



IN THE STACKS

A Newsletter from the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation

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A Resource for These Times

According to an article published in the *San Francisco Chronicle* on January 10, 2009, entitled *5 Trends for 2009*, Americans will be spending more time at home this year. The article states that “we’ll be staying in and watching TV/DVDs, playing games and maybe even reading books this year. More than 72 percent of those surveyed said their budgets are keeping them at home more often.”

Ten ways the Belvedere-Tiburon Library can help:

1. Reading books borrowed from the Library is a no-brainer, of course. We have all the best sellers, as well as a fine collection of classics you’ve always wanted to read.
2. Entertain at home or dine-in — try some new recipes from our collection of cookbooks, or bring home a recent issue of *Bon Appetit*, *Saveur*, or *Every Day with Rachel Ray* — just a few of our circulating collection of popular magazines.
3. Consumer Resources —Our issues of *Consumer Reports*, car buying guides, and *Bay Area Checkbook* help you make smart choices before buying.
4. DVDs — check out our collection of feature films and documentaries, including our Hot Flicks collection of new releases.
5. CDs — an evening at home cocooned in front of the fireplace with a great book is even better with some wonderful music playing in the background. The Library has a huge assortment of CDs in all genres.
6. Audiobooks — we offer books on CD, tape, and now on iPod-ready MP3 CDs, as well as our popular Playaways — portable headphone-ready digital players. You can even download a book and listen on your PC.
7. Financial Newsletters —Consult the *Value Line Investment Survey*, *Morningstar Mutual Funds*, *TheStreet.com Ratings Guides*, *Standard & Poor’s The Outlook*, and others from our Reference collection.
8. Computers — we have PCs for public use and free Wifi access when you bring your own laptop. Plus we offer free workshops in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, using your iPod, Google searching and much, much more.
9. Save money on newspapers, newsletters & magazines — the Library subscribes to the *New York Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Marin IJ*, *Wall St. Journal*, *Barrons* and more, as well as over 350 magazine titles, 25 of which can be checked out. We also have some of the best health newsletters like *Harvard Health Letter*, *UC Berkeley Wellness Letter*, and *DukeMedicine HealthNews*.
10. Borrow a museum pass — the Library now has passes to the de Young, Legion of Honor, Asian, Exploratorium, and Bay Area Discovery museums.

Library Use Continues to Rise

Overall library circulation (the number of individual items checked out) at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library is up 20 percent in the first half of the current fiscal year. A total of 142,459 individual check-out transactions were recorded from July to December of 2008. This is compared to the 118,648 transactions recorded from July to December 2007. Library circulation has steadily increased since 2001 when the annual circulation was 165,385. Total circulation in 2008 was 252,500.

Community Goings-On

Congratulations Rita Fink

Congratulations from the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency, the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation, and the Staff to Rita Fink, chosen as the Belvedere Citizen Emerita of the Year at the city's 2009 annual meeting. Thank you to Rita from all of us for her years of support, effort, energy, and insight.



The Notary is “IN”

It's tax season again.....and time to get your financial house in order. During this process you may find the need for a Notary Public. Mary Vella is the Library's Administrative Assistant, but she is also one of the few notaries in town. The next time you need a document notarized, stop by and browse the collection in addition to taking care of business. Mary works part time so it's a good idea to make an appointment with her by calling 789-2665 ext. 228, or after hours dialing 902-1064. There's a bonus 10% of her fee goes to the library, so everyone wins.

Library Expansion Status

“What's happening with the expansion?” is a question asked at the Library on a regular basis. Our current mode continues to be one of planning, process, and organization. The Town of Tiburon is beginning the environmental impact review (EIR) which will take many months to complete. The Library Foundation's Capital Campaign Steering Committee (CCSC) is developing a plan and timeline for a fund raising campaign. Given the current economic climate, the CCSC is proceeding with caution. Sally Donnell has taken on the job of Capital Campaign Manager and is working with the CCSC, Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation, and the Library Agency on strategic development. Sally has experience working in development with the San Francisco Education Fund, the California Academy of Sciences, and the Center for Book Arts to name a few.

Also being planned for the nearer future is community outreach, education, and marketing. The Library will have open houses, tours, and presentations to keep everyone informed and up-to-date. We would like to do neighborhood home presentations. If you are interested in opening your home for one, please let us know. Further information about the expansion is available in the Library and on the Library's website <http://bel-tib-lib.org/info/plan.htm>.

eScrip Buy Groceries for Books

Did you know that shopping at some of Marin's favorite stores, including Macy's, Whole Foods, Andronico's, Paradise Foods, Mollie Stones, Delano's and Safeway, could improve the services we offer at the library? Yes, 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 credit cards you have registered. With enough subscribers we could extend hours, add programs, improve technology or increase the size of the collection. Your membership can benefit more than one organization if you wish to spread the wealth. To enroll or find out more about this valuable program check out the website at www.escrip.com or stop by the library for an application form.

Please take a moment to go online now to ensure that a percentage of your grocery dollars is funneled to the library. Thanks for your continued support!

Note: If you are a supporter that has not renewed your commitment to Safeway, your contributions have stopped.

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Money, Beliefs, Culture ... Mark your calendars for provocative

PROGRAMS IN THE LIBRARY

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

Tuesday, February 17

The Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan: A Visual and Musical Journey

A presentation by **Wendy Erd**, whose travels take her to Hanoi, Vietnam, Yunnan, China and Homer, Alaska. Ms. Erd helps indigenous communities tell their stories in print and video documentaries.

Thursday, February 19

A Collector's Guide to Japanese, Korean and Southwest Asian Art

David Buchanan will discuss the art collection which he and his wife donated to the Asian Art Museum in 2006. A PowerPoint presentation.

Wednesday, February 25

(and every last Wednesday of the month)

Trivia Nights with Stephen Pudelka

Stephen leads this popular and lively evening. Bring your own team or come alone and join the fun.

Thursday, February 26

Tibet's Last Chance

Author **Alan Nichols** will discuss his proposed solution to the current situation in Tibet, along with a showing of his extraordinary photos of Lhasa, Mt. Everest, Mt. Kailas, Mt. Meru and many others. He has written and lectured about Tibet since his first audience with the Dalai Lama in 1972.

Tuesday, March 3

Yves Saint Laurent at the de Young

Julia Geist, docent, will present a PowerPoint program on the current exhibition which contains more than 100 accessorized garments and original sketches of Saint Laurent's work. The exhibit closes April 5.

Thursday, March 5

Our Financial Crisis: The Great Fire of 2008

Bob Huret, commercial and investment banker, discusses the causes and outlook of the current financial crisis.

Thursday, March 19

Finally Awake

Author and Belvedere resident **Barbara Patten** will discuss a writer's creative process, and what it took to get her to complete her recently published book.

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, March 26

The Writings of Gabriella Mautner

Shortly before World War II, novelist **Gabriella Mautner** fled from Nazi persecution to Switzerland with her family. Ms. Mautner will discuss her published works.

Thursday, April 2

From Myth to History: The Case of Samson

Yair Zakovitch, Professor of Bible at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will discuss Biblical analysis, the history of beliefs, and early Jewish and Christian interpretations of the Bible, focusing this evening on the story of Samson.

Thursday, April 16

Dark Card

Rebecca Foust, local author and advocate for parents of children with autism, will read from her book about raising a son with Asperger's Syndrome, and discuss other works in progress.

Thursday, April 30

The Secret Life of Birds

Back again by special request is Marin bird photographer **Gary Walter**, presenting unusual shots of many species and showing a view of bird life rarely seen.

from the Teen Alcove!

For Middle and High School Students

Teen Lounge

Every Tuesday except for school holidays from 3-5 pm. Middle school and high school students are invited to the Library's Founders Room for after-school socializing, homework, and games. Snacks are provided.

Crafts with Alexis

Thursday, March 12, from 3:00-4:30 pm.

Thursday, April 30, from 3:00-4:30 pm.

Our crafts expert will be on hand to show you a fun new craft. Get your creative juices flowing.

Best Video Day at the Teen Lounge

Tuesday, March 10

Celebrate Teen Tech Week by submitting your favorite short video from the Internet. Win a prize if your video is voted the best.

Contact Jacki for more information on any of these events: 789-2665, ext. 238, jschafer@bel-tib-lib.org.

Watch the Teen Zone web site for more events:

www.teenlibrary.info

Testing, testing...

It's an early Saturday morning and you are sitting in a room with dozens of other students, two #2 pencils, an eraser, and your calculator, waiting to open the SAT test booklet sitting in front of you. Are you ready?

Starting in second grade with the yearly STAR tests, through high school and college, testing is a fact of life for students. The better you do on these tests, the more opportunities you have to succeed.

Whether you are a great test taker, a poor test taker, or somewhere in between, you can count on the Library to help you prepare with a whole section of testing materials. Test prep books include everything from private high school entrance exams, SAT, ACT, Subject, and Advanced Placement books to Graduate school exam books. Many of these materials cover strategies for taking tests, as well as information on what topics you can expect to find on the tests.

The Exam Books section is located near the Teen Alcove, closest to the parking lot side of the Library. You can check books out for three weeks, and if we don't have what you need, ask a Librarian and we will do our best to get a copy for you.

The next time you are sitting in that room on a Saturday morning, be confident that you will do your very best! Here is a sampling of exam books for use by middle school and high school students:

11 Practice Tests for the New SAT and PSAT (2009)

Cracking the ACT (2009)

Cracking the AP Environmental Science Exam (2009)

Cracking the AP U.S. Government and Politics Exam (2009), from Princeton Review

Barron's SAT Subject Test Math Level 1 and Level 2 (2008)

Barron's CHSPE (California High School Proficiency Exam, 2008), from Barron's

Master the SSAT and ISEE (Secondary School Aptitude Test and Independent School Entrance Examination, from Peterson's (2009)

Master the Catholic High School Entrance Examinations, COOP and HSPT, from IDG Books Worldwide (2009)

Authors Amongst Us

Recent Additions to our Local Authors Collection

What Matters: The World's Preeminent Photojournalists and Thinkers Depict Essential Issues of Our Time (2008), edited by renown photojournalist **David Elliot Cohen** of Tiburon. A socially conscious collection of haunting photographs and thought provoking essays.

Lifeplan: Tools Every Teenager Needs to Thrive, not Merely Survive (2008); and *Mentoring Works: the Nuts and Bolts of Growing Opportunities for Youth: Discoveries of Best Practices from the California Mentoring Initiative* (2002), edited by **Dr. Andrew Mecca** of Tiburon. A compilation of articles documenting the most effective practices supporting the mentoring initiative.

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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 & 11am thru April 27th

Resuming June 15th thru August 3rd

Frolic with your baby to songs and finger plays!

Preschool Story time *for ages 3-5*

Tuesdays at 4pm thru April 28th

Resuming June 16th thru August 4th

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

Toddler Story time *for 2's*

Tuesdays at 11am, thru April 28th

Resuming June 16th thru August 4th

Stories, songs, finger plays and other surprises.

Cocoa Hour Read Along *for ages 7 & up*

Wednesdays at 4pm thru April 29th

Resuming June 17th thru August 5th

Featuring a free copy of a chapter book, hot cocoa, and freshly baked cookies.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Singalong Dancealong with Bonnie Lockhart

Saturday February 21st 11am (ages 2 & up)

An interactive, high energy concert featuring sing-along, clap along, and move-along activities with folk songs from many countries and cultures.

Nature Story time with Sharon Heron and guest Ruby the Thayer's King Snake

Tuesday February 24th at 4pm, (ages 3-5)

Singalong Dancealong with Bonnie Lockhart

Saturday March 14th 11am, (ages 2 & up)

Music & Dance with Chinyakare Ensemble

Thursday March 19th at 4pm, (ages 5 & up)

Share an afternoon of dance, music, and culture of countries all over the African continent.

Nature Story time with Sharon Heron: How to attract a Monarch Butterfly

Tuesday March 24th at 4pm, (ages 3-5)

Traveling Lantern Theatre: Robin Hood

Thursday April 2nd at 4pm, (ages 5 & up)

Come see the time-honored tale of intrepid Robin Hood and his Merry Men.

Activated Storytellers Present: Creepy Crawly Critter Tales

Thursday April 9th at 4pm, (ages 5 & up)

Featuring Anansi Goes Fishing, and Paul Bunyan the legendary lumberjack from Minnesota.

Singalong Dancealong with Bonnie Lockhart

Saturday April 11th at 11am, (ages 2 & up)

Nature Story time with Sharon Heron: A Ladybug's Picnic

Tuesday April 28th at 4pm, (ages 3-5)

Clay Day

Thursday May 7th at 4pm, (ages 5 & up)

We'll provide everything you need to make amazing clay gifts for Mother's Day.

Aesop's Fables: Presented by The Puppet Company

Thursday May 14th at 4pm, (ages 5 and up)

A wonderful blending of three of Aesop's most popular fables, 'The Tortoise & the Hare,' 'The Lion & the Mouse,' and 'The Grasshopper & the Ant.'

This puppet show features original songs and lively Greek music.

One Book - One Marin 2009

Read ~ Discuss~ Build Community

Belvedere-Tiburon Library along with other MARINet Libraries and our Community Partners are pleased to announce that this year's **One Book One Marin** selection is *What is the What: the Autobiography of Valentino Achak Deng* by Dave Eggers. The book is based closely on true experiences of the Lost Boys of Sudan, who fled their war-ravaged country to come to the United States in the mid-1980s. Filled with adventure, suspense, tragedy, and, finally, triumph, it is a heartbreaking and arresting story.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the many free events at Marin libraries, culminating in a program at Dominican University of California, with Dave Eggers in conversation with Michael Krasny. We hope to also have Valentino Achak Deng, the man who inspired the book, join the conversation.

An exciting calendar of free events is being planned over the next three months. Following are the events planned to date:

***What is the What:* Discussion led by Carol Benet
Tuesday, March 10th, 7:30-9:00 P.M.**

Belvedere-Tiburon Library Founders Room
Please join us for a lively discussion led by Carol Benet. Dr. Benet received her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the University of California, Berkeley, where she

won an Outstanding Teaching Award. She has taught at Washington State University, UC Berkeley Extension and Dominican University. Benet currently conducts eight book discussion groups in San Francisco and Marin in which she encourages participants not only to enjoy the chosen books, but also to develop skills in the selection, reading and criticism of all books.

Teen Forum

Wednesday, April 22nd, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Marin City

Dave Eggers will discuss the book and the issues it raises with high school students in the community. Schools are encouraged to have their students participate in this special opportunity to meet the author. Valentino Achak Deng has been invited to attend.

Culmination Program

Thursday, April 23rd – 7 pm

Angelico Hall, Dominican University, San Rafael

KQED "Forum" Host Michael Krasny will interview Dave Eggers. Everyone is invited to bring their book groups, neighbors, colleagues, friends and family to attend this free event to gain even greater insights into the book and its relevance to our community today.

For a continuing update of events visit the Website www.onebookonemarin.org.

Local Authors, *continued from page 4*

Finally Awake (2002) by Belvedere author **Barbara Patten**. In her second novel Patten presents Rachel Sloane, a woman searching for change, who finds herself with an opportunity to recast her life.

Turn Right at New South Wales: the Compositions of Bryce Rohde (2000), a CD released by Tiburon composer and jazz musician **Bryce Rohde**. A companion volume of the same title published in 1993, contains the scores.

Some Whine and Cheese (2008), a compilation by Belvedere resident **Art Bell** of his columns from *The Ark*. A light look at life's weightier moments—wills, lost eyeglasses, quirky relatives!

Call of the Elves (1998), a CD produced by Tiburon musician **Acrisa Laughing Wolf**, features music inspired by and written for elves.

The Old Lady and the Banker (1979), written and illustrated by **Elizabeth Lewis Doyle** of Belvedere. A picture book for children about the joys of having a bank account.

We Wait You: Waiting on God in Eastern Europe (2008), by Strawberry resident and missionary **Taryn R. Hutchison**. An account of an attempt to manage life in a foreign culture while struggling to wait on God.

Looks Can Kill (2007), by mystery writer **Cliff McGoon** of Belvedere, about a private investigator who unmasks a killer on board a class reunion cruise.

Sticking to Earth (2008), by Belvedere poet **Melanie Maier**. A debut collection of poetry exploring the themes of leaving home and coming back again.

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

from the Reference Desk

All Things Nautical

Did you know that our library offers a wide assortment of resources to meet our community's maritime interests? Some of the more popular nautical topics include seamanship, shipbuilding and design, navigational aids, and sea adventures.



The instructional manuals cover a wide range of topics, from basic line handling skills to advanced celestial navigation. The collection also contains an impressive selection of up-to-date nautical charts and cruising guides detailing the navigable waters of California, the Pacific Ocean, and beyond. The charts are located behind the Reference Desk, while the cruising guides, instructional manuals, and other nautical texts may be found at Dewey number 623 in the non-fiction area of the library. In addition to books and charts, the Belvedere-Tiburon Library provides a number of periodicals and DVDs related to nautical lore.

Here are a few staff favorites:

Brightwork: The Art of Finishing Wood (1990), by Rebecca J. Wittman. This how-to manual is considered must reading for anyone who plans to maintain a wood trimmed vessel.

The Encyclopedia of Nautical Knowledge (1953), by William MacEwan. A classic seafarer's resource that was recently acquired and only available at Bel-Tib.

The Greatest Sailing Stories Ever Told (2004), edited by Christopher Caswell. This anthology includes a hair-raising account of Shackleton's 800-mile journey across stormy waters in a 22-foot lifeboat.

Maritime Marin (2008), by Branwell Fanning. Our local historian chronicles Marin's maritime history from early times to present day.

Master and Commander (1994), by Patrick O'Brian. The first of the famous Aubery Maturin novels. This is naval fiction at its best.

The maritime collection is generously supported by the *Helen C. Snelling Foundation Trust*. Established in 1982, this trust plays a significant role in developing the maritime offerings at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library.

Take Home a Magazine

In response to your requests, we have recently added new titles to our circulating magazine collection. The new titles include *The Economist*, *The New Yorker*, *California Homes*, and *Martha Stewart Living*.

A complete list of magazines in the collection may be found below. The circulating magazines are located in the center of the Library's main room, on revolving kiosks near the new book area. Titles may be checked out for seven days. Let us know if there is a magazine you would like to see us add to the collection!

New Titles

Better Homes and Gardens	Organic Gardening
California Homes	Martha Stewart Living
The Economist	The New Yorker
Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine	

More Titles in the Collection

Architectural Digest	Money
Arthur Frommer's Budget	More
Travel	Natural Health
Bon Appetit	O: The Oprah Magazine
Consumer Reports	Real Simple
Dwell	Saveur
Elle	Self
Everyday with Rachael Ray	Sunset
Fine Gardening	This Old House
Metropolitan Home	Travel & Leisure
	Vanity Fair

Check Out Our DVD's

- Belvedere-Tiburon Library has over 3,300 adult and children's DVDs in its collection.
- The Library's Hot Flicks are a special 3-day check out collection of popular recent Hollywood and foreign films. Recent additions include *Vicky Christina Barcelona* and *Bottle Shock*.
- There are 254 foreign language films in the collection.
- You can place holds on most DVDs. You may request a hold yourself using the MARINet catalog, or call our Reference Desk at 789-2661 for assistance. We'll even email you when your DVDs are ready to pick up!
- The Library owns a DVD polishing machine. If a film won't play, let us know and we'll try to fix it.
- We love to receive DVD donations, so bring your old titles to the Library! Hundreds of titles in the collection were donated by local residents. All donations are tax deductible.

Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation

cordially invites

Library Society Members

to

Academy Night
And the Winners Are?

Sunday, February 22
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Hors d'oeuvres
Chocolate and Champagne

Feel free to wear your RED carpet attire!



Come view the Academy Awards on two big screens with your friends and neighbors! The Library Society will be hosting the party to thank all donors to the Belvedere-Tiburon Foundation. You won't want to miss this gala Chocolate and Champagne event at the Library. *If you have not already joined the Library Society this year, you can contribute the night of the party.* For more information, call Library Director Deborah Mazzolini at 789-2656.

And Coming in June!

**The 19th Annual Luncheon with Speaker
Elaine Petrocelli**

This lively and informative annual event for people who love to read is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, at the San

Francisco Yacht Club. Doors open at 11:30am. Lunch is at 12 Noon. Information will be available on our website at www.thelibrary.info and in the Library. If you are interested in reserving your seat early, please call 789-2665 ext. 228. Tables of 10 and 12 can be reserved for groups.

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