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IN THE STACKS

A Newsletter from the Peninsula Library Foundation

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Special Information Services

Cook up some Questions for the Q and A Cafe

Our Library, as a participating member of the Questions and Answer Café online interactive reference service, offers local residents access to special information services. You can easily take advantage of the following services:



Need homework help? - Get a live tutor!

Get help with your homework in math, science, English, and social studies Monday -Thursday 4pm-8pm. This service is for students in 5th through 12th grades, and also for students taking selected freshman college courses. Simply fill out the form, indicating that you want to talk to a tutor. Your librarian will then take you to the Live Homework Help web site.

Top Books On Hold

What You're Reading

- 1 *The Lovely Bones*, by Alice Sebold
- 2 *Q is for Quarry*, by Sue Grafton
- 3 *Blue Shoe*, by Anne Lamott
- 4 *Blessings: a Novel*, by Anne Quindlen
- 5 *Longitudes and Attitudes*, by Thomas L. Friedman
- 6 *The Dive from Clausen's Pier*, by Anne Packer
- 7 *The Piano Tuner*, by Philip Mason
- 8 *Reversible Errors*, by Scott Turow
- 9 *December 6*, by Martin Cruz Smith
- 10 *Bel Canto*, by Ann Patchett
- 11 *The Crimson Petal and the White*, by Michel Faber
- 12 *Empire Falls*, by Richard Russo
- 13 *The Book of Illusions*, by Paul Auster
- 14 *The Little Friend*, by Donna Tartt
- 15 *Blood of Victory*, by Alan Furst

Talk with Medical Librarians

Medical librarians staff this service some hours during the week. The Stanford Health Library is pioneering this service for people in California. You may also find your answer on The Stanford Health Library's web site, healthlibrary.stanford.edu, or email the library at health.library@medcenter.stanford.edu.

...and Law Librarians too!

Eleven public law libraries throughout California staff this service for some hours during the week. You may also find your law information at Courts Self-Help Center, <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/>. This site is intended to help you find legal assistance, learn about California law, work better with an attorney, and represent yourself in some legal matters. This site does not provide legal advice.

Just go the library's home page at thelibrary.info and click on the QandA Café Online Reference Librarian link, or go directly to QandAcafe.com. Enter the Bel-Tib zip code, and you're there.

Bestseller Collection Debuts

As part of our effort to provide our patrons with the current bestsellers, the Library has created a special collection of the best selling fiction titles. You can find our Bestseller Collection displayed on revolving shelving across from the Circulation Desk. One copy of the top best selling fiction will be rush-processed and made available for a 7 day checkout. There will be no reserves or renewals—the idea is to get these popular titles to as many Belvedere-Tiburon Library patrons as possible! If demand warrants, additional copies will be added.

Our Library Community

Bash-full Bookmarks

The Bookmarks, a group of supporters of the Children's Library, are quickly getting a reputation for throwing the best bashes. Most recently they threw a wildly successful Tailgate Party, planned a series of Movie Nights for third through fifth graders (see page 5) and are hard at work on the third annual Teddy Bear Tea.

The Tailgate Party, co-chaired by Jeannie Austrian and Adriene Coffey, took place on Saturday, September 21,



Co-chair Adrienne Coffey with celebrity auctioneer Tom Snyder at the lively Tailgate Auction

2002. Thanks to the many Tiburon and Belvedere sponsors, including Tiburon Mayor Tom Gram, and the generous support of Main Street Properties, The Bookmarks raised \$35,000. Proceeds are earmarked for the children's book collection, the many free children's programs, and the Endowment Fund.

Saturday, December 7, 2002

Teddy Bear Tea, Art Exhibit & Auction

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the teddy bear, so it is fitting that the Bookmarks are gearing up for their third annual Teddy Bear Tea (see page 5 for details). The Tea has been such a phenomenal success that it has grown to include a **Teddy Bear Art Exhibit and Auction**. The Art Exhibit runs from November 16th through December 14th, with teddy bear art by local artists as well as the children of our community. There will also be a Teddy Bear Arts and Crafts day on Saturday, November 23rd (see page 5). For information on any of these events, please see the Children's Librarian.

The Library's Vehicle Donation Program

Appeals for Wheels

You can help support the endowment and perpetuation of our library when you donate a used vehicle to the Peninsula Library Foundation. It is much easier than the hassle of selling your used car, or even trading it in when you are ready for a new one, and it benefits both our library and you.

Your donation is tax-deductible for the fair market value of your vehicle. For further details and information, please call 789-2656.



Rita Fink

The Library is greatly indebted to the following people who have donated their vehicles since the program began a few months ago: **Tiburon Mayor Tom Gram and Janice Anderson-Gram, Barbara and Len Rogers, James Gallagher, and Rita Fink.**

eScrip Grows the Library

Over the last nine months the number of Library patrons who have joined eScrip has increased by 50%. When you shop with your coded credit card (or your Safeway Card at Safeway) the Library receives an amount equivalent to 2% of your purchase and sometimes much more...and the \$10.00 annual fee is now being paid for you. The merchants most patronized by our members are Safeway, Mollie Stone's, Boardwalk Market, Whole Foods and Paradise Foods. Goodman Building Supply, Big 5 Sporting Goods, Selix Formal Wear, and The Sharper Image, among others, are also in the program.

Help us continue to enhance our Library by going to the website: www.escrip.com and subscribing, or by obtaining a simple form at the Circulation Desk. The Library's eScrip ID is 141506832.

Thank You

The Peninsula Library Foundation wishes to extend many thanks for the gracious donations to the Library Society made in honor of, and in memory of, the following people:

In Honor of: Dr. Lois Epstein

In Memory of:

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| Joan Bassett | Frank Rox |
| Alice Thomas | Dominic Kessler |
| Bert Talbott | Ben Jarvis |
| John M. Price | Beatrice Rice |
| Donald Tayer | Harold Robinson |
| Dorothy Callaway | Charles N. Findlay |

Programs In The Founders Room

Thursday, November 21

Nancy Cappelloni, author, on *Cooking with Cranberries-America's Native Fruit*. This is a fascinating account on the use of cranberries by the early settlers and Indian tribes.

Tuesday, December 3

Don Bowden, lecturer, on *Travels through Loire, Burgundy and other locations in Central France* (with slides).

Tuesday, December 10

Michael Shapiro, award winning travel writer, discusses *Best Travel Sites on the Web*.

Thursday, December 12

Grover Sales on Jazz: *The Art of Improvisation*.

Tuesday, January 7, 2003

Art Program - Rita Dunlay, Docent, will present a slide show and lecture on *Winslow Homer, Artist and Angler*.

Friday, January 10

INTRODUCING FILM NIGHT. Feature to be announced. Film makers, directors, writers, actors, etc., interested in showcasing their works should contact the library.

Thursday, January 16

Abbot Chambers, Reference Librarian, will instruct on the use of *PRO QUEST, a newspaper data base*.

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Please join us for **Afternoon Tea and Cookies** in the Founders Room from 3 to 4 pm.

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Ephemera With Eli, Library trivia night



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

The Program Committee welcomes new members. Please call Ruth Carlson at 388-7649 for further information.

JOIN THE LIBRARY SOCIETY It's Your Library



You may not realize that many of the Library's resources which you use (e.g. computers, newspapers, tapes, along with books), are made available through the continuing generosity of members of the Library Society. Membership dues contribute over 40% of the funds the Library spends annually on new materials. The Library Society's 2003 Annual Membership Drive is now underway. **If you are a current member, it's time to renew.** If you are not yet a member, please

offer your support by joining at this time. Memberships begin at the \$50.00 level and many members give additional donations because they know these funds are used exclusively for the Library's collection. A special festive event is held each year for members.

To join or renew: Send in the coupon below, or ask the Librarian at the Circulation Desk for a Library Society membership envelope. Renewing members can also mail in the membership envelope sent to them earlier this month.

YES!! I want to join the Library Society and help maintain the Library's excellence!

Annual dues: ___\$50 ___\$100 ___\$250 ___\$500

(check one) ___Lifetime member: \$2500

Amount of my payment: \$ _____

___ Check enclosed, payable to Peninsula Library Foundation

___ Charge my ___ Visa ___ MasterCard Account number _____

Expiration Date _____ Signature _____

Name (Print) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

MAIL TO: Peninsula Library Foundation
PO Box 483, Tiburon, CA 94920
or DROP IT OFF at the Circulation Desk

Privacy Policy at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library

With the growth in complexity and interconnection of personal information databases in 21st Century America, public library users are justifiably concerned about the records being kept by their libraries and their possible abuse. The Belvedere-Tiburon Library ensures the privacy of its patrons in two ways: first by maintaining a strict policy on confidentiality of records, and second by purposely not keeping historical records of materials checked out and library Internet usage.

Confidentiality

The Belvedere-Tiburon Library's Confidentiality of Records Policy mandates that all circulation records, records identifying names of users with specific materials and all Library registration files identifying names, addresses and telephone numbers shall be confidential. All staff members must respect this right of confidentiality and no records are to be made available in response to any inquiries, governmental or otherwise, unless a subpoena has been served and the appropriate Library administration personnel have consulted with legal counsel to determine whether disclosure is warranted. This policy is in accordance with the recommendations of the American Library Association and the requirements of California State Government Code Section 6254 (J).

Historical Records

The best way to ensure that records are kept private is by not keeping records in the first place. With the exception of records relating to fines and damaged items, the library's circulation system automatically deletes all records that would show how a patron has been using the library. Likewise, we do not keep browsing records for our Internet terminals; all URLs, cookies, files, and logins are purged at the time that a patron logs off of a computer. We also delete all reservation records for the Internet stations on a weekly basis.

If you would like more information or have any questions or concerns about your privacy at the library, please call Debbie Mazzolini, Director of the Belvedere-Tiburon Library, at (415) 789-2660.

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Welcome to our New Circulation Desk Supervisor

Help us welcome **Jason Duran**, our new Circulation Desk Supervisor. Phil Brown, who supervised the



Jason Duran

Circulation Desk with great expertise for the past four years, has moved to New Mexico. Jason brings extensive library experience to us, having worked at Santa Clara County Library, Stanford's Robert Crown Law Library, and Sonoma County Library. In addition, he has worked as a technical writer for Sun Microsystems. You may see a few changes here

or there as the circulation department experiments with new ideas, but its focus will continue to be on public service. Jason is filling a very important post for us and we welcome him wholeheartedly.

New Periodicals

Beginning in January 2003, the Library will be subscribing to the several new periodicals listed below. With the addition of these magazines our periodical collection will increase to over 440 titles. Watch for these new titles and let us know what you think:

Ancestry: Tips and techniques for researching your family history

Body and Soul: Balanced Living in a Busy World

Book: The Magazine for the Reading Life

Bookmarks: Your Guide to the Best in Books

Harvard Health Letter

International Travel News

Imagine: Opportunities and Resources for Academically Talented Youth

John Hopkins Medical Letter: Health After 50

Juice: Definitive lifestyle magazine for youth

Men's Health

Mental Floss: Feel Smart Again - Lets you feel good about trivia

Spin: Gives you the spin on music and youth culture

The Week: All you need to know about everything that matters

From the Children's Room

Ongoing Programs

Note that pre-registration is required for the ongoing programs. Call Alicia Bell, Children's Librarian at 789-2662 to register.

Baby Bounce for ages 2 and under on Mondays at 10:30am & 11 am, beginning Jan 13th. Songs and fingerplays!

Preschool Storytime for ages 3-5 on Tuesdays at 4pm, beginning Jan 14th. Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays. Older children welcome!

Toddler Storytime for 2's on Wednesdays at 11am, beginning Jan 15th. Stories, songs, fingerplays and other surprises just for 2 year olds!

Cocoa Hour Read Along for ages 7 & up on Wednesdays, beginning Jan 15th, featuring a great chapter book, and a free copy of the book to take home. With freshly baked cookies and hot cocoa.

Special Programs

Teddy Bear Craft Day for ages 4 & up, Saturday November 23rd at 2:30pm in the Founders Room. Celebrate the 100th year of the Teddy Bear, and decorate your library on this special day of Teddy Bear crafts. Pre-registration is required.

Annual Teddy Bear Tea, Saturday December 7th. You and your favorite bear are invited to our Teddy Bear Tea. Wear your holiday finest, enjoy music, refreshments, stories and crafts. Information on seatings and invitations is available in the Children's Room. This sells out quickly every year.

The Nutcracker Puppet Show by "The Puppet Company" for all ages, Saturday December 14th at 1:30pm. Don't miss this great puppet performance featuring the music of Tchaikovsky and beautiful hand made puppets. This takes place across the parking lot at the **Town Hall Council Chambers** to accommodate all our puppet show fans.

"Chac the Rain Spirit: a Mayan Folktale", Performance by Opera Piccola Theater Company for ages 5 and up, Saturday January 25th at 1pm in the Founders Room. Theatrical pageantry will dazzle the eye in this special performance by the Opera Piccola Theater Company. Enjoy this national award-winning theater troupe's visit to Tiburon.

Stories for Chinese New Year with Clara Yen for ages 5 and up on Thursday February 6th at 4pm in the Founders Room. Join us for a magic multicultural afternoon of stories from China with children's librarian, Clara Yen.

Valentines Day Crafts for ages 5 and up on Thursday February 13th at 4pm in the Founders Room. We'll provide the makings for festive Valentines Day gifts that you can give to someone special. Pre-registration is required.

...and new homework helpers:

Here are two great updated resources. Each includes charts, in depth articles and current statistics on world plant and animal life:

Reference: 590.3 International Wildlife Encyclopedia

Reference: 333.9 Endangered Wildlife and Plants of the World



Great story, Alicia!

A film series for the younger crowd:

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

In October, our fabulous Bookmarks group inaugurated a Friday night movie series, planned especially for 3rd through 5th graders. This fun new event runs from 6:30 to 8:45 pm, and comes complete with pizza, popcorn and a free copy of a novel that complements the evening's film. Mark your calendars for the following dates:



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| January 24 th | "Harriet the Spy" |
| March 14 th | "Fly Away Home" |
| May 16 th | To be announced |

Note that advance registration is required as seating is limited to 50 children per evening. Please check with the Librarian to obtain a registration form.

Narrowing a Library Catalog Search
Take It To The Limit!

Here's the situation: You're sitting down at the library's Web-based catalog and you want to find out if the Belvedere-Tiburon Library has any copies of audio books by Sue Grafton. You run a title search on the author's name and discover that you now have 104 records to wade through. Some of the records are for audio books but most are for other formats. And even when you find an audio book you want, it may turn out that there are copies available at other Marin County libraries, but not at Belvedere-Tiburon. This brief tutorial will show you how to make your life easier by using the catalog's limit feature.



Step 1: From the MARINet home page, click on Author. You can reach the MARINet page from the Search the Library's Catalog link on the library's home page at www.thelibrary.info.



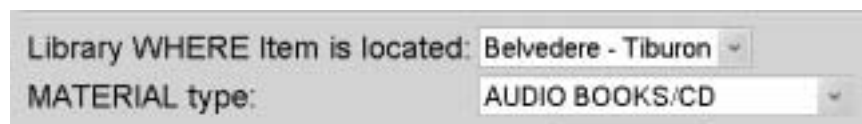
Step 2: Type the name of the author you are looking for in the format *last name first name*, e.g. *grafton sue*.



Step 3: From your results page, click on the Limit/Sort Search button in the upper right hand corner of the page.



Step 4: Select "Belvedere-Tiburon" from the *Library WHERE item is located* pull-down menu. Select "AUDIO BOOKS/CD".



Step 5: You now have a list of Sue Grafton audio books that are available at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library. You still need to click on the name of a title to see if it is currently on the shelf.

You can also use the limit function to limit your results by language, publication year, periodical name, and publisher.

NEW In The Collection

Financial Publications

A Wealth of Financial Information

Check out these new titles in the Personal Investment Resources collection at the Reference Desk:

Morningstar Funds 500. (Annual Sourcebook 2002 ed.): From the creators of *Morningstar Mutual Funds*: The *Morningstar 500* provides historical and current performance data on a select group of popular and new mutual funds. It includes a one-page analysis of each fund with many of the exclusive Morningstar rating features. Analysts looked at more than 12,000 funds to find their favorites in each investment category. While not as current as the regular Morningstar Mutual Funds report, it is a good place to begin your mutual fund selection research. Updated annually.

The Library has also added three Weiss ratings' guide publications to its collection. Weiss has been in the rating business for over 30 years. It considers the risk of the investment, as well as its performance.

Weiss Ratings' guide to stock mutual funds: a quarterly compilation of investment ratings and analysis covering equity and balanced mutual funds (Spring 2002). Provides a tabular performance rating and a short written evaluation of each included mutual fund.

Weiss Ratings' guide to common stocks: a quarterly compilation of ratings and analysis covering common stocks traded on the NYSE, AMEX and NASDAQ (Summer 2002). A broad range of fundamental and technical data is condensed "into a single composite opinion of each stock's risk-adjusted performance" (from their preface).

Weiss Ratings' guide to bond and money market mutual funds: a quarterly compilation of mutual fund ratings and analysis covering fixed income funds (Summer 2002).

In addition to the above new financial publications, the Library continues to subscribe to the following investment newsletters:

Standard & Poor's Outlook: S&P's analysis of stock market trends. Individual stocks are discussed and recommendations are made to meet a variety of investment objectives.

Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings and reports on approximately 1,700 equity issues. Selection & Opinion, a feature section, gives Value Line's views on the economy and the stock market and on stocks of special interest. It also provides model portfolios for investors with various objectives and a number of economic and stock market statistics.

Value Line Investment Survey – Expanded Edition: Reports on 1,800 mostly small-cap stocks not included in the standard Investment Survey.

Hulbert Financial Digest: Rankings of top-performing investment newsletters.

Morningstar Mutual Funds: Full-page reports on more than 1,700 mutual funds.

FOCUS on Large Print

Blessings, by Anna Quindlen: "This powerful new novel begins when a teenage couple drives up to Blessings, the estate owned by Lydia Blessing, and leaves an infant. 'Quindlen knows that all the things we ever will be can be found in some forgotten fragment of family.'" *The Washington Post Book World*.

A Fine Balance, by Rohinton Mistry: "A sweeping story, in a thoroughly Indian setting, that combines Dickens's vivid sympathy for spirit and the searing heartbreak of failed dreams." *Kirkus Reviews*.

Sea Glass, by Anita Shreve: "Shreve once again scores big with a wonderful new novel about marriage and love played out during the early months of the Depression." *Library Journal*.

The Shelters of Stone, by Jean Auel: "After twelve years, Auel continues her famed 'Earth's Children' series with this fifth volume in a planned six-part series set in prehistoric Europe." *Library Journal*

City of Bones, by Michael Connelly: "Hard-boiled LAPD detective Harry Bosch has been working the beat for more than 25 years (and thrilling readers for more than ten), and he just keeps getting better." *Library Journal*.

Teen Scene

The teen program at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library has taken off! From a Cartooning Workshop and Simpson Trivia Contest, to a Pizza Taste-Off this past summer, look what's in store now:



SAT Prep Workshop: On Saturday, January 18, 2003, a tutor from the Princeton Review will give a workshop from 10:30 am to noon. This will be a great opportunity to glean some helpful tips. A similar workshop may be scheduled later in the spring.

Teen Cartoon Workshop: On Saturday, February 1, 2003, from 1:00-3:00 pm we'll welcome back cartoonist, illustrator and comic strip artist, Mark Ziemann for another fabulous session. Mark will teach kids ages 11 & up to create their own comic strips, work on story ideas, and design fun cartoon characters. This workshop will fill up very quickly, so be sure to pre-register.

We also have some terrific new books pouring in to the Teen section, which are featured on special display shelves. Note the lists on our display table with recommendations of favorite books, including "Keep OUT! Private & Confidential! Teen fiction in Diary Form" and "Mystery and Suspense for Teens."

Your comments and suggestions are welcome in the Teen Suggestion Box! We've already received some wonderful ideas from teens on new materials to buy, and possible events to schedule. More workshops, movie nights and other fun events for the spring are in the planning stages. Check the library web site calendar in December for further details.

An Invitation to Middle and High

School Students: If you love books, why not join our **Youth Advisory Council**, which meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 4:00pm. This is a chance for you to not only get credit for community service, but also to have a voice in choosing new books and CDs, and planning programs specifically designed for you and your peers.

Software at the Library

Did you know that word processing and spreadsheet software are available on the Library's public computers? You can use Microsoft Word 2002 for letters, resumes, brochures, research papers, and all your documents. In addition, Microsoft Excel 2002 is available for your spreadsheet needs.

All you need to access the library computers is a library card and a PIN number, or personal password. Librarians can help you set up PIN numbers and find these software applications on the library computers. Although we cannot teach you how to use Word or Excel, we have excellent books available at the Reference Desk that will get you started, or increase your current skills.

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