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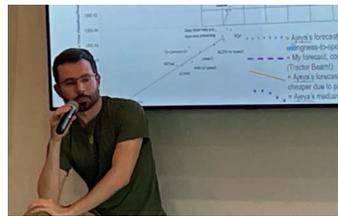
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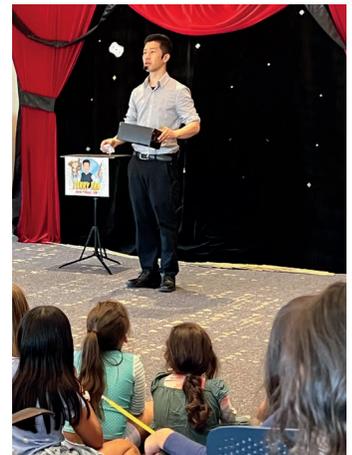
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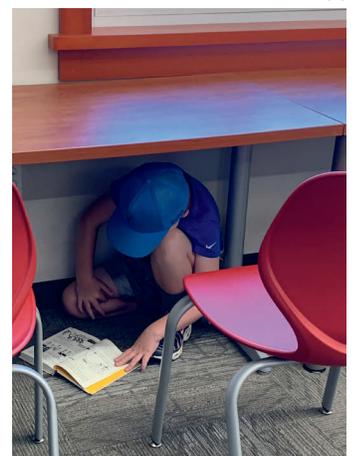
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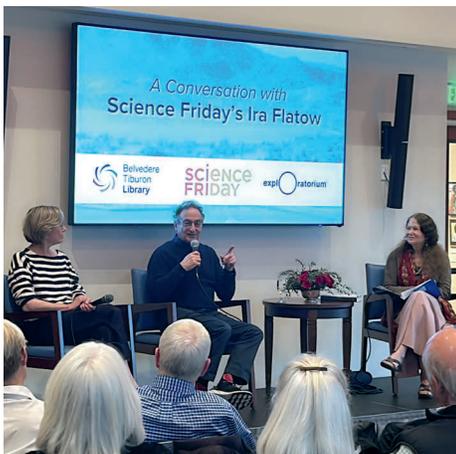
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Director's Note

As we transition from summer into fall, the library is thrilled to announce a season filled with new programs designed to engage our community. We invite you to browse the newsletter to find something inspiring and visit our online calendar for the comprehensive schedule. We're expanding our business hours to serve you better beginning Oct. 1. The library will now be open until 8pm Monday through Thursday, providing more opportunities for you to access our resources and participate in evening programs. This expansion aligns with our ongoing strategic plan to enhance our services and meet the growing needs of our patrons.

We're also proud to share that the library has been awarded a grant from the California State Library to continue our work towards Sustainable Library Certification. The certification program reinforces the library's commitment to environmental stewardship, economic feasibility, and social equity. Over the next year, the community will be invited to help us expand our Library of Things collection to include items supporting green practices. We'll also look for volunteers interested in helping us plan a sustainability-related event or program.

Susan Schwartzenberg, Ira Flatow, and Jane Hirshfield in conversation at a Belvedere Tiburon Library Foundation event, April 2024



In addition to these exciting developments, we warmly welcome two new trustees, Pamela Goldman and Katie Sutton, appointed to the Library Board in June 2024. Their fresh perspectives and dedication will undoubtedly contribute to our mission of fostering a vibrant and inclusive community space. We invite the public to join us at the library board's monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month at 6:15pm in the Founders Room.

As students embark on a new school year, we wish them success and remind them that the library is here to support their academic journey with extended hours, valuable resources, and welcoming and knowledgeable staff.

Lastly, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated volunteers, whose efforts make much of what we do possible. Whether you've helped operate Corner Books, hung art exhibits, or repaired and shelved books, your contributions are deeply appreciated. To learn more about how to support the library, please contact the Library's Foundation at (415) 789-2651 or info@beltiblibfoundation.org.

Crystal Duran,
Library Director



New Additions to the Library of Things

Stop by the Information Desk to check out one of the many new items in the Library of Things:

Book Club Kits: Host your own book club with friends and neighbors using the library's new Book Club Kits. Each kit contains eight copies of a popular title and a laminated list of book club questions:

- **The Paris Novel** by Ruth Reichl
- **The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store** by James McBride
- **Table for Two** by Amor Towles
- **The Women** by Kristin Hannah
- **Braiding Sweetgrass** by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- **North Woods** by Daniel Mason
- **Rest Is Resistance: A Manifesto** by Tricia Hersey

Solar Panels: portable, foldable solar panels with USB ports for charging devices

Repair Toolkits: an array of tools to open and tinker with digital and analog devices

Marin Municipal Water District Parking Passes: for select local parks

All of the items above check out for three weeks, just like a book.

Find the full list of Things, including chess sets, ukuleles, hotspots, hiking bags, and more >



Online Speaker Series

Find all upcoming speakers as well as recordings of past talks here:
library.org/beltiblibrary

Your participation and input are invaluable. Scan the QR code with your phone to share feedback:



Check Out Resources from Our Local Partners

Rotary
Club of Tiburon-Belvedere



The Rotary Club of Tiburon-Belvedere is one of a global network of service organizations, with members who enjoy camaraderie and community while working to make the lives of others better around the world and close to home.

www.telli.com/rotary

Sign up for our semimonthly events email newsletter:



Adult Highlights

We are adding new events every week. View the full calendar and register for events: beltlibrary.org/events

All adult events start at 6pm unless otherwise noted:

Sept. 4 **Risky Business in Rising China**
Author and China expert Mark Atkeson will present his new book on the Chinese economy and US-China relations.

Sept. 5 **An Alternative Justice System**
Attorney Richard Grossman will talk about a groundbreaking innovation created to decide legal disputes more cost-effectively. *Co-hosted by Rotary*

Sept. 6, 5pm **A Mindful Approach to Stress Reduction**
A workshop with Leonard Capozzi on learning how to respond rather than react to life's challenges.

Sept. 9 **How to Make a Real Difference in the World** with Kenyan-born human rights activist Musimbi Kanyoro, former president of the Global Fund for Women

Online event Sept. 10, 11am **Capturing the Human Drama through History** with Garrett Graff

Sept. 10 **How to Conquer Fear** with John Hagel, author and consultant, on his book *The Journey Beyond Fear: Three Pillars of Positivity to Build Your Success*

Sept. 11 **Bridging Sectors, Catalyzing Change: The Power of Public-Private Partnerships in Social Innovation** with Kathleen Keely Janus, senior advisor at Freedman Consulting

Sept. 12 **The Art of Musical Direction**
Francesco Lecce-Chong, Music Director of the Santa Rosa Symphony, will discuss musical interpretation, his approach to conducting, and his vision for the Santa Rosa Symphony.

Sept. 13 **The Art and Business of Fine Violins** with Roman Goronok, broker of antiqued stringed instruments

Sept. 14 **Comedy Night** with standup comedians from the Bay Area and beyond

Sept. 16 **2040: A Silicon Valley Satire** with author and AI researcher Pedro Domingos on his first work of fiction

Sept. 17, 11:30am **Understanding Your Medicare**
Join an expert representative from HICAP for an informative session.

Sept. 17 **Men and the 2024 Election** with Mark Sutton, author and political strategist

Online event Sept. 18, 11am **Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World** with Nate Klemp, PhD

Sept. 18, 3pm **Library Tea**
Mingle with fellow residents and enjoy light refreshments as we foster community connections in a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Sept. 18 **The Art of Contemplation** with contemporary artist Guy Diehl

Sept. 20, 5pm **The Legacy of Ghandi in Today's World** with Veena R. Howard, professor of Asian religious traditions, along with an exhibit on Ghandi's life

Online event Sept. 21, 4pm **A Deep Dive in Character Development** with Liane Moriarty

Sept. 23 **Designing Technology, Transforming Minds: Google and the Arts** with Ivy Ross, vice president of hardware design at Google

Sept. 24, 11:30am **End-of-Life Choices** with Marcia Hofer, retired clinical psychologist and founder of A Better Exit

Contemporary Fiction Book Club

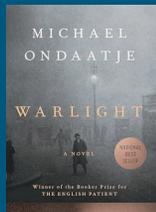
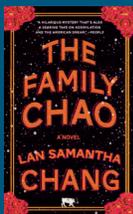
Join us to discuss recent, noteworthy novels. All adults are welcome:

Sept. 12, 2pm: *In the Time of Our History* by Susanne Pari

Oct. 10, 2pm: *The Family Chao* by Lan Samantha Chang

Nov. 14, 2pm: *Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje

Dec. 12, 2pm: *Hotel du Lac* by Anita Brookner



What is it Worth?

Rare books, maps, manuscripts, and more! Presented by PBA Galleries Auctioneers & Appraisers

Sept. 7, 2pm: Learn about rare and collectible maps, presented by Bruce MacMakin, Senior Vice President.

Sept. 14, 2pm: Discover medieval manuscripts and early printed books with Tristan Navarro.

Sept. 21, 2pm: Free appraisal. Do you want to find out if your family heirloom is a valuable artifact? Knowledgeable specialists from PBA Galleries will be on hand to evaluate books, photographs, maps, manuscripts, comic books, fine pens and watches.

Exploring the Great Full-Length Classical Ballets

With Corinne Jonas of Marin Ballet

Corinne will show clips of famous performances and teach some choreography from the ballet:

Sept. 19: *The Sleeping Beauty*
Oct 17: *Swan Lake*
Nov. 21: *Coppelia*
Dec. 19: *The Nutcracker*

Adult Highlights

All adult events start at 6pm unless otherwise noted:

Sept. 24 **Unsinkable Memories: A Collection from the Titanic** with collector Tony Probst

Sept. 25 **Forage. Gather. Feast: 100+ Recipes from West Coast Forests, Shores, & Urban Spaces**
Author Maria Finn will discuss and sign copies of her latest cookbook.

Sept. 26 **Beyond Half Dome: Unveiling the Secrets of Yosemite** with author and guide Banning Lyon

Oct. 1 **Convivir: Modern Mexican Cooking in California's Wine Country**
Michelin-starred chef Rogelio Garcia will discuss and sign copies of his latest cookbook.

Online event Oct. 2, 11am **A Journey into the Hidden World of Tropical Bats** with Smithsonian Scientists Dr. Rachel Page, Dr. Dina Dechmann, and Dr. Teague O'Mara

Oct. 7 **Paris Lost & Found: A Memoir of Love** with author Scott Carpenter

Online event Oct. 9, 4pm **Liberating Latin American Genre Fiction** with bestselling author Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Oct. 14 **Redeemed: A Memoir of Stolen Childhood** with author Penny Lane

Oct. 15 **Inside the Marin Symphony**
Steve Machtinger, President of the Marin Symphony, will share highlights from the upcoming season.

Oct. 17 **Resonating History: A Collection of Rare, Historic Guitars**
Collector Jeff Wells will share his collection of 17th, 18th, and 19th century guitars and perform some classical pieces.

Book Circle

Sept. 21, 11am

Join us to discuss *James* by Percival Everett. Some copies will be available at the Info Desk.

Music, The Brain, & Aging

How Music Can Alter Our Body
With Brad Schultz

Sept. 23 & 30, Oct. 7, 14, & 21; 11am

Oct. 19 **Pandemic Lessons and Covid Missteps** with Monica Gandhi, epidemiologist at UCSF

Online event, Oct. 22, 11am **Maybe You Should Talk To Someone: Examining the Truths and Fictions We Tell Ourselves** with author Lori Gottlieb

Oct. 22, 11:30am **Organic Gardening** with Suzanne Bontempo

Oct. 22 **Education Beyond Bars: The Remarkable Story of America's First Prison-Based Liberal Arts College** with Jody Lewen, president of the Mount Tamalpais College at San Quentin. *Co-hosted by Rotary*

Oct. 24 **A Unique Window into Celebrity Finances**
Tony Probst will share his collection of checks written by Marilyn Monroe, Ulysses S. Grant, and more.

Oct. 29 **Tunneling through Time: Marin's Hidden Railroad History** with local historian Richard Torney

Oct. 30 **Women in Wine**
Monica Lopez, owner of Aldina Vineyards, will share her experiences in a male-dominated industry. *Co-hosted by Rotary*

Nov. 4 **Caviar Confidential: Secrets of the World's Most Luxurious Delicacy** with Petra Bergstein-Higby, *Co-hosted by Rotary*

Nov. 12 **Putting Smiles on Faces: Transforming Lives Through Cleft Palate Surgeries Worldwide** with Angelo Capozzi, cofounder of Rotoplast, and Brian Walker. *Co-hosted by Rotary*

The Practice of Qigong

Movement Meditation
With Claire Cohn

Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 8; 11am

Nov. 14 **Legacy in Motion: Honoring Anna Halprin's Artistry and Influence**
Daria Halprin will share the work of her mother, choreographer and dancer Anna Halprin. Director Andrew Abrahams will screen his documentary on Anna's life.

Nov. 26 **Global Implications of America's Choice: International Relations in the Wake of the US Election** with Markos Kounalakis, foreign affairs columnist

Dec. 4 **An Evening with Suzanne Ciani: Diva of the Diode, Pt. II**
Musician Suzanne Ciani will return to share more stories and highlights from her career in electronic music.

Hootenanny

1st and 3rd Fridays, 1pm
Bring a guitar, ukulele, or just your beautiful voice. For all skill levels.

New Yorker Discussion Group
2nd Wednesdays, 1pm

Short Story Discussion Group
2nd Wednesdays, 2:30pm

Seated Yoga

1st and 2nd Fridays, 11am

The Better Angels of Our Nature

From Lincoln to Harris and Trump

Members of Braver Angels, a national nonprofit dedicated to decreasing political polarization, will host sessions at the library:

Oct. 3, 6pm: Introduction

Oct. 12, 2pm-5pm: Workshop

Oct. 26, 2pm-5pm: Workshop

Sign up for the Foundation newsletter:



President's Note

Dear Library Friends and Neighbors,

Wishing everyone a happy end of summer as we look forward to fall and the start of school.

With the kind and generous support from our ever-giving community and donors, the Foundation has several exciting projects underway. We are planning some upgrades to the Children's outdoor patio including soft flooring, shading and plants to make the space more welcoming and accessible for our young library members.

Please stop by the Library Art Gallery before Sept. 12th to experience our exhibition, *Artists' Interpretations: Buildings & Structures*, featuring creative works devised by mankind. Our next show will be *Making Art in a Changing World* starting Sept. 19th and will highlight the power art has in creating a better world.

Don't forget to stop by bustling Corner Books to browse our selection of bargain priced bestsellers. All proceeds benefit the library!

Volunteer at Corner Books!

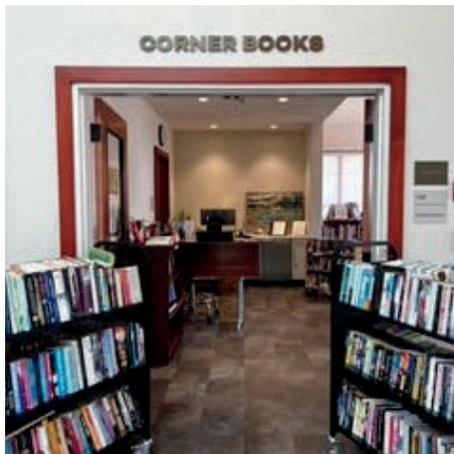
Help us increase hours at our volunteer-run bookstore. Corner Books sells gently used books, music, and movies to raise funds for the library.

Current hours are Monday through Saturday, 10am-4pm. Sign up to volunteer here:



Right: Artist Gerald Morgan talks about his creative process during a Library Art Gallery Art Talk, April 2024

Far right: Patty Flax, executive director of the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society, at a table during the library's Senior Fair, May 2024



Thank you for supporting our Foundation table at Friday Nights on Main. Special thanks to Foundation members Mickey Hubbell, Michelle Thomsen and Toni Lee for taking pictures of kids with their favorite summer book titles. Come to the Children's Library to see these pictures on display!

Please be on the lookout for the launch of our Annual Fund campaign which will begin in October. It is a vital part of our efforts to support and enhance the programs and services at the library. In the coming weeks, you will receive more information about how you can participate. We hope you will join us in making this campaign a success and helping us support our community library.

With Gratitude,

Lucy Churton

President, Foundation Board of Directors



Library Art Gallery

Don't miss this exceptional exhibition of portrayals of man-made structures. This impressive show, *Artists' Interpretations: Buildings & Structures*, ends Sept. 12.

Coming mid-fall, Sept. 19 to Nov. 14, the Gallery embraces the role of art in making the world better. Some of the artwork may reference various societal ills to build awareness and foster conversations about today's issues.

Making Art in a Changing World will celebrate the artist's voice in drawing attention to narratives in the hope of bringing a brighter future. Please join us for this exhibit:

Sept. 19, 6-8pm **Artist Reception**

Oct. 10, 6:30pm **ARTalk**

This special ARTalk evening brings together two esteemed speakers for a lively conversation about the role of artists as changemakers: Jodi Roberts, PhD., Executive Director at MarinMOCA, and Lena Wolff, artist and Activist for Democracy. Wolff's work merges art and civic engagement as she creates new platforms for voter participation and grassroots fundraising. This will undoubtedly be a spirited conversation about art, artists as public advocates, and the ways thinking like an artist can create solutions to real-world problems.





Children's Programs

Baby Bounce

Ages 0-18 months

10:30am

Sundays Oct. 20, 27; Nov 3, 10, 17

Mondays Oct. 21, 28; Nov 4, 18

This series will focus on early childhood development and parent education to explore the learning opportunities in storytime programs and reading and play at home.

Beginning Chess for Kids

Sundays 1pm

Sept. 22, 29; Oct 6, 20, 27; Nov 3, 10, 17

Wednesdays 4pm

Sept. 18, 25; Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov 6

Beginning chess lessons for students in grades 3-5. Get started in the chess world with our beginner-friendly class, where you'll learn the fundamentals and strategies to kickstart your chess journey.

Cookie Club

Thursdays 4pm Sept. 19 through Nov. 21

In this weekly program for early readers in grades 1 & 2, we'll read aloud and have a discussion while we enjoy cookies.

Book Buddies: 3rd Grade Book Club

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

Chomp: Grades 4+ Book Club

Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 21, 5pm

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.

Lego Club

All ages welcome

Sept. 14, 28, Oct. 12, 26, Nov. 9, 23; 11am

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

Halloween Trick or Treat

Oct. 31, 2:30-6pm

Join us in costume for games,
crafts and trick-or-treating!

Craft Challenge

Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 13; 2:30 pm

Fun craft projects for students in grades 4+ that are ready for some independence and time with peers.

Read to a Dog

Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20; 2:30 pm

Build your confidence reading to a furry friend.

Family Storytime

Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 3, Nov. 17; 11 am

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

Mosaic Monday

All ages welcome

Every Monday, all day, create your own masterpiece for all to enjoy on our patio with sidewalk chalk, weather permitting.

Train Time!

All ages welcome

Sept. 15, Sept. 29, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10, Nov. 24; 3pm

Open play with our Thomas the Train wooden toy collection.

Craft Club

Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 6; 2:30 pm

Fun craft projects for students in grades 2-3 who are ready for some independence and time with peers.

For **Toddler Storytime**, **Preschool Storytime**, and **Crafternoon** schedules, please visit our website.

Teen News

The fall semester brings a focus on college admissions help for students and parents, with two upcoming college entrance exam practice sessions (SAT Practice Test 9/21 and ACT Practice Test 10/19), and an informational webinar for parents of college-bound students. Parents and college counselors and others working in the field of higher education admissions are welcome to attend an online discussion, The State of the SAT and ACT, on Sept. 25.

New Clubs for Teens and Tweens

This summer saw the exciting launch of two new clubs for teens and tweens, and we look forward to resuming a popular club from several years ago. **Classics Book Club** is a new format of our longstanding Teen Book Club. This summer, we read and compared *The Island of Doctor Moreau* and *Frankenstein, or The Modern Prometheus*, followed by a fun film screening *Young Frankenstein*.

Dungeons & Dragons Club brings teens and tweens together who share an interest in all aspects of D&D. The club launched on June 1, with participation from Del Mar Middle School's lunchtime D&D club, and continued to meet throughout the summer to play games, watch movies, create characters, and more.

Manga Club is gearing up for fall with anime art, reading manga, and watching anime shows and movies.

Community Service for Young Adults

Community service opportunities this school year will include leadership and mentorship roles for teens who want to facilitate creative programs for youth at the library, including gaming, gardening, and crafting activities, as well as individualized special events and projects, and routine help in the Teen Room, Workshop and Garden. Teen volunteers create and display

art, including the ever-present Post-it window mural. They also pack the seed packets that fill our Seed Library, and help keep the teen garden clean and thriving. Upcoming opportunities will be posted soon online and on the bulletin board. Teens interested in volunteering can apply online here:



New Capabilities in the Digi Lab

Visit the Digi Lab in the Makerspace to convert analog formats to digital files. Share memories online with family and friends!

- MiniDV & Hi8
- Zip Disks
- Floppy disks
- VHS & VHS-C
- Audiocassettes
- 8mm & Super8 film
- Photos, slides, and negatives
- Vinyl (33, 45, and 78)
- CDs and DVDs

Book an orientation here:



Maker Spotlight Series

Get inspired by the journeys of local makers at our new Maker Spotlight Series!

Oct. 5 Doodletop inventor Chris McCay takes the stage!

Ever wondered how ideas for everyday objects come to life? Join us for an inspiring evening with local inventor and maker, Chris McCay, the creative mind behind the Doodletop!

All about Ebooks, Streaming, and Digital Resources

Join us for librarian-led workshops:

Sept. 12, 5pm: Ebooks, Audiobooks, and digital magazines

Sept. 16, 5pm: More than Books: Streaming, The Library of Things, and Accessing Paywalled Articles

Additional Open Hours

Beginning Oct. 1, the library's open hours will extend to 8pm Monday through Thursday.

Monthly Recurring Events at the Makerspace

See our website for dates. For all ages:

3D Printing for Beginners

Join us for an introduction to the world of 3D printing! Learn to find and customize amazing designs, and discover how you can bring your ideas to life.

Laser Cutting 101

Learn the basics of laser cutting and discover how to transform your ideas into custom ornaments, unique designs, stunning artwork, and more.

GarageBand Workshop

A hands-on session covering the basics of GarageBand, Apple's intuitive music creation software.

Lights, Camera, iMovie

Ever dreamed of making your movies? Now's your chance to learn the ropes with iMovie, Apple's user-friendly video editing software.

Sunday Sewing Bee

Unleash your inner seamstress (or seamster!) at our first-ever Sewing Bee. Create cute picnic napkins, enjoy refreshments, and make new crafty friends.

Upcoming Meetups

Two new meetups are coming soon: Bluegrass Jam and Parlor Games! If you are interested, email info@beltlibrary.org

Tech Drop-In

Mondays 2-3pm
Librarians can assist with troubleshooting e-readers, tablets, phones, and laptops.

A Warm Welcome to Librarians Nicola and Katie!

Nicola and Katie joined the Belvedere Tiburon Library team this spring. Say hello to them at the Information Desk.

Nicola has a background in researching and fact-checking, which informs her passion for answering reference questions and helping patrons find their next great read. She also has a background in art history and loves to paint and draw, and of course she is a voracious reader in a wide variety of genres, from fiction to biographies and memoirs. Nicola strives to be welcoming, enthusiastic, and thorough when assisting patrons with their inquiries.

Katie loves connecting readers with good books. She comes to us from a digital library tech startup where she curated ebooks, audiobooks, and book lists on everything from award winners to hidden gems. Katie loves reading weird westerns, hidden histories, and never says no to noir. When she's not reading, you'll find her hiking, petting a dog, or playing in the park with her family.

Exciting Changes Coming to Tiburon CoderDojo: Introducing Code Club!

Starting this fall, we're relaunching CoderDojo as Code Club, a series of focused coding sessions designed to empower young learners with essential programming skills.

Code Club will feature dedicated sessions on three popular languages: Scratch for beginners, Python for intermediate coders, and Web Development for those eager to build their own websites.

This new format will provide a structured learning experience, allowing participants to dive deeper into each language and build a strong foundation in coding.



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Photos on the Cover

1. Marin Master Gardener Joan Irwin shows us how to compost, May 2024
2. Studying in the Makerspace with Birgitta
3. Musicians between songs at the Outdoor Jazz Concert, the library's first concert held at the new Zelinsky Park, July 2024
4. Making slime at the Craft Challenge, May 2024
5. AI researcher Daniel Kokotajlo shares predictions on the arrival of artificial general intelligence, June 2024
6. High school poets recite their work at the Marin Poetry Center Gala in the Founders Room, May 2024

7. Author and financial advisor Spencer Sherman shares how cultivate a wise financial mindset in his *Dharma of Money* lecture, June 2024

8. FAMSF docent Maureen Murray Fox shares silhouettes from the de Young's *Fashioning San Francisco* exhibition, May 2024

9. Chef Tyler Florence signs copies of his latest cookbook, *American Grill*, after a lecture in the Founders Room, June 2024

10. DRUMMM percussion workshop for kids on the library patio, August 2024

11. Readers meander through the Library StoryWalk at the Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary, July 2024

12. A family at the opening reception for the art show *Recapturing Humanity through the San Quentin Art Program*, April 2024

13. Magician Perry Yang baffles the audience, July 2024

14. Marathon runner and former San Quentin resident Markelle Taylor talks about the documentary *26.2 to Life: The San Quentin Marathon* at a library screening

15. Reading in a cozy nook in the children's library

