



Belvedere-Tiburon Library

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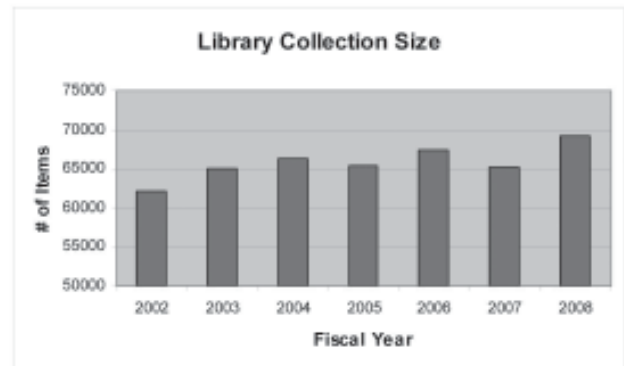
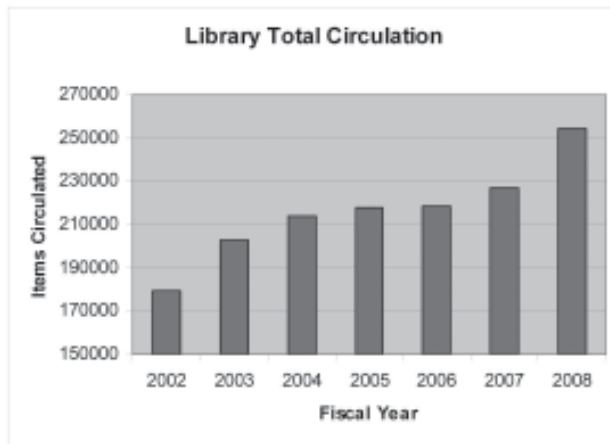
A Newsletter from the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation

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On the Up and Up!

To help us understand how well we are meeting the needs of the community, the Library maintains statistics on a variety of library services. Perhaps the most important of these statistics is circulation, which is the number of times in a set period of time that items from our collection have been checked out or renewed. These figures are calculated automatically every three months using the Library’s circulation database, and every library in Marin County uses the same process to generate these

numbers. Our good news is that circulation at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library has grown every year since 2002, with total growth from 177,646 in fiscal year 2002, to 252,500 in fiscal year 2008, a 42.1% increase. Yet over the same time period, the size of the collection has grown only 11.6%, from 60,152 to 67,000. 2009 looks to be another record year, with total circulation up 21.3% for the first 3 months!



Source: MARINet Database / Library Annual Statistical Dashboard and Annual Collection Summary

the French Club at the Library

From French Sauces to Saucy French

On hearing that General De Gaulle had gone to his reward, one Parisian reputedly posed the question, “I wonder what the General and God are going to talk about?” To which another Parisian reputedly replied, “That depends on how good God’s French is!”

That’s typical of the quips and anecdotes that spice the discussions of the French Conversation Club, now marking its seventh year at the Library. The commentary

is always lively and covers all aspects of Gallic life, from French sauces to saucy French. Members include native speakers, expatriates, and assorted other Francophiles. But you don’t have to be any of these to sit in on their sessions.

Everybody’s welcome. Active participation in the discussions, however, is limited to those whose French is, if not at the General’s level, at least proficient. The Club meets every Tuesday in the Founders Room from noon to one pm. Call Bob Flynn at 380-9179 for further information.

Community Goings-On

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.

Last Wednesdays 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. (Note - no event on Dec. 31.)

The Next Steps



One possible design

Over the next nine months the Town of Tiburon will be preparing an initial study and an environmental impact report (EIR) for the Library expansion project. The report will study the feasibility of locating the expansion on the site of the existing parking lot. This location was chosen as the preferred site by the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency following a recommendation by a Building Committee comprised of local residents.

For current information on the expansion and to link to a comments form to give your input, please visit <http://bel-tib-lib.org/info/plan.htm>.

Support Your Library Join Now or Renew

The 2009 annual membership campaign for the Library Society is now underway, and you will soon be receiving a request to join or to renew your membership. Please know that over 40% of the funds for our fine Library's new materials acquisitions comes from member donations.

If you have supported the Library in the past, please renew your commitment today. If you are new to the community, join your neighbors by making your donation to the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation. All donors become members of the Library Society and will receive a special invitation to our Chocolate and Champagne event next February.

Donations begin at \$50.00 and are completely tax deductible. Annual dues are:

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$ _____

Here are four easy ways to join the Library Society:

- Pay by check to the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation when your appeal arrives in the mail.
- Charge by phone to VISA or MASTERCARD: Call Mary Vella at 789-2665, Ext. 228
- Join online: Go to www.thelibrary.info
- Donate in person at the Circulation Desk the next time you visit the Library.

All Wheel Drive

In these critical economic times you can still receive a tax credit from the sale of any vehicle donated to the Library! Many thanks to our 37th donor, Christopher Gill, for donating his 1995 Mazda to our Library, and thereby enhancing our endowment fund. Thanks also to Tom Price and Arthur Drozd from Infiniti of Marin for facilitating the donation.



Please call 789-2656 if you would like more information on a vehicle donation. It's a win-win deal!

Poetry, Arts, Parenting, Life Stories ... Mark your calendars for some fascinating

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, November 18

Corn Woman Sings: A Medicine Woman's Dream Map

Local author and clinical psychologist, **Eleanor Barron-Druckrey, Ph.D.**, discusses her book on shamanic dream awareness.

Thursday, November 20

Maritime Marin

Bran Fanning, seasoned historian, sailor and world traveler, discusses his new book about Marin's spectacular Pacific Coast.

Tuesday, December 2

Poetry Reading: Snake at the Wrist

Margaret Kaufman leads poetry workshops in Marin County, and edits fiction for *The Marlboro Review*. She will read from her first full collection of poems.

Thursday, December 4

Understanding Modern and Contemporary Art

Rosemary Scarmon, Art Historian and Psychotherapist, will present a program focusing on works from the permanent collection of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. She will feature the work of **Martin Puryear** on view at SFMOMA November 8 to January 25.

Tuesday, December 9

Challenges of Parenting in the Age of "Want for Nothing"

Licensed psychologist **Daniel A. Bochner, Ph.D.**, works with adults, children, couples and families, and will discuss the core values that must be developed within children, as well as the essential aspects of parenting.

Thursday, December 11

Baghdad Revisited!

In 2004, **Dr. Thomas Cromwell** spent a week in Baghdad updating Iraqi physicians after 30 years of isolation imposed by Saddam Hussein. In 2008, he returned with Jim Wood and two other colleagues. Tonight he discusses, "Is there anything else besides car bombs and IEDs?"

Tuesday, December 16

"What Matters"

New York Times best selling author/editor, and Tiburon resident, **David Elliott Cohen**, discusses his new book, which includes photo essays by this generation's foremost photojournalists on social issues such as climate change, global poverty, etc.

Thursday January 8

The Museums of Berlin and the Legacy of James Simon

Julia Geist, Docent, discusses the current exhibit at the Legion of Honor, honoring the legacy of **James Simon**, perhaps the most important patron Berlin has known. The exhibit includes more than 100 works spanning the 3rd millennium B.C. to the 20th century.

Tuesday, January 13

Poetry Reading

Poets **CB Follett**, **Susan Terris**, **Albert De Silver** (current poet laureate of Marin County), and **Dan Bellum** will read from their works.

Tuesday, January 20

Arts in the Community

Artist Laureate for the Town of Tiburon, **Mary Musalo**, will shine a light on the arts in the community through a variety of venues. Her works can be seen on many local posters: The Wine Festival, Friday Night on Main, Oktoberfest, Tiburon Music Festival.

Thursday, January 22

Prevention International: No Cervical Cancer (PINCC)

Kay Taylor, MD, founder of PINCC, will discuss her work dedicated to fighting the terrible death rate from cervical cancer in the developing world.

Tuesday, January 27

"A Privileged Marriage"

Elizabeth Pschorr, a 96-year-old woman of Jewish origin, will discuss her recent book about her life married to a non-Jew during the Nazi period. A powerful and insightful look into the complexity of one family's odyssey during one of the darkest periods of human history.

Tuesday, February 2

The Science of Dry Climate Gardening

Plant specialist **Suzie Maggiori** will talk about growing plants in the local environment and how to care for them.

from the Teen Alcove!

Upcoming Events For Middle and High School Students

Teen Lounge

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

Movie Night

Join your friends for the evening. Date and time not yet set at the time of this printing, - but keep an eye on the web site for the information.

Holiday Crafts with Alexis

Thursday, November 13, 2008 from 3-4:30 pm, Crafts expert Alexis Berger will help you make a special ornament for the holidays.

Finals Study Fest

Need a quiet place to study for finals? The Library will stay open late for you. Cell phones, food and drinks are allowed on these evenings:

Monday, December 15 until 11:00 pm

Tuesday, December 16 until 11:00 pm

Wednesday, December 17 until 10:00 pm

YAC (Youth Advisory Council) Meetings

Meetings are biweekly at the end of the Teen Lounge – Tuesdays from 4:30-5:00. Help plan events and recommend materials for the Teen collection. Earn community credit.

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

New Teen Zone Web Site!



The Library's newly redesigned Teen Web Site is alive and kickin'. Connect with other teens and Library staff through chat, a blog, contests and surveys. Find all kinds of information in its pages, for example:

- Events and programs at the Library, in the community and at school
- Booklists by genre
- Homework links by subject and online chat help
- Colleges and jobs
- Real life resources on health, community activism, driving and more
- Fun stuff – links to games, movies, music

Check out the all-new site from the Library's homepage at www.thelibrary.info and clicking on the Teen tab, or go straight to the Teen Zone at www.teenlibrary.info

Playaways for Teens

Playaways are light-weight, prerecorded audio players about the size of a deck of cards that contain an entire book. All you need to do is plug in your earphones (iPod ear buds work.) Check out the collection of Playaways in the Teen (and Adult) areas of the Library.

Try these out if you like classics:

Lord of the Flies (1954), by William Golding

The Odyssey, by Homer

A Separate Peace (1959), by John Knowles

The Outsiders (1967), by S.E. Hinton

Frankenstein (1818), by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley

Here are some for fun and adventure:

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian (2007), by Sherman Alexie

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

The King of Slippery Falls (2004), by Sid Hite

While on a single-minded quest to catch an elusive giant trout, sixteen-year-old Lewis Hinton's life in a small Idaho town is turned upside-down when he learns that he is adopted and might be a descendant of French royalty.

The House of the Scorpion (2002), by Nancy Farmer

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

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, through December 1st,
resuming January 12th through April 27th
Frolic with your baby to songs and finger plays!

Preschool Story time for ages 3-5
Tuesdays at 4pm, through December 2nd, resuming
January 13th through April 28th
Join us for stories, songs and finger plays. Older children
are welcome!

Toddler Story time for 2's
Tuesdays at 11am through December 2nd, resuming
January 13th through April 28th
Stories, songs, finger plays and other surprises.

Cocoa Hour Read Along for ages 7 & up
Wednesdays at 4pm through December 3rd, resuming
January 14th through April 28th
Featuring a free copy of a chapter book, hot cocoa, and
freshly baked cookies.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday November 18th at 4pm (ages 3-5)
Nature Storytime with Sharon Heron
Enjoy her stories, and come meet Sharon's special guest,
Stuart the Russian Tortoise.

Thursday November 20th at 4pm
Fall Harvest Craft Workshop (ages 5 & up)
We know how much you love craft days so we've
scheduled two this month! Remember, crafts make great
gifts.

Tuesday December 9th at 4pm (ages 3-5)
Nature Storytime with Sharon Heron
Enjoy more stories and meet Sharon's special guest this
time, **Snapper the Tiger Salamander.**

Thursday December 11th at 4pm (ages 5 & up)
Winter Craft Day
Celebrate the season on this special day of winter themed
crafts. We'll provide the makings for a fun filled creative
afternoon.

You're Invited!

Annual Teddy Bear Tea

Saturday December 13th
(ages 2 & up)



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 is available in the Children's Room. **Note!** This sells out quickly every year.

Thursday December 18th at 4pm (all ages)
Nutcracker Puppet Show by "The Puppet Company"
Don't miss this great puppet performance featuring the music of Tchaikovsky and beautiful handmade puppets.

Thursday January 22nd at 4pm (all ages)
Ventriloquist Steve Chaney
Steve and his puppet Cornelius Crowe use ventriloquism, juggling, and lots of audience participation to tickle your funny bone.

Thursday February 12th at 4pm (ages 5 & up)
Valentine Crafts
Sign up early for this popular craft program.

Thursday March 19th at 4pm (ages 5 & up)
Music & Dance with Chinyakare Ensemble
Share an afternoon of dance, music, and culture of countries all over the African continent.

Contributors to this issue:

Staff: Alicia Bell, Abbot Chambers, Elaine Crepeau, Jason Duran, Joan Garrett, Deborah Mazzolini, Jacki Schafer, Mary Vella.

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Buddhist Insights, Women Traveling, Real Estate Pitfalls, Organic Cooking... A Few of The
Recent Additions to Our Local Author Collection:

Butterflies be Gone: A Hands-on Approach to Sweat-Proof Public Speaking (2007), by **Art Bell**, of Belvedere. How to conquer speaker's nerves using tested techniques.

Dancing with Life: Buddhist Insights for Finding Meaning and Joy in the Face of Suffering (2008), by **Phillip Moffitt** of Belvedere. A fresh perspective on the Buddha's ancient wisdom, showing how to move from suffering to new awareness.

Through a Dog's Ear: Using Sound to Improve the Health & Behavior of Your Canine Companion (2008), by Tiburon resident **Joshua Leeds** and co-author **Susan Wagner**. Simple, sound-based solutions to help your dog live a longer and healthier life.

Memory in Our Bones: Exploring the Mysteries of Mind, Body and Spirit (2008) by **H. Elizabeth Burke**, of Tiburon. Illuminates how memory, consciousness and healing are intertwined and gives us a new way to heal ourselves by working from within.

Best Girlfriends Getaways Worldwide (2008), by award-winning travel writer **Marybeth Bond** of Tiburon. Inspiring stories of women who traveled with girlfriends to celebrate, grow or challenge themselves. Ms. Bond has also published *A Woman's World Again: True Stories of World Travel (2007)*—insightful stories written predominantly by female adventurers.

Diabetes for Dummies, 3rd ed. (2008) and *Type 1 Diabetes for Dummies (2008)*, by Dr. **Alan L. Rubin** of Tiburon. Both books are packed with useful information and advice for enjoying life while living with diabetes. A third book, Dr. Rubin's *High Blood Pressure for Dummies, 3rd ed. (2007)*, explains all the latest information in the detection, treatment, and prevention of high blood pressure.

Organic Marin: Recipes from Land to Table (2008), by Chef **Farina Wong Kingsley** of Tiburon, co-authored with Tim Porter and produced by Marin Magazine. Fifty delicious organic recipes organized by season and contributed by twenty-five of the Bay Area's most popular organic restaurants.

Three books by Belvedere resident **Stephen E. Roulac**: *255 Real Estate Investing Mistakes and How you Can Avoid Them (2004)* - a checklist for achieving success in real estate investing; *275 Corporate Real Estate and Place Mistakes and How you Can Avoid Them (2004)* instructs senior executives how to avoid the pitfalls of corporate real property management; *375 Housing Mistakes and How you Can Avoid Them (2004)* helps the homeowner make housing decisions successfully.

Maritime Marin (2008), by **Branwell Fanning**, Tiburon's official historian. Images of Marin County's spectacular Pacific coast and a chronicle of the county's maritime history from the earliest times to the present day.

Corn Woman Sings (2008), by Tiburon author **Eleanor Barron-Druckrey**. An account of how the Corn Woman's legacy lays a path of transformation and renewal for the modern-day "curandera," medicine woman and mystic, in all walks of life.

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.

October 16, 2008

Top Ten

Most Requested Library Books

1. *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows
2. *Havana Nocturne: How the Mob Owned Cuba—and Then Lost It to the Revolution*, by T.J. English
3. *A Most Wanted Man: A Novel*, by John Le Carré
4. *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*, by Stieg Larsson (translated from the Swedish by Reg Keeland)
5. *The Gate House*, by Nelson DeMille
6. *Ghost Train to the Eastern Star: On the Tracks of the Great Railway Bazaar*, by Paul Theroux
7. *Twilight*, by Stephenie Meyer
8. *The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism*, by Andrew J. Bacevich
9. *A Most Wanted Man: A Novel*, by John Le Carré
10. *The White Tiger: A Novel*, by Aravind Adiga

from the Reference Desk

How to Find Everything You Might Want to Know

This fall, after almost six months of evaluation, MARINet, our library consortium, chose to add the following databases to our current research collection. They will be available to everyone in Belvedere, Tiburon and all of Marin County who has a library card:

EBSCO Magazines & Newspapers — An online reference database of general interest, business & health magazines and newspapers. Includes both full text and indexing as well as full text reference books.

Business Source Premier — Provides comprehensive coverage in all disciplines of business. Includes market research, industry reports, and company profiles.

Consumer Health Complete — Comprehensive resource for consumer-oriented health content. This full text database covers topics such as aging, cancer, diabetes, drugs & alcohol, fitness, nutrition & dietetics, children's health, men & women's health, etc.

Student Research Center — Designed for Middle and High School students, this resource searches articles, books, primary sources, maps & photos, etc. to find the best information for student papers and projects.

In addition, the Belvedere Tiburon Library has purchased these additional databases for residents of 94920:

American History Online — Reference guide to American history, with events and topics, biographies, timelines, and primary sources.

Ancient & Medieval History Online — Resource covering ancient Egypt, ancient Mesopotamia, ancient Greece, ancient Rome, ancient & medieval Africa, medieval Europe, the Americas, and ancient & medieval Asia. Includes biographies, videos, images, maps and charts, primary source documents, and timeline entries.

Global Road Warrior — Cultural and travel information for every country. Answers practical questions about visas, currency, maps, etiquette, and much more. Great for business travelers and student country reports. (See article on this page.)

Modern World History Online — Covers the full scope of world history from the mid-15th century to the present. Includes biographies, videos, images, maps and charts, primary source documents, and timeline entries.

Points of View — Excellent resource for staying current on controversial issues. Also good for research reports or debate preparation.

For the Traveler

Global Road Warrior: the Ultimate Guide to the World

Our latest database, Global Road Warrior, is a great source for basic, practical travel information for every country in the world.

How do you greet your host in Guyana? How much should you tip the porter in Malaysia? Where are the internet cafes in Nairobi? You could spend hours surfing the Web for this information, or you can get it all on this one amazing site! Whether you're a business traveler looking for an overview of a country's business culture, a leisure traveler trying to figure out the local currency, or a student doing a country report, Global Road Warrior is the database for you.

Global Road Warrior covers 175 countries and each country listing includes key facts, communications information, health information, cultural information, maps, points of interest, and some hotel and restaurant information. The leisure traveler will still need to use guidebooks for vacation planning (and the Library has a fine collection of the latest Frommer's, Fodor's, Michelin Guides, Lonely Planets, etc.) but our latest database is the perfect place to start.

For more information go to the Library's website: thelibrary.info and look under "Articles, Databases, and Web Links." You'll find Global Road Warrior under Business & Law, or Student Resources. You can also call the Reference Desk at 789-2661.

For the Student: Live Homework Help!

This past June, the Library received a grant to help fund a wonderful, online tutoring service called **Live Homework Help**. This free resource serves students of all ages, kindergarteners to adults. It offers one-on-one chats with specialized tutors in all subject areas, and is available 7 days a week from 1-10 pm., in English and Spanish. If you or your child would like some homework help, check out www.thelibrary.info/reference/tutor.htm.

Help Your Child Learn to Love Reading

When young children see their grown-ups enjoying books they learn how much fun reading can be. Children who are exposed to repeated age appropriate experiences with books and stories learn to value literature as an intrinsic part of their lives. There are few activities more pleasurable for youngsters than cuddling up to a beloved parent and being read to. And that is the premise behind our program *Baby Bounce*, now in its 11th year.

Every Monday morning at 10:30 and again at 11:00 we fill the children's room with babies' books and music. You can share your love of literature and learning through songs, finger plays, felt board stories, and a few puppets for good measure. It's also a great rainy day get away and a perfect meeting place for new moms.

Come see firsthand how happily your little one responds to the many picture books and puppets available in our story corner. We are eager to welcome you. Sow the seeds of literacy and grow a reader at Baby Bounce.

Check out the Library's great selection of board books. Simple plots, humor, pleasing sounds, rhythmic language patterns, bright, clear pictures and sturdy format make them perfect for infants and toddlers. You'll also find lots of age appropriate CDs and DVDs that encourage movement, and introduce shapes, numbers, and colors.

"The most important thing, I believe, about books for babies and very young children is that they are shared between the child and a caring adult." Jan Ormerod, children's book author.

Many Kudos to the Bookmarks

Many thanks from everyone at the Library to the Bookmarks for the third annual Blackie's Hay Day, an old-fashioned country fair held at Blackie's Pasture. This September, Blackie's Hay Day attracted over 2000 participants, and generated approximately \$40,000 for the Library! These funds go to support an array of children and teen programs offered at the Library, along with new books for these age groups, and the upcoming expansion of the Children's area.



Bookmarks is currently working with our childrens and teen librarians to expand the offerings for elementary and middle school aged children. Programs under consideration include evenings at the library with pajamas and cocoa, movies and popcorn, mysteries to solve, scavenger hunts in the library and around town, poetry slams, animation workshops, first aid workshops for babysitters, science experiment days and much, much more.

To help plan and staff these programs, the Bookmarks needs to expand its membership. If you are interested in getting involved with your community and helping to make a difference in the lives of our children, you are invited to learn more about becoming a *Bookmarks* member. Please contact Stacy Achuck at 415-233-2009 or skaton@mindspring.com.

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