

IN THE STACKS



Belvedere
Tiburon
Library

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Director's Message

What an extraordinary year it has been! It's truly remarkable that our newly transformed and expanded library has served our community for a year. We witness our community members' incredible creativity and generosity daily in the new space. In the Teen Library, youth have cultivated a thriving garden, nurturing plants and their own growth and development. In the Makerspace, local volunteers have 3D-printed beautiful birthday cake toppers to bring joy to children in foster care. Local artists have displayed incredible works of art inspiring thought and reflection in the art gallery. And we can't overlook the heartwarming scenes of young children reading aloud to dedicated teen volunteers.

If you haven't had a chance to visit, we wholeheartedly invite you to step inside and explore the library. The library is where dreams take shape, innovation and creativity flourish, and moments of reflection occur. Be inspired by the endless possibilities the library offers, and know that ALL are welcome.

Sincerely,

Crystal Duran
Library Director



We Want to Hear from You!

We are embarking on an exciting project to enhance the library's ability to serve our beloved community. Over the next few months, we will conduct meetings, focus groups, interviews, and surveys to help us better understand residents' evolving needs and aspirations. Community input is vital to strategic planning, and we want to hear from you. Stay tuned



for an online survey from October 16 to November 5, 2023. The survey will be available on our website in the coming weeks and should take only ten minutes to complete.

Together, we'll create a library that reflects the collective vision of our vibrant community, and we can't wait to hear your voices and ideas. Thank you for being an essential part of the library's next chapter. Learn more at beltiblibrary.org/strategicplan



South entrance from Tiburon Blvd.

Children's Library

Events

Author Visit: *Black Beauty*

Abridged by Jesse Kornbluth,

Illustrated by Paige Peterson

All ages welcome

Oct. 14, 10:30am

Paige Peterson and Jesse Kornbluth will read from their new abridged edition of the classic, *Black Beauty*.

Halloween Music Fest with Lori & RJ

All ages welcome

Oct. 15, 11am

A Halloween themed concert to kick off the spooky season. Come sing along, and dance along to your Halloween favorites. Great for the whole family!

Beginning Chess for Kids

Grades 3-5

Wednesdays, 5-5:30pm

Get started in the chess world with our beginner-friendly class, where you'll learn the fundamentals and strategies to kickstart your chess journey.

Crafternoon

Ages 5+

Tuesdays, 4pm

Kids can drop in and make an easy craft project. Younger kids are welcome! Coloring sheets and easier projects will be available.



Storytimes

Toddler Storytime

Ages 2-3, but all are welcome

Tuesdays, 10:15am

Toddlers can enjoy a fun and interactive storytime with stories, songs, and fingerplays.

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5, but all are welcome

Wednesdays, 3:30pm

Follow along, sing, dance, and play to preschool favorites.

Family Storytime

Oct. 1 / Nov. 5 / Dec. 3, 11am

Hear new stories, make crafts, sing songs, and learn wiggles that the whole family can enjoy together.

Book Clubs

Each month will feature a different book. Already read it? Great, join us! Didn't finish the book? No problem, just join us! We will eat snacks, chat about the book of the month, and either do a craft or play a game. Registration is required.

3rd Grade Book Club

Sept. 19 / Oct. 17 / Nov. 14, 5pm

4th Grade Book Club

Sept. 21 / Oct. 19 / Nov. 16, 5pm

5th Grade Book Club

Sept. 19 / Oct. 17 / Nov. 14, 6pm

6th Grade Book Club

Sept. 21 / Oct. 19 / Nov. 16, 6 pm



Photo: Children's Library

Train Time!

All ages welcome

Oct. 15 / Nov. 19 / Dec. 17, 3pm

Open play with our Thomas the Train wooden toy collection.

Lego Club

All ages welcome

Oct. 14 / Nov. 4 / Dec. 9, 11am

We'll provide LEGO bricks, gears, and mini-figures. You can take your creations home!

Photo: Children being introduced to bugs and more

Cocoa Hour

Grades 1-2

Thursdays, 4pm

We'll read aloud and have a discussion while we enjoy cocoa and cookies.



*Sign up for a
book club!*

Middle and high school students are invited to visit the **Teen Room**, Workshop and Patio for teen-centric books, resources and activities. The Young Adult book collection includes titles in fiction, nonfiction, biography, graphic novel, and manga for readers in grades 6-12, including a selection of textbooks and study aids. The Teen Room provides study tables and a hang-out area with a large screen for movies. The Teen Workshop is a creative space for DIY projects and instructor-led workshops. The Teen Patio is home to a new garden created and maintained by teen volunteers.



Teen Events

College Insider Tips - Slay your Activities List & Common App

Oct. 10 & 24, 4:30pm

Sign up to get help with your college applications with college counselor Ellen Parsons.

Free ACT Practice Test

Oct. 21, 10am-2pm

High school students are invited to participate in a free ACT practice test. Hosted by Marin SAT Prep.

College Insider Tips - Slay your Activities List & UC App

Nov. 6, 4:30pm

Sign up to get help with your college applications with college counselor Ellen Parsons.

Finals Week Study Hall

Dec. 11-15

Special study spaces and resources will be available for high school students and study groups cramming for finals week.

Fall & Winter Crafts for Teens

Dates TBD

Upcoming craft programs include making mosaics, Halloween costumes and decor, and button-making.

Photo left: Totebag sewing workshop with Kay Shaw

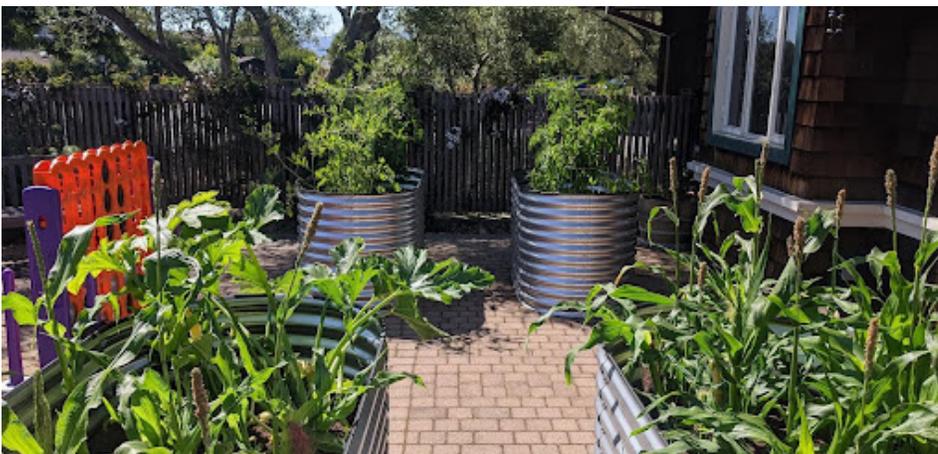
Teen Book Club and Movie & Pizza Night meets on the last Saturday of each month unless it is a holiday. Currently, we are featuring *The Hunger Games* series through November, which will culminate in the release of the new movie, *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*. Sign up for October's book club and movie night.



Photo above: Henna art workshop with Rachel-Anne Palacios

Photo bottom left: Teen garden

Photo below: Halloween Teens



Beyond Books

Library of Things

Want to learn a new instrument? Is your laptop on the fritz? Not sure how to stream library movies on your TV at home? The library has you covered!

Ask a librarian at the Information Desk about these exciting new resources that you can check out and bring home.

Ukulele Kit

Strum some new tunes on a ukulele. Kits come with a ukulele, tuner, chord chart, and gig bag. We have many new ukulele instruction books to accompany the kits.

CA State Parks Pass

Borrow a State Parks Pass and enjoy free parking at over 200 state parks.

Adventure Hiking Kit

Hiking Kit backpacks include a set of binoculars, birding guide, compass, and more, so you can observe and learn while hiking local trails.

Laptops, Hotspots, and Nooks

Borrow Chromebooks and LTE hotspots to work on the go. The library lends Nook e-readers loaded with dozens of the latest bestsellers.

Rokus to Stream Library Movies

Many streaming apps require a peripheral such as a Roku, AppleTV, or Fire Stick to work on your TV. The library lends Rokus preloaded with Kanopy and hoopla, two apps that allow you to stream dozens of library movies every month.

Museum Passes

Over fifty venues in the Bay Area offer free or discounted admission through the library's Discover & Go service. Use your library card to reserve passes.

Makerspace Classes

Laser Cutter Basics

Oct. 12, 11am
Learn about making customized ornaments, signs, puzzles, artwork, and much more.

3D Printing Basics

Oct. 26, 11am
Learn the basics such as bed leveling, heating up the nozzle, loading filament, and starting a print.

Make Stickers with Cricut

Oct. 31, 11am
Learn how to make customized stickers and decals using a variety of materials.

Technology Classes

Mastering Your Photo Collection

Oct. 17, 11am
Learn expert tips for organizing, enhancing, and sharing your photos.

Essential Information Literacy Skills

Oct. 19, 11am
Gain skills to effectively browse the internet and become more comfortable using computers, tablets, and smartphones.



Digi Lab

The library's new Digi Lab in the Makerspace has equipment and software to digitize videocassettes, 8mm film, vinyl, and audiocassettes. Scan photos and negatives on our high-resolution scanner to keep archival grade digital copies of your analog media.

Those new to the Digi Lab are required to attend an orientation with a librarian before booking a session.



Digital Library Card

Download the MARiNet app to access a digital copy of your library card that you can use at the library's self-checkout stations.

In the MARiNet app click on this button to access the scannable card:

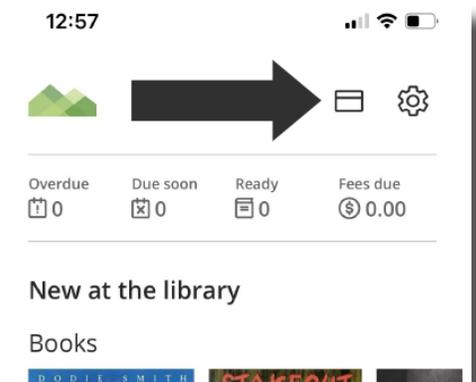


Photo: Youth making aerial objects to test in the wind tube

Learn more about the Makerspace and Digi Lab:



Programs

Fall Speaker Series

Alka Joshi

Oct. 19, 6pm
New York Times bestselling author of The Jaipur Trilogy (*The Henna Artist, The Secret Keeper of Jaipur, The Perfumist of Paris*) Alka Joshi will talk about her work.



Jasmin Darznik

Nov. 9, 6pm
Local author Jasmin Darznik (*The Bohemians, Song of a Captive Bird, The Good Daughter: A Memoir*) will talk about her career as a writer.



How to Use the Library

Oct. 6, 11am
Oct. 9, 4pm
Oct. 18, 4pm
Check online for more workshop dates
Learn how to use the library's online resources and get help with your research at our workshop. We'll show you how to download ebooks, stream library movies, use the library's catalog, access articles, and more!

Library Art Gallery

Current show: By 94920
Fine art and photography by artists who reside in Belvedere and Tiburon. Runs through Oct. 22.

Next show: Contemporary Watercolors
Nov. 16 through Jan. 11
Today's watercolor and other water-based artists push boundaries by creating richly colored, layered transparencies and washes that delight and surprise.

RSVP for Fall Speaker Series events



Chess Club

All ages and all levels welcome.
Wednesdays, 5:30-7pm

Short Story Hour

Oct. 11, 2:30pm
Nov. 8, 2:30pm
Join us to discuss classic American short stories. See our Events page for each month's short story selection.

Stretching for Mind/Body

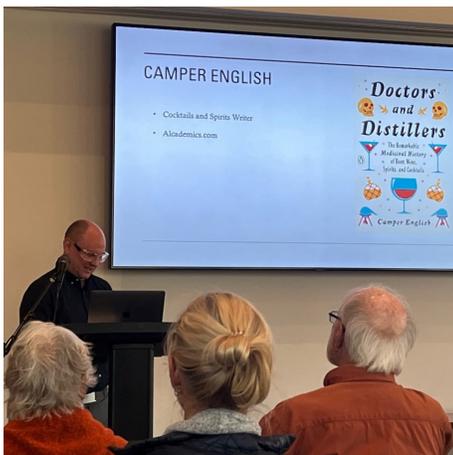
Oct. 6, 11:30am
Oct. 13, 11:30am
Join us for a rejuvenating seated yoga session at the library with gentle poses and mindful relaxation for all levels.

Family Caregiving Essentials

Oct. 10, 11:30am
Discover the keys to successful family caregiving with expert legal insights and essential tools from a respected attorney.

Italian Conversation Group

Thursdays, 1pm
Join other Italian speakers to converse and practice your Italian.



Camper English, author of *Doctors and Distillers*, shares the history of the *Corpse Reviver No. 2* cocktail, a drink rooted in medicine and alchemy. August 2023



Author Mark Bittman in conversation with author and multidisciplinary artist Bryant Terry. September 2023



Kiki Goshay premieres her series *Empowered: Energy Heroes* followed by a discussion and Q&A. May 2023

Library Foundation

President's Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we move into the fall season, I am filled with immense gratitude for our ever-giving community and volunteers who have been so generous in supporting the library's mission. One of the most exciting updates is the soon-to-be-unveiled donor recognition initiative. We will be honoring our capital campaign donors dating back to 2006 through engraved wooden book spines, bronze plaques naming rooms and spaces, and a donor wall proudly displayed outside the library.

Mark your calendars for an event that promises to enlighten and inspire! On Oct. 12th at 5:30pm, we're hosting POP UP 94920+, a special gathering featuring local luminaries in a TEDx Talk-style event. Come to hear extraordinary tales about diverse careers and passions right from the people who have lived them. It's an event you won't want to miss.

We couldn't continue our work without the support of our Annual Fund donors. Your contributions have a direct impact on the breadth and quality of the programs and services that our library offers. Each donation is a building block for a more informed and connected community.

Annual Fund

Please show your love for our Library by giving generously to the Library's Annual Fund. No gift is too small -- or too big. Every dollar counts and makes a difference. By making a gift to the Library, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have contributed to the well-being and enrichment of your community.

In art news, our Art Committee has been hard at work preparing for the Gently Used Art Auction running November 2-5. This promises to be an exciting opportunity to acquire some beautiful pieces while supporting the library. Keep an eye out for more details to come.

Last but not least, Corner Books continues to be a bustling space within our library. If you're interested in lending a hand, we're always in need of volunteers to work in this unique store. It's a fun way to be more involved in our library community.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events!

All my best,

Suzannah Scully
President, Foundation
Board of Directors



Planned Giving

Would you consider including the Library Foundation in your will or retirement plan, or by designating us as a beneficiary of a trust? Planned gifts such as these enable you to provide for your loved ones while giving the library lasting support.

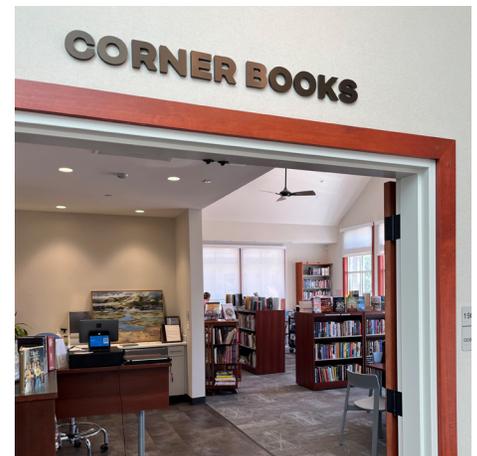
There are many ways to give!



Corner Books

Open Mon.-Sat. 10am-4pm

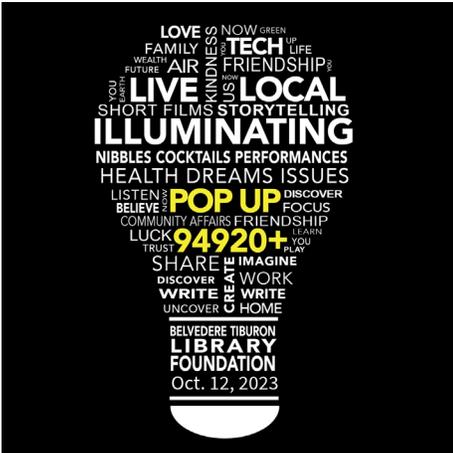
Did you know that Corner Books, 94920's one and only bookstore, is now open in the Belvedere Tiburon Library? Come visit our new and expanded shop tucked just inside the library in a gorgeous sun-soaked space. While our location is new, our bargain pricing remains the same. And we still feature books, movies, and music so gently used you might think they were new! Our friendly all-volunteer staff is at the ready with recommendations for bestsellers, book club favorites, cookbooks, kids' books, history and more! Check out our one-dollar book carts for some real gems and prices that can't be beat. All proceeds benefit the library.



Interested in volunteering?

Corner Books is always in the market for dedicated team members. Email cornerbooks@beltiblibfoundation.org to learn more.





POP UP 94920+

Thu. Oct. 12 5:30pm

We feature local luminaries speaking in TEDx Talk style about their extraordinary careers and the diverse passions they pursue.

Past POP UP 94920+ speakers have included Academy Award-winning producers, storytellers, novelists, musicians, Pixar animators, entrepreneurs, pilots, designers, publishers, pioneering medics and scientists, climate activists, a renowned investigative journalist, and one of San Francisco's prima ballerinas.

POP UP 94920+ aims to present a varied program with subjects ranging from momentous to whimsical. POP UP 94920+ is an essential fundraiser for our library, exemplifying its commitment to learning and keeping current. We are indeed LIVE, LOCAL, and ILLUMINATING!



Purchase a ticket to this year's POP UP 94920+

Gently Used Art Auction

*Recycle your art,
Discover new treasures*

The silent Gently Used Art Auction, one of the library's most exciting and anticipated events, is back! The GUAA is a win-win event for everyone. Purchasers acquire new art at bargain prices and donors make room for new pieces and receive a tax-deductible receipt! Proceeds go to support the Library's Art Gallery and related activities. For those who want to be certain of getting a particular piece of art, a "Buy It Now" price will be available. And this year, Corner Books will be joining in with a huge selection of antiquarian, art and photography books, as well as exhibition and auction catalogs.

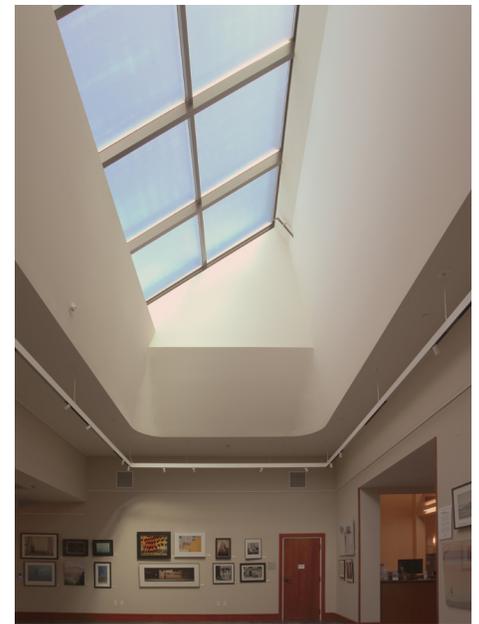


Donate your hanging-ready, two-dimensional artwork, or art/photography books in good condition **Thursday, Oct. 26th – Sunday, Oct. 29th** during library open hours.

The Silent Auction opens on **Thursday, Nov. 2nd** in The Founders Room and closes **Sunday, Nov. 5th** at 1pm.

Don't miss on a great way to fill your home with gently used art and support the library!

Photo: Library Art Gallery



Donor Wall, Plaque and Book Spine Update

Our remarkable Community Donor Wall, Individual Donor Plaques and Book Spines are all in the final stages of production and due to be completed this Fall. Please come by soon to see the well-anticipated and beautiful forms recognizing our Library Expansion supporters!

Photo: Donor Wall



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The Library by Numbers

The library reopened on Sept. 17, 2022. A lot has happened over the past year!



Program attendance
14,101

**Youngest local artist
in Library Art Gallery
show**
5 1/2

New cardholders
929

*Photo: Marine biologist Bill Keener
discusses whale migration in the San
Francisco Bay.
May 2023*

**Ebooks & audiobooks
checked out**
38,546

**Movies streamed on
Kanopy & hoopla**
7,172

Most popular book
The Covenant of Water
by Abraham Verghese

Library visits
121,709