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A Newsletter from the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation
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Our Dynamic Duo!

Have you met our volunteers “extraordinaires”? Mary Defenderfer and Ruth Carlson have more creative and productive energy than many people half and even one quarter of their ages. For the past five years, Mary has been responsible for the delicious monthly library Afternoon Teas, which have become a popular and integral part of our community. She is also a member of the Program Committee, which presents all the lively and thought-provoking free evening programs, which are also part of what makes our library special.

Ruth Carlson is Chair of the Program Committee. When she first took the post, she decided that, given all the information she would need to organize, she should probably learn to use a computer. So, with a “Computers for Dummies” book in hand, and under fellow library volunteer Joan Rosenthal’s tutelage, Ruth charged into cyberspace. How many people over eighty-five would dare to attempt that? The intrepid Ruth did and she succeeded.

Is it their curiosity that keeps these women so vital? Mary says she has always looked for challenges. She belongs to two book clubs, and spends her spare time with friends and neighbors, at the theatre and traveling. For a number of years, she has provided a spare bedroom available for foreign graduate students because “they’re so interesting.” They must feel the same way about Mary because one of the young women stayed for six years! Now Mary is thinking of taking a canal trip in France and looks forward to whatever may happen next



Mary Defenderfer and Ruth Carlson

in her life. “I want to enjoy every day as it comes along...and always learn something new.”

Ruth, even as a young woman, was a forward-thinker, ahead of her times. Seeking adventure in her early thirties, she and her sister drove across the country from Philadelphia to San Francisco. From the minute they saw the City and stood at Ocean Beach, they knew they would stay. They both got jobs at I. Magnin, and Ruth took on more and more responsibility there until eventually she and a business partner bought their own shop in the Stonestown Mall. Over the course of time they expanded their enterprise to seven locations. After she retired, Ruth traveled extensively with her husband. When asked where she gets all her energy now, she replies, “Good genes I guess.” It must be true because in 1913, her mother, originally from Alsace Lorraine, bicycled to her own wedding from Miami to Palm Beach,

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Happenings in Our Community

A Nautical Night Success (again)!

On the beautiful, balmy evening of October 14th, the Bookmarks' Nautical Night II set sail. One hundred and seventy attendees at the Corinthian Yacht Club enjoyed good food, dancing, a silent auction featuring fine and rare wines, and a raffle that featured an extraordinary \$2,600 diamond bracelet donated by Old Gold Jewelers on Main Street.

A big round of applause goes to our Nautical Night event Co-Chairs Deb Flaum and Sonja Bohannon, whose vision, generosity, and tremendously hard work in taking this big project from start to glorious finish resulted in proceeds that topped \$34,000! Much of the evening's proceeds are earmarked for new books for the Children's Library and for the Children's Library Expansion Project.

If you are interested in the Children's Library, consider joining the Bookmarks.

We are a fundraising organization dedicated to the Belvedere-Tiburon Library's Children's Room. We'd love to see you there! Call our vice president and new member liaison Kim Gordon at 435-5258 to learn more!



What's In A Name

Sometimes names are revealing and helpful. Sometimes names are confusing. In September, the Peninsula Library Foundation's Board of Directors voted to change its name officially to the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation. The Board felt this change would clarify to the community, especially newcomers, that the specific purpose of the Foundation is to support the Belvedere-Tiburon Library.

When you receive the Foundation's Annual Request for donations, which will be mailed to all residents of the Peninsula in November, the envelope will feature our new name - Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation. Even though it's a new name, our purpose remains the same - to raise funds to support the Library's Collection, the Endowment fund, the Children's Room and the many programs and services the Library offers for the enjoyment of all. Help maintain the excellence of our library. Be a proud donor.

Support Your Library Join The Library Society



Thanks to the many residents of Belvedere, Tiburon and the Tiburon Peninsula who each year make an annual contribution, the Library has grown both as a library and as a community center since it first opened its doors.

The heart of any library is its book collection. Annual contributions by Library Society members underwrite approximately 40% of the money the Library spends on new acquisitions, which include books, newspapers, periodicals, reference materials, tapes, and software. We are also proud of the numerous wonderful programs offered by the Library for both children and adults. And we are most proud of all the people whose gifts make the Library such a special treasure.

The 2006 annual campaign to support the Library is now underway. Each year at this time, we send a message to all residents in the community, asking them to make a donation and become a member of the Library Society. Please join and help continue the outstanding level of service which our library provides. Donations begin at \$50.00 and are completely tax deductible. Our donors automatically become members of the Library Society and receive an invitation to attend a special event at the Library.

Residents of Belvedere and Tiburon will shortly receive a request in the mail to become members of the Library Society. Here are *three easy ways to join the Library Society*:

- Pay by check; use the return, addressed envelope.
- Charge your donation to VISA or MASTERCARD using the return envelope.
- Charge by phone: Call Mary Vella, Library Administration, at 789-2665, Ext. 228.

Wells Fargo's Gift

A heartfelt Thank You goes to the Wells Fargo Foundation in appreciation for its generous donation of \$1000.00 to the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation. The Library was one of thirty non-profit organizations in Marin and Sonoma Counties recognized by Wells Fargo Foundation for their work on behalf of the communities they serve. The donation has been added to the Library's Endowment Fund.

Funny Women, Physics, Health, Exotic Travel ... Mark your calendars for 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*.

Thursday, November 17

Remembering Richard Feynman

Ralph Leighton, local author, describes how the bestseller "Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!" and "What Do You Care What Other People Think" came about. This will be a DVD presentation.

Tuesday, November 29

Women Are Funny

May Kramer, local author and playwright, specializes in humor, and her book of comedy is being released November 1, 2005. Local actresses will read scenes or monologues from the book.

Thursday, December 1

Exploration Travels in Mongolia

Bill Lindqvist, Ph.D in Economic Geology, for years explored for gold deposits in many parts of the world. He will give us his impressions and present a slide show of his travels by train, helicopter or other vehicle across the Taiga, the grassy Steppes and the Gobi Desert.

Tuesday, December 6

The Casablanca Lounge Returns

The Library presents a sing-along evening of your favorite songs from Broadway musicals and Hollywood films. **Dr. Ira** at the keyboard, will preface selections with personal comments about the respective productions. Just bring along your voice and a desire to sing or listen. This will be fun!

Thursday, December 8

Bicycling in China

Alan Nichols, Belvedere Cyclist, presents a slide and video show of a 2,300 mile bicycle journey from Kashgar Xinjiang to Xian, China in April and May of 2005. He was the first person to bicycle the entire *Silk Web* (aka *Silk Road*).

Tuesday, December 13

Influenza, Is There a Pandemic Coming?

Dr. Larry Drew, Director of Clinical Virology Laboratories at UCSF, will discuss "bird" flu in the Far East, the pandemic of 1918, and prospects for a new pandemic. Includes visuals.

Thursday, December 15

Desert Flowers

Robert Badger, an environmental activist, instructor, lecturer and photographer, has recorded the beauty of the earth and its accelerating destruction for over 35 years. His images have appeared in the New York Times and Washington Post, Time, Newsweek and in many other publications. Includes slides.

*Afternoon Tea at
the Library*

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



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

The Program Committee is a group of volunteers who meet on the second Tuesday of each month (with the exception of August) to discuss ideas and make plans for programs that include a variety of interests. Here is a short report for the past year: Sixty-five programs were presented. The total attendance for the year was 2,335. The committee also hosted 10 teas and served between 30 and 40 guests on each occasion.

This past year, the types of programs presented broke down as follows:

Art - 6	Miscellaneous - 2.
Astronaut - 1	Music - 5
Authors - 13	Nature and Environment - 5
Culture - 3	Photography - 2
Economics - 2	Politics - 3
Gardening - 5	Travel - 9
Health - 4	TV and Radio
Local History - 3	Personalities - 2

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

- Thursday, January 19, 2006, Nancy Ramsey
- Tuesday, January 24, 2006, Victoria Colella
- Thursday, January 26, 2006, Marin Poetry Center

from the Teen Alcove!

Middle and High School Students

Come and Join Us!

We've Got Terrific Programs for Kids 12 & Up:

Saturday, November 19 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Anime!!

Continuing what has become a monthly event, we will show one of our recently purchased Anime (PG-13) DVDs and enjoy Japanese snacks (and probably pizza too). **Registration required!!**

Sunday, Jan. 15, 1-3 p.m. - Cartooning with Z-Man!

Professional cartoonist and animator Mark Ziemann, returns to teach cartooning techniques, storyboarding, character development and more.

Great New Books on the Teen Shelves:

Slalom by S. L. Rottman

Seventeen-year-old Sandro, having always lived in poverty with his mother in a wealthy ski resort town, finds his life transformed when the father he has never met suddenly returns and wants to be part of the family.

Siberia: a Novel by Ann Halam

Science fiction: After spending two years at a prison school, thirteen-year-old Sloe sets off on a trek across frozen wastelands, tending to the secret "seeds" of wild animals her mother left in her care.

Dead Reckoning by Laurie Lawlor

Emmet, a fifteen-year-old orphan, learns hard lessons about survival when he sails from England in 1577 as the servant of his cousin, Sir Francis Drake, aboard the Golden Hind.

The Perfect Shot by Elaine Marie Alphin

Brian uses basketball to block out memories of his girlfriend and her family who were gunned down a year ago, but the upcoming murder trial and a high school history assignment force him to face the past and decide how far he should go to see justice served.

Girls Dinner Club by Jessie Elliot

Junie, Celia, and Danielle, three ethnically diverse high schoolers in Brooklyn, form a friendship while cooking dinners together and helping one another sort through their romantic entanglements.

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) continues to meet every 2nd Tuesday at 4 p.m. Middle school and high school students are welcome to join us. We decide about future programs, choose new materials, and talk about books!

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approximately 60 miles. That's quite a legacy! It's hard to argue when Ruth declares that her secret to a long and happy life is simply to "keep moving."

When asked why they give so much of their time to the library, Mary and Ruth both replied, "We get so much more than we give." They find the weekly programs stimulating, and never fail to learn something, whether it's about diesel fuel, astronomy, NASA, music or the current exhibit at The Palace of the Legion of Honor.

Both women have lived in Tiburon for over forty years. They met first as neighbors and became good friends through their participation as volunteers in the library. The library is an important part of their social lives now and they treasure the friendships they have made here.

They are active Directors of the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation and their contributions are immeasurable. Debbie Mazzolini, the Library Director says, "I count my lucky stars on a daily basis for the amazing experience and pleasure of working with them."

Thank you Mary and Ruth. You have no idea how many people look to you as their role models.

The Flowers that Bloom in the Library

Everyone enjoys the fresh flowers that are presented to the Library each Monday, so here's a heartfelt thank you to our very gracious "Flower Squadron":



Donna Adams
Robin Allen
Beverly Armstrong
Jennifer Barker
Jill Barnett
Geri Barsotti
Hatsy Benton
Paula Berg
Susan Bernheim
Golda Boeck
Ginny Boesel
Barbara Boyer
Annie Briggan
Robin Daly
Lois Epstein
Barbara Hirschfeld
Jean Howard

Noelle Kamanski
Carol Kurland
Liz Larson
Lois Limbach
Sandra MacDonald
Dawn O'Dell
Barbara Patten
Arlene Pinkerton
Gwen Price
Barbara Rogers
Nancy Rogers
Jan Schmidt
Cindy Schneider
Susan Sundberg
Chris Telischak
Betty Yoder

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, Jan. 23rd to April 24th
Frolic with your baby to songs and finger plays!

Preschool Story time *for ages 3-5*

Tuesdays at 4pm, January 17th through April 25th
Join us for stories, songs and finger plays. Older children are welcome!

Toddler Story time *for 2's*

Wednesdays at 11am, January 18th through April 26th
Stories, songs, finger plays and other surprises.

Cocoa Hour Read Along *for ages 7 & up*

Wednesdays at 4pm, January 18th through April 26th
Featuring a free copy of a chapter book, hot cocoa, and freshly baked cookies.

Bookworms Reading Club *for pre K (4 1/2 yrs)-grade 2*

Second Tuesday of the month, 3:30-4:00pm
Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11
Each month Alicia will read a book, lead a discussion and participants will make a small craft project.
Suggested donation of \$25 to cover cost of materials.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Free Music Class *for infants to age 4.*

Saturdays at 10:30am in the Founders Room
Nov. 12, Dec. 3, Jan. 7
Music Educator Bill Polits will lead babies, toddlers and their caregivers in a fun-filled morning of singing and dancing.

Bookmarks Movie Nights *for ages 10 & up*

5:30pm in the Founders Room
Sign up early for these favorites for older kids.
Popcorn provided.

Friday November 4th - **The Pacifier**

Friday January 20th **Three Ninjas**

Harvest Cookie Workshop *for ages 5 & up*

Thursday November 17th at 4pm in the Founders Room.
This program is always a tasty favorite. Come decorate delicious gingerbread cookies with an assortment of sprinkles and wacky frostings.

Special Preschool Story Times with Sharon Heron *for ages 3-5*

Tuesday December 6th at 4pm
Featuring a live Corn Snake.
Tuesday January 31st at 4pm
Featuring a Hissing Cockroach.

Teddy Bear Craft Day *for ages 5 & up*

Thursday December 8th at 4pm
Celebrate the season on this special day of Teddy Bear Crafts. We'll provide the makings of a fun filled creative afternoon. Registration is required.

Annual Teddy Bear Tea *for ages 2 & up*

Saturday December 10th
You and your favorite bear are invited to our Teddy Bear Tea! Wear your holiday finest, enjoy music, refreshments, stories and crafts. Information on seating & invitations are available in the Children's Room. This sells out quickly every year.

Nutcracker Puppet Show by "The Puppet Company" *for all ages*

Saturday December 17th at 10:30am in the Founders Room.
Don't miss this great puppet performance featuring the music of Tchaikovsky and beautiful handmade puppets.

Storyteller Pam Brown with Origami Stories and Crafts *for ages 6 & up*

Thursday January 26th at 4pm in the Founders Room.
Pam will tell wonderful stories while folding origami pieces. Kids will make origami to take home.

Valentine Crafts with Sharon Heron *for ages 5 & up.*

Thursday February 9th at 4pm in the Founders Room

Community Happenings

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Welcome Steger Johnson

The Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency is delighted to welcome Steger Johnson, Esq. as its newest member from Belvedere. Mr. Johnson served on the Belvedere City Council for eight years and was the Mayor in 1996-97 and 2001-02. He also served on the Belvedere Planning Commission from 1988-1994.

Steger Johnson replaces Ken Johnson, Esq. who fulfilled his term on the Agency Board. We thank Ken for his insight, service and leadership as a past Chair. Current members are Justin Faggioli (Vice Chair) and Ann Otter representing Belvedere; Lori Buckley representing the Reed School District; and Allan Bortel, Mary Falk and Victoria Fong (Chair) representing Tiburon.

eScrip and the Library, What A Team!

Did you know that shopping at some of Marin's favorite stores, including Macy's, Whole Foods, Andronico's, Paradise Foods, Molly Stone's, and Safeway, could improve the services we offer at the library? Your eScrip membership costs absolutely nothing and with a simple application process can reap benefits in the hundreds of dollars. Participating merchants will make contributions to the library based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered. Check out the website at www.escrip.com or stop by the library for an application form for this valuable program.

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, George and Christine Bo-Linn, and Nabuo Kodama and Elaine M. Crepeau. Thanks also to the Infiniti dealership of Marin, which has facilitated the development of our Vehicle Donation Program.

News You Can Use

Copy Better and Faster

In our last newsletter we announced that the library has 3 NEW copy machines. Now we'd like you to know that we have 3 IMPROVED copy machines. Due to popular demand, both the color and black and white copiers now print multiple copies - making the machines more user-friendly. Try us again for your copying needs.

Find What You're Looking For

<http://www.bel-tib-lib.org/community/businesses.htm>

Did you know that over 130 local businesses have their own Web sites? The Library's local business Web directory lists local businesses in eleven categories, ranging from Architects, to Health and Fitness, to Real Estate, to Retail Stores. To be listed in the directory, businesses must be located in Belvedere or Tiburon or in the unincorporated area of the Peninsula. Realtors doing significant business in the local area are also listed. If you are a local businessperson and would like to see your Web site in the directory, we would love to hear from you! Send email to refdesk@bel-tib-lib.org or give us a call at 789-2661.

Recycle Your Cell Phones and Cartridges

Welcome to an innovative way to support the Library while helping the environment. You can recycle your used cell phones and empty inkjet, laser, fax and copier cartridges right here. The Library has teamed up with Cartridges For Kids® to help keep these items out of the landfills and generate funds for the Library. The next time you replace a cartridge or cell phone, deposit the old one in the box by the copiers at the Library. A few of these will buy a new book!

Visit the De Young on Us

The new de Young museum is now open and if you have a Library card and live in the 94920 area, you can borrow the Library's membership card to visit the Legion of Honor as well as the de Young. The card gives you museum membership privileges for the day. Call the Reference Desk to reserve a time at 789-2661 or email to refdesk@bel-tib-lib.org.

From The Reference Desk

Coming in November

The Know-It-All Electronic Database Contest

Weekly Prizes: Here's an opportunity to have some fun, learn about new information resources, and perhaps win a fabulous prize: Enter The Belvedere-Tiburon Library's weekly Know-It-All Electronic Database Contest! Every Tuesday beginning in November, we'll post a new question on our Electronic Databases page. The correct answer will be lurking within one of the databases listed on the page. Search and see if you can find the answer! If you find it, you can follow the contest submission form link on the page and send us your name and your answer.

The Library subscribes to over twenty-five databases that contain resources ranging from newspaper articles, to genealogical information, to antiques prices. Most of the databases are available to you from home over the Internet; in most cases, you'll need to log into them using your library card and PIN. If you don't yet have a PIN, stop by the Library and we can get you set up. Searching and browsing through a database is a little like searching and browsing the Internet; you click on

links, you enter search terms, and you browse through results. There's nothing you can break, so feel free to explore as widely as you like! You'll find vast troves of information that are unavailable using Google or any other free search engine or Internet database.

Here's how to find the Library's Electronic Databases:

- Start at the Library's Home Page: www.thelibrary.info
- Click on the link on the right side of the page that says *Electronic Databases* (underneath where it says *Virtual Library*)
- You can also go directly to the page by typing in this address: <http://www.thelibrary.info/reference/databases.htm>

Contest Rules: To be eligible you must have a Belvedere-Tiburon Library card and live within the 94920 zip code area. Information about the current week's prize will appear on the contest submission form. There is a limit of one entry per person per week. If more than one correct answer is received, we will hold a drawing to randomly select a winner from the list of people with correct answers. Answers must be received by end-of-day on the closing day of the contest. Winners will also be notified by telephone.

Fear of Mice? Try Mousercize!

Would you like to take some computer training classes at the Library, but feel challenged because you don't know how to use a mouse? Or do you look at our online library catalogs, and walk away in frustration because you need to be able to use a mouse to look up a book? Conquer your frustrations and join us for a non-threatening drop-in mousercize workshop.

We'll set up our laptop computers in the Founders Room, and our computer savvy Netsharks will be there to help you get started. Come in and play some simple mouse-practice exercises. Then when you're ready, play a game of Solitaire. Our first lab will be Monday, November 14th, 11:00 am to 12:00. The second lab will be Monday, December 5th, 11:00 am to 12:00. Please join us! You can build confidence and have some fun at the same time.

Remember, once you know how to use a mouse, you can sign up for one-on-one Internet training with our Netsharks. Call the Reference Desk at 789-2661 for more information about all our computer training.

New Periodicals

Over the next three months we will be subscribing to the periodicals and newspapers listed below. Watch for these new titles and let us know what you think!

- Southwest Art
- Sports Car International
- Travel Smart
- Motor Trend Classic
- Believer -- a book review magazine from the Bay Area
- New York Times Large Print Weekly
- Paste -- a music magazine covering adult-album-alternative, Americana and indie rock genres
- Sierra Club Yodeler -- the Sierra Club's Bay Area newspaper

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Holiday Wreath Exhibition and Silent Auction



Exhibit - December 5 through December 10

Auction – Saturday, December 10

Last year, The Bookmarks hosted a Holiday Wreath Exhibition in conjunction with the group's Annual Teddy Bear Tea. The exhibition featured 23 wreaths made by architects, florists, nurseries, interior designers, and other creative members of the community, such as the lovely one donated by the Bel-Tib Girl Scout troop pictured here. This year's exhibition promises another delightful and varied assortment of wreaths. All proceeds from the auction benefit the Belvedere-Tiburon Library's Children's Room.

The Bookmarks will host a reception for all the wreath makers on Tuesday, December 6th at 3:30 p.m. in the Founder's Room. Cookies and milk, coffee and other tasty treats will be served and everyone in the community is welcome to come out and celebrate our talented artists. If you are interested in making a wreath for this year's exhibition, please call Ginna Milan at 435-6535.

We'd Rather Buy Books!

The Belvedere-Tiburon Library expansion project is being challenged in a lawsuit, Fenster v. the Town of Tiburon, in which the Library is considered a real party in interest. In the first hearing in the Marin Trial Court, the Town and the Library prevailed and the Fenster petition was denied. This decision has been appealed and will be heard in the Appellate Court. The challenge is to the Town Council's decision to allow the Library expansion on the land abutting the back of the current building.

Work on the expansion is quietly moving forward nonetheless. The Library Foundation has established a

'think tank' to develop an approach and a timeline for fundraising. In addition, the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency Trustees have discussed hiring a Library building consultant to analyze and further refine space requirements, service and program considerations and adjacent issues based on the current needs assessment. This document would outline the project and serve as the premise for further detail work and community input.

The lawsuit is not slowing the project to any great extent, but it is costing the Library taxpayer money, currently at \$25,000, and expected to more than double with the appeal.

IN THE STACKS

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