution and "Guess the Candy" game. Snacks, prizes and more!

### Crafts with Alexis

Thursday, March 13, 2008 from 2:30-4:30 pm  
Thursday, April 3, 2008 from 2:30-4:30 pm  
Thursday, May 8, 2008 from 2:30-4:30 pm  
Drop by after school for a fun crafts project with Alexis Berger, local artist. Materials will be provided.

### YAC Meetings (Youth Advisory Council)

Thursday, February 14 from 4-5 pm  
Thursday, March 13 from 4:00-5 pm  
Thursday, April 17 from 4:00-5 pm  
Help plan events, recommend books, music, DVDs and other materials for the teen collection, and earn community service credit.

### Teen Lounge in the Founders Room

Every Tuesday after school until 5:00 pm  
Come for the snacks, stay for homework, socializing, and occasional games.

Call Jacki, Teen Librarian, at 789-2665, ext. 238 if you have questions, or email [jschafer@bel-tib-lib.org](mailto:jschafer@bel-tib-lib.org)

## Welcome To Our New Staff

**John Erdmann** is our newest Reference Librarian. A Seattle native, John and his wife relocated to Marin for the great hiking and warmer weather. John has degrees in English Literature and Comparative Religion from the University of Washington, and a Masters Degree in Library Science. He is a Navy veteran and an active member of the U.S. Merchant Marine. His passions include vintage motorcycles and wooden boats. When the weather warms up, you may see him riding his Triumph Bonneville on his way to the Library.



**Patty McDonough** has joined us as a full-time Library Assistant in the Circulation and Technical Services Departments. Patty has a background in teaching and library services. She and her two daughters, Willow and Shannon, moved to Mill Valley from Chicago in 1993. Her main interests outside of the Library are hiking, reading, yoga, and the healing arts.





Photo by Diane Smith

## Our Port in a Storm .... A Letter of Appreciation

Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> was a wild day in the Bay Area, with storms wreaking havoc throughout the county and beyond. Fleeing from dark, cold and powerless homes, where did many of us go, but to the Library! It was warm, it had power, and it was packed! Disenfranchised computer geeks flocked to the library's computers, cell phone users charged up their phones in the Library Director's office, and book lovers settled into easy chairs for a cozy afternoon.

Although the Library normally closes at 5:00pm on weekends, the Library Director and her staff chose to extend the closing by an hour, so all of us could have an extra hour of light and warmth. And if that

were not enough, they served pots of hot chocolate for anyone who needed a little extra cup of comfort. Thank you Debbie Mazzolini and your entire staff.

It's the people involved that make a Library great. Everyone associated with creating and with supporting our Library should be proud of the central role it occupies in our community.

Larry Drew

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# Building Expansion



**The Library is seeking your input on the conceptual design for the Library expansion project.**

**Public meetings with EHDD Architects will be scheduled in early spring.**

**Notice of meetings will be placed in The Ark, posted at the Library, in the Community, and on the Library's website at <http://thelibrary.info>.**

**Please join us and share your thoughts. Together we will build an even greater Library.**

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## Top Ten Most Requested Library Books (as of February 2008)

1. *Tis for Trespass*, by Sue Grafton
2. *Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia*, by Elizabeth Gilbert
3. *The Senator's Wife*, by Sue Miller
4. *World Without End*, by Ken Follett
5. *In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto* by Michael Pollan
6. *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace—One School at a Time*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
7. *Stone Cold*, by David Baldacci
8. *Pillars of the Earth*, by Ken Follett
9. *Born Standing Up: A Comic's Life*, by Steve Martin
10. *The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court*, by Jeffrey Toobin

## You Can Borrow A Museum Pass from the Library

The Library is pleased to announce that we have acquired new museum passes to the Asian Art Museum. This is in addition to the passes we have already been circulating for the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. Library users can visit the Legion of Honor, the de Young, Copia in Napa, the San Jose Museum of Art, and now, the Asian Art Museum.

In order to borrow a pass you must reside in the 94920 zip code area and have an adult library card in good standing under your name. To reserve a pass, or for more information, please call the Reference Desk at 789-2661, or come in and talk to a Reference Librarian.

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