

IN THE STACKS

Fall 2026



Director's Message

I hope you and your family had a wonderful summer. It was another lively season at the Library! More than 170 children participated in our Summer Reading Program, and families joined us for weekly programs featuring magicians, circus performers, and other special events.

We are entering the final year of our 2024–2026 Strategic Plan, and we have much to celebrate. We've refreshed our entryways with new furniture; partnered with Reed Union School District to provide students with public library cards; expanded partnerships with organizations, including the Richardson Bay Audubon Center and The Ranch; brought programs outdoors with events such as Shakespeare in the Park; and reduced wait times for popular eBooks. We're also proud to offer more open hours and programs than any other public library in Marin County. These efforts reflect our mission to nurture curiosity, spark connections, and foster lifelong learning and our vision of an inclusive and inspired community. Later this year, we'll invite you to share what you value about the Library and what you hope to see as we plan for our next chapter.

Thank you for your continued support of the Belvedere Tiburon Library. Whether you attend an upcoming event, join an online lecture, discover something unexpected in our Library of Things, or visit THE Gallery, recently voted Best Art Gallery in Marin County, there is always something new to experience. We hope to see you at the Library soon!



Warmly,

Crystal Duran
Library Director

Photos:

The Bubble Lady waves her wands over the crowd;
Teen volunteers plant pollinators and native plants in the Teen Garden;
Designing wrap-around pants at a Sewing Bee in the Makerspace



Katie Sutton New Agency Chair

I'm honored to step into the role of Chair of the Library Agency Board this year. Born and raised in Belvedere, I've long felt a personal connection to this library, and I currently serve on the art committee as well. In the year ahead, I look forward to revisiting our strategic plan, working closely with the Library Foundation, and helping the library move toward its goal of becoming a resiliency center for our community.



The board is eager to build stronger ties with residents, and we welcome greater community involvement in this work. Board meetings are open to the public and held the third Monday of each month at 6:15pm. I hope to see you there!

Trouble Logging in to Kanopy?

Kanopy is a popular library streaming app with over 30,000 movies and shows. Last May, many patrons were logged out of their Kanopy account for the first time due to a software update. For one week, the update caused login issues for Belvedere residents.



If you have not logged in to Kanopy in a while, Kanopy will ask you to reenter your library card and library pin. If you live in an unincorporated area, you will need to log in as a member of Marin County Free Library. Remember that the login for Kanopy is an email and a password which is separate from your library pin.

Call or stop by the Checkout Desk if you are still experiencing issues.

A Warm Welcome to New Library Staff

Nereida Bravo, Children's Librarian

I'm a children's librarian with a background in evolutionary biology, and formerly a field biologist, bringing together my passion for science, community engagement, and lifelong learning in my work. I'm also deeply involved in my community through volunteer service with Oakland Unified School District (OUSD), including the District English Language Learners Committee (DELLS) and the Parent and Student Advisory Committee (PSAC), where I advocate for inclusive educational opportunities and stronger support for students and families. Two of my favorite books are *Watercress* by Andrea Wang and *Your Inner Fish* by Neil Shubin. Outside of work, I enjoy baking and spending time with my husband and two kids (a 2nd and 7th grader).



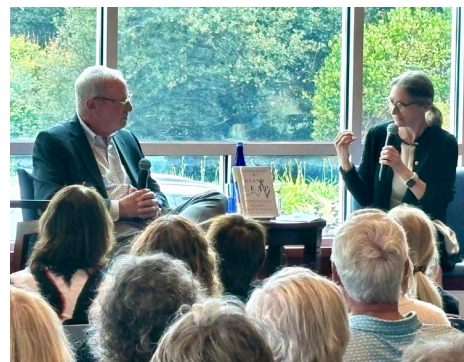
Diane Gasson, Administrative Services Supervisor

I have over 25 years business experience in corporate and government agencies. Over the past 15 years have been fortunate to volunteer and work part-time from home while I raised my two girls, now 17 & 19. I volunteered in Novato Unified District schools during that time and am a former Girl Scout leader, Marin Humane Foster Mom, and Marin Master Gardener. I'm very excited to be a part of the BTL Team and working for the public. I am especially enjoying the vinyl selection and cookbooks (I actually own over 85 of the latter).



Anne Wilson-Siembieda, Library Assistant

I have been a resident of Fairfax for over 40 years. I've come to Bel Tib via the Marin County Library system and elementary school library work, as well as two different assignments in the Peace Corps, one in Cameroun, and one in Morocco.



Above: Dr. Robert Wachter and author Katie Hafner discuss Dr. Wachter's new book, *A Giant Leap: How AI Is Transforming Healthcare and What That Means for Our Future* (Aug. 2026)

Alice Fredericks New Agency Boardmember

A Tiburon resident since 1996, Alice has dedicated a quarter century to our community. Upon moving to Tiburon, Alice served the library as a book group leader, library expansion advocate, and former vice chair of the Library Foundation. Her election to six terms on the Tiburon Town Council reflects her deep commitment to collaborative action and public service.



She brings a diverse professional background to her civic work both as a former UCSF research psychologist with a Ph.D. in behavioral medicine and as an inactive member of the California State Bar.

Alice looks forward to service on the Library Agency Board, working with colleagues, staff and volunteers to fulfill the strategic vision of the library as the vibrant hub and heart of community learning and gatherings.

Adult Highlights

Register for events online
beltlibrary.org
or call (415) 789-2661

Andrew Sean Greer

Author Talk

Oct. 13, Reception at 5:30
Event at 6pm

Andrew Sean Greer is the author of nine works of fiction, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Less*, its companion *Less Is Lost*, and *Villa Coco*, his latest novel.



Book Clubs & Conversation Groups

Book Circle:

Books Binding Us Together

Through shared reading and dialogue, participants engage in meaningful discussions that deepen understanding, build connection, and expand perspectives towards both individual and social change. Presented by Literacy by the Bay. Saturdays at noon:

Sept. 12 *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck

Oct. 17 *This Vast Enterprise: A New History of Lewis and Clark* by Craig Fehrman

Nov. 14 *The Glorians: Visitations from the Holy Ordinary* by Terry Tempest Williams

Spanish Conversation Club

Tuesdays, 1pm

Join a friendly, informal group of learners to improve your speaking and listening skills in a no-pressure environment.

Fluent Italian Conversation Group

Thursdays, 1pm

Join our lively weekly group for discussions on current events, art, and culture.

Short Story Hour

Second Wednesdays, 2:30pm

This fall we will continue reading and discussing short stories in the anthology *The Best American Short Stories of the Century* edited by John Updike.

The New Yorker Discussion Group

Third Wednesdays, 2pm

We'll discuss two recent articles. Find links to the articles on our website or email the Info Desk.

Culture

Treasures of the Pharaohs

de Young Docent Lecture

Sept. 22, 6pm

This exhibition brings the world of the pharaohs to life through 130 exquisite works spanning 3,000 years of history.

Author Talk: *Happy Mother's Daze* with Liz Krakow

Sept. 23, Reception at 5:30pm; event at 6
Join Marin author Liz Krakow for a talk on her new memoir, *Happy Mother's Daze*, a funny, heartfelt exploration of parenting, family, love, and finding meaning in the beautiful chaos of everyday life.

Ballet Exploration Series

with Corinne Jonas of Marin Ballet

Sept. 24, 11am: *The Sleeping Beauty*

Oct. 22, 11am: Ballet in Movie Musicals

Nov. 19, 11am: Balanchine Buffet

Learn the captivating stories, scores, choreography, and dancers behind upcoming Bay Area ballet performances. Marin Ballet's Corinne Jonas will also teach us a fun, accessible choreography lesson!

Trivia Café at the Library

Hosted by Howard Rachelson

Nov. 5, Dec. 10, 6pm

From pop culture to brain teasers — great questions, music, and visuals from every category. Bring a team or join one for a fun, friendly trivia night! Open to all ages, from 12 to 112.

Author Talk: *Do What You Fear Most: The History of the Velvet Underground*

with Richie Unterberger

Nov. 17, 6pm

Richie Unterberger's book *Do What You Fear Most: The History of the Velvet Underground* is an 800-page volume that draws on more than a hundred first-hand interviews and recent research at the Lou Reed Archive and Andy Warhol Archive.

An Evening of World Jazz Fusion

with Master Percussionist James Henry

Dec. 17, 6pm

James Henry and his jazz trio (percussion, keyboards, upright bass) will play a set that tells the history of music from around the world.

Sustainability

Climate Change Economics

with Jon Haveman

Sept. 1, 6pm

Join economist Jon Haveman for a nonpartisan discussion on the economics of climate change, exploring its impacts, the costs and benefits of reducing emissions, and the policies shaping our response.

Remodeling Your Home?

Consider Deconstruction

Sept. 9, 6pm

Before beginning your next renovation project, learn from deconstruction and reuse experts about the environmental benefits of salvaging and reusing building materials.

E-Waste Dropoff

Sept. 14, 1-5pm

This is your chance to clear out your clutter and help protect the environment by ensuring your electronic waste is recycled responsibly. See our website for the full list of eligible e-waste.

Local Birds Talk at the Marsh Behind the Library

with Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary

Sept. 22, 10am

Learn how to identify local bird species and hear all about the Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary's crucial work protecting the birds and the essential eelgrass habitat of Richardson Bay.

Shred Day

Sept. 25, 1-4pm

A paper shredding truck will be onsite to shred papers and records. Limit five bankers boxes per person.

Thinking of a Winter Garden? Try Asian Greens! with Marin Master Gardeners

Oct. 8, 2:30pm

Growing Asian greens is a great choice for a cool-weather winter garden in Marin County. Get ready to plant this month and grow tasty greens in 40-60 days!

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Sign up for our semimonthly
events email newsletter



Wellness

Mindfulness Meditation & Gentle Chair Yoga with Terre Passero

Sept. 4, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Oct. 30
Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18, 11am

Join us for guided mindfulness meditation and gentle chair yoga to support flexibility, strength, and steadiness in both body and mind.

Qigong: Movement Meditation with Claire R. Cohn

Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 5, 11am

Claire draws upon her background from dance, movement therapy, bioenergetics and meditative Qigong practices to teach students self-healing through movement.

Prevent Falls/Bodywork Class with Claire R. Cohn

Sept. 17, Oct. 15, 11am

With a focus on exercises to strengthen balance with mindful movements and proper body mechanics in order to avoid falls, Claire will provide individual attention to posture, gait and balance.

Sound Bath with Journey Beyond Sound

Oct. 15, Doors open at 6pm; event at 6:30
Relax into a live sound bath of singing bowls and gongs.

Medicare Annual Choices & Changes with HICAP

Oct. 20, 11am

Join a HICAP counselor to review the upcoming changes in 2027 for Part D drug plans and Advantage managed care plans.

Community

Humans of San Quentin

Sept. 30, 6pm

Hear stories from people impacted by incarceration and learn how storytelling can challenge stereotypes, build compassion, and connect us to our shared humanity.

Voter Information Session with the League of Women Voters

Oct. 6, 6pm

Join the League of Women Voters for an unbiased, balanced discussion of the pros and cons of the 14 statewide measures that will be on the November ballot.

About Coming About with Dave Gotz

Oct. 28, 6pm

Celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Coming About fountain with short films by Town of Tiburon Historian Dave Gotz on the design, construction and dedication of the Tiburon Plaza fountain.

Knitting Circle

First and third Mondays, 5pm

Craft and connect at the library! Bring your current craft project – knitting, crochet, needlepoint, and more – and share ideas and inspiration with fellow makers. All levels welcome.

Hootenanny

First and third Fridays, 1pm

Bring your guitar, ukulele, or beautiful voice and play classic songs together. All levels welcome.

Ukulele Jam

Fourth Fridays, 3pm

This gathering of musicians includes members of Marin Ukes, SF Ukulele Rebellion, and other great ukulele players from around the Bay Area. For intermediate and advanced players.

Mahjong Evening

Tuesdays, 5:30pm

Join us in the Reading Room for a community-led program that invites people of all skill levels to play.

Technology

AI with Bridget Burke

Workshops that offer a non-technical, friendly, and hands-on interactive introduction to AI. Mornings at 11am:

Writing with AI

Sept. 9 Map the Terrain

Sept. 23 Bring It to Life

Oct. 14 Take the Lead

Visuals with AI

Oct. 28 Start with a Prompt

Nov. 12 Turn Info into Visuals

Nov. 18 Create & Customize

More with AI

Dec. 9 Friends, Lovers, & Spicy Bots

Dec. 16 The Digital Afterlife

iPhone Essentials Series with Jon Hartmann

Tuesdays at 11am:

Sept. 1 5 Basic Skills

Sept. 15 Reminders & Notes

Oct. 27 Communicating with iPhone

Mac Essentials Series with Jon Hartmann

Tuesdays at 11am:

Sept. 29 **Getting Started on Your Mac**

Oct. 13 Photos on Your Mac

Nov. 3 Apple Tips & Tricks

Nov. 10 5 Basic Skills

Dec. 1 Organizing Your Mac

Dec. 15 Apple Music

Drop-In Tech Help

Mondays, 2-3pm

Need one-on-one tech help? Library staff can assist for short, drop-in sessions.

Makerspace Workshops

3D Printing for Beginners

Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, 11am
Find and customize amazing designs and discover how you can bring your own ideas to life.

Repair Advice Workshop

Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, 5:30pm
Give your broken items a second chance! Bring your busted gadgets, appliances, and more to our advice session. Get expert help with troubleshooting, disassembly, and maybe even a fix.

Sewing Bee

Sept. 19, Oct. 17, 11am

Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting, bring your current project or follow along with our seasonal craft.

Clothing Mending Workshop

Sept. 13, Oct. 11, 3pm

Join us for a hands-on workshop that teaches basic clothing repair skills as well as more advanced mending!

Cricut Crafting for Beginners

Sept. 5, Oct. 31, 11am

We will demonstrate how this machine can cut, write, and score a variety of materials.

Youth Highlights

Sign up for the Children's and Teen email newsletters



Children's Programs Monthly Afterschool Programs

Read to a Dog

All ages welcome

Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, 2:30pm

Build your confidence by reading to a furry friend.

4th & 5th Grade Book Club

Ages 9-12

Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, 3:30pm

"Picture This" - Study how text and artwork interact to tell stories.

Threads Club

Ages 8-12

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 3:30pm

Bring your own projects to knit, crochet, and cross stitch.

Weekly Programs

Baby Bounce

Ages 0-18 months

Mondays, 10:30am

Toddler Storytime

Ages 2-3 but all ages welcome

Tuesdays & Fridays, 10:15am

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5 but all ages welcome

Wednesdays, 3:30pm

Bilingual Storytime in English and Spanish with Arle

Ages 2-3 but all ages welcome

Thursdays, 10am

A fun-filled session of music, movement and imagination.

Mosaic Monday

All ages welcome

Monday, all day

Create your own masterpiece for all to enjoy on our patio with sidewalk chalk, weather permitting.

Afterschool Homework Hub

Grades 3 to 6

Mondays, 4:30pm; starts Sept. 14

Teen volunteers available to help with homework.

Crafternoon

Ages 5+ but all ages welcome

Tuesdays, 3:30pm

Family StoryTUNES

Ages 2-3 but all ages welcome

Saturdays, 11am

Join us for a fun and interactive morning of music, movement, and stories!

Mandarin Storytime with Shu Mei Laoshi

Every other Wednesday, 3:30pm

Children and families are invited to enjoy engaging stories, songs, fingerplays, and playful activities, all in Mandarin. Come sing, learn, and have fun together while building early language and literacy skills in a welcoming, family-friendly environment.



For Teens

Middle and high school students returning to school this fall can look forward to many activities at the library just for teens in grades 6-12. All teen programs are in the Teen Room unless otherwise stated, and all teen events and programs are listed at www.beltiblibrary.org/teens/whats-happening.

Afterschool Lounge starts on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 19, at 2:30-4:30 pm. Students hang out, do homework, play games, and enjoy free snacks on early release days. Drop in weekly, no registration required.

Craft activities for middle school students are offered weekly during **THURS-DIY** 4-5 pm in the Teen Workshop every Thursday afterschool. No experience is required and all supplies are provided. Drop in for fun crafts starting Thursday, Aug. 20.

Around the World Book Club for middle schoolers explores multicultural books and food. Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month at 4:30-5:30 pm. Sign up online to find out what books we are reading. Seats are limited for this popular program!

Community Service opportunities for students include weekly sessions on Tuesdays after school at 4-6 pm. A new volunteer opportunity called **Afterschool Homework Helpers** provides school age kids with homework help from high school students in the Children's Room on Mondays at 4:30, starting Sept. 14. Visit www.beltiblibrary.org/teens/get-involved-volunteer to complete a volunteer application and register for sessions.

For college-bound high school students and their parents, the **One-Stop College Admissions** webinar will be held Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 6:30-8 pm. Register online for the Zoom link.

Teens aged 14 and older and adults are invited to register for a unique handmade bookbinding class called **Handmade Book Arts Workshop with Annelies Atchley** on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 2-4 pm in the Founders Room.

The **Teen Patio** is undergoing renovations thanks to our friendly neighbors at **Tiburon Peninsula Foundation, Ground, and Eagle Scouts Troop 48**. Specially selected native plants appropriate for coastal conditions have been planted on the teen patio, thanks to Erin M. Kidwell, owner of Ground nursery, and teen volunteers including Avery Tucker, Mila Zamczyk and others. New patio umbrellas will be installed to help create shade during the late summer months. Funds were generously provided in the form of a grant from the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation. Local Eagle Scouts will embark on a carpentry project to refurbish and build patio furniture, and to install a custom-made birth bath to provide much-needed water to birds and pollinators. The Library wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to all those involved in these projects, and will keep the community apprised of new developments. The projects are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

BELVEDERE TIBURON LIBRARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2025 - JUNE 2026



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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Library Friends,

June 30 wrapped up the Library's 2025/2026 fiscal year, which was another very busy and exciting one for the Library Foundation. I am always so inspired by, and incredibly appreciative of, our amazing community that supports this library in so many ways - through your generous financial gifts, your active participation in the library's programs and, for so many, your steadfast dedication as volunteers. This community's support on all levels makes our library a vibrant and welcoming place for everyone.

This year your donations helped us add to the library's collections for readers of all ages as well as provide more access to eBook titles. Furthermore, your support helped the library to launch the Dolly Parton book program for young children. We were also able to install sail shading on our children's patio and the library continues to update technology throughout the building.

Lastly, we are so thankful to our library director, Crystal Duran, and her fantastic team for their hard work, dedication, and for making our library such a wonderful place for everyone.

With appreciation,
Brenda Brinker Bottum



FUNDING SOURCES

YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS

LIBRARY FUN FACTS:

CARD HOLDERS
8,410

VISITORS
169,264

PHYSICAL COLLECTION SIZE
55,926

E-CHECKOUTS
72,943

BOOK & MEDIA CHECKOUTS
95,000

REFERENCE QUESTIONS
17,634

LIBRARY OF THINGS
AVAILABLE TO LEND
154

CONFERENCE ROOMS
BOOKED
3,624

EVENTS HOSTED
1,125

Contributions
39.3%

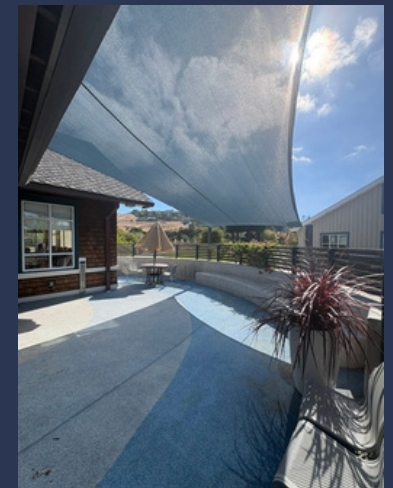
Corner Books
7.5%

Legacy Gifts
Bequests
40.4%

Restricted Funds
2%

THE Gallery
7%

Events
3.8%



CHILDREN'S PATIO

Your Donations make all the difference! This year, we completed the Children's Patio, and we are incredibly grateful for your generous support. Last year, we installed the rubberized safety flooring, and this year, we added a shade sail to provide much-needed protection from the sun.

Thanks to these improvements, the children now have a safer, more comfortable outdoor space where they can play, explore, and enjoy time outside.

A special thank you to Sylvia and Charan Singh for generously donating the beautiful plants and pots that added the perfect finishing touch to the space. We also extend our sincere thanks to Hadley Construction for their in-kind donation of the shade sail installation. We are deeply grateful for their generosity, professionalism, and support throughout this project.

CORNER BOOKS

Corner Books is so incredibly appreciative of the support of the community both donating and purchasing books throughout the year. The commitment of our volunteers is also second to none and the store is so grateful to each of them.

Corner Books has had a remarkable year. Our highlights include:

- 50 active volunteers staffing the store Monday through Saturday.
- Over 2,000 volunteer hours during the year.
- Sales up a robust 13.5% versus the same period in 2025.
- The higher sales are due to wonderful support from the community, increased social media, word of mouth, and increased tourist traffic.
- Corner Books sold some of our more valuable books at PBA Galleries in Berkeley resulting in nice sales for these gems.

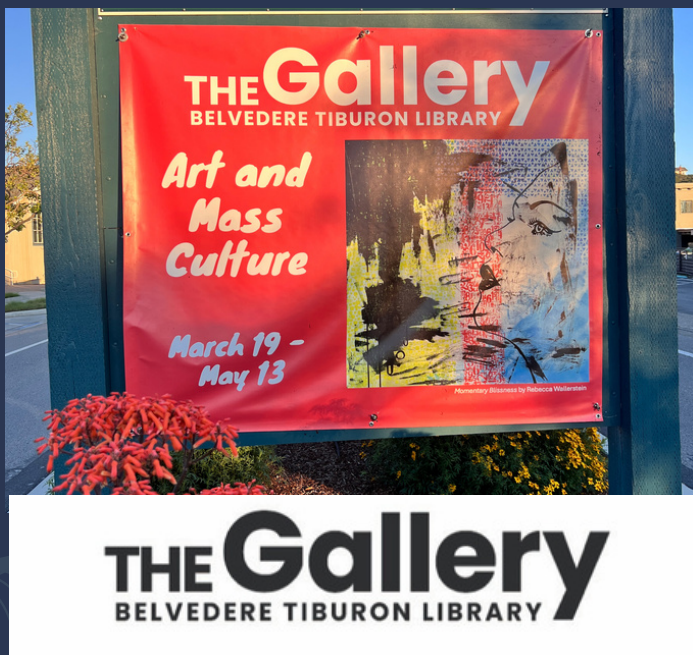


THE Gallery

THE Gallery closed out an exciting year, filled with highlights and a hard-won win. As a volunteer-run gallery, this year we presented:

- 5 exhibitions
- 271 artworks shown
- 238 artists featured
- Around 2,000 visitors per exhibition
- Two ARTalks this year had standing room only
- **At year-end, we were recognized Best Art Gallery 2026 by Marin Magazine Reader's Choice!**

Each exhibition was accompanied by a well-attended ARTalk—a lecture or panel offering scholarly insight to make the art more accessible to visitors. Meet the Artist evenings and gallery chats further complemented the exhibitions, drawing smaller groups into the gallery for more casual, intimate conversations about the work. These events advance THE Gallery's mission of building community through art.



TEDDY BEAR TEA

The Belvedere Tiburon Library Foundation's Teddy Bear Tea is a beloved community tradition. This year's 26th Annual event, held on March 21, brought together more than 250 children, families, and supporters for a magical day of fun and philanthropy.

This year's picnic-themed celebration featured tea, hot cocoa, snacks, story time with the Children's Librarian, photos with Teddy, and a creative children's craft. Proceeds from the Teddy Bear Tea directly support children's programs and services at the Belvedere Tiburon Library, helping inspire a lifelong love of reading, learning, and discovery for children.



THANK YOU TO OUR KIND DONORS!

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The Estate of Shirley Banks
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The Estate of Joyce Tayer

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Jill Sideman
Cheryl and Gideon Sorokin
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Chair's Message

HUGE NEWS... We were named Marin Magazine's **Reader's Choice, Best Art Gallery 2026**.



To think that our gallery is only four years old, volunteer-run, and now honored with this award. That this effort became such an energized, grassroots, community-wide outpouring—we are beyond grateful. Many, many thanks for your votes!

Things Worth Watching For:

Our group art shows will return in September. First, with an exhibition that speaks directly to artists and their mark making technique. Second, an artist's use of color holds promise for a vibrant gallery during winter months.

Exhibit

Mark Making: Dots, Lines, Textures

Sept. 17 to Nov. 11

Artists employ techniques to create visual elements that are unique: brushstrokes on canvas, dashes in ink or graphite, or incised lines with the end of a brush. While some of the dabs of paint, brush-marks, or patterning are conscious, much mark making is accidental or unconscious.



THE Gallery Steering Committee pictured from left to right: Katie Sutton, Morag Stewart, Lucy Churton, Diane Green, Nancy Freed, Rekha Dutt (not shown: Elisabetta Ponti & Brenda Bottum)



ARTalk, Oct. 1: **Traces of Being: The Timeless Language of Mark Making**, speaker Susan Goetz Zwirn, painter and professor of art, will trace the evolution of mark making, the heartbeat of visual expression, across time and culture. From early cave painters to the sinuous lines and idealized forms of the Italian Renaissance, to the calligraphic energy and spiritual resonance of Asian art traditions, Susan will lead us to consider how the human impulse to leave a trace continues to evolve and why it matters.

Exhibit

Palette in Play: How Artists Use Color

Nov. 19 to Jan. 13

Color is the first thing you notice about an artwork. But, as a critical formal element used in art making, artists' choices for hues and saturations are signifiers. This exhibit is about how artists employ color, their relationship to it, and how these palette choices impact the viewer.

ARTalk, Dec. 3: **Made in San Francisco: The Evolution of the California School of Fine Arts, 1945–1969**. Curator Dr. Emma Acker will discuss the forthcoming de Young museum exhibition which considers the pivotal role the California School of Fine Arts (CSFA, later the San Francisco Art Institute) played in catalyzing many of the Bay Area's artistic movements.

It was a great year for THE Gallery and volunteers—all of us deeply touched by this community of enthusiastic supporters.



Thank you!

Diane Green
Chair,
THE Gallery



New Hours at Corner Books

Corner Books will be open Sundays starting in October! The gently-used bookstore is currently open for business 10am - 4pm Monday through Saturday.

If you're interested in a fun and meaningful volunteer opportunity of just two hours a week, especially on Sundays, consider Corner Books! Please reach out to us at info@beltiblibfoundation.org



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Foundation Goodbye and Welcome

The Foundation has been so very lucky to have Michelyn Russell Good as our Foundation Director for the last nine years. As many of you know, Michelyn grew up in our community and went to school with many of our longtime Belvedere Tiburon residents and has a genuine love of the peninsula. Michelyn retired from the Foundation on August 11 and we will truly miss her in the office but know she will be back to help us out from time to time.



We are so thrilled to announce that Christopher Phipps will be taking Michelyn's place in the Foundation office which will be open 10am to 3pm, Monday through Wednesday, each week. A long-time bookseller in Bay Area independent bookstores, you may recognize Christopher from the Library's Circulation Desk. He is excited to bring his years of customer service experience and boundless passion for books to aid in the mission of the Library Foundation as the new Foundation Operations and Donor Relations Coordinator. Always willing to help someone find their next read, Christopher will also continue with his role as a Library Assistant. Please stop by and welcome him to this additional role at the library.



Top: Michelyn Russell Good
Above: Christopher Phipps

Below: Filmmaking workshop
Bottom: Janet Lee sings at the Senior Expo 2026

Mark Your Calendar

Estate Planning Basics: What to Know and How to Get Started

Oct. 20 & Jan. 26, 6pm

An introduction to the essentials of estate planning. Participants will learn how wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and beneficiary designations work; how taxes and probate can affect an estate; how to incorporate charitable gifts into their plans (a powerful way to give!); and how to find the right advisor.



Estate planning attorney Nadine Aarsheim will lead the October session, which is designed for individuals who are not planning for dependents.

The January session will also address planning for minor children and other dependents.





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Staff Picks, Summer 2026

America, América: A New History of the New World by Greg Grandin

The book is a fresh perspective on American history that views it as an interconnected story of conquest, revolution, migration, and resistance within the Western Hemisphere and their influence on the formation of democracy and empire. Highly recommend! – Nereida

Artificial Condition by Martha Wells

I'm not typically a sci-fi reader, but this is a fantastic series to pick up when you're in the mood for an escape. Following the antics of a grumpy, socially reluctant bot dealing with humans is both funny and unexpectedly endearing. – Gina

The Sixth Nik by Daniel Kraus

Daniel Kraus's first foray into science fiction comes back to his dark roots with a genre-blending, stomach-churning, bio-tech body horror coming-of-age tale that may shock his newly acquired Pulitzer readers but will thrill long-time fans. – Rebecca

Beginning Middle End by Valeria Luiselli

I think it's a rare thing for a writer to be able to balance the feeling of exploration and questioning without sacrificing the narrative drive of a confident storyteller. Luiselli's book manages such a high-wire feat effortlessly. – Chris

London Falling: A Mysterious Death in a Gilded City and a Family's Search for Truth by Patrick Radden Keefe

I'll read anything by Patrick Radden Keefe (Say Nothing, Empire of Pain). His riveting, deeply researched narrative nonfiction makes even topics I think I'm not interested in fascinating. This gripping investigation explores the mysterious death of a young man who leapt from the balcony of a luxury London apartment into the Thames, while delving into our fascination with wealth and opulence and London's criminal underbelly, a "twenty-four-hour laundromat for dirty money." – Katie

Here Beside the Rising Tide: Jerry Garcia, The Grateful Dead, and an American Awakening by Jim Newton

You don't have to be a Deadhead to appreciate this masterful portrait of Jerry Garcia and the 1960s counterculture. Newton pairs sharp journalistic reporting with vibrant history resulting in a wonderful read. – Adam

Night People: How to Be a DJ in '90s NYC by Mark Ronson

A nocturnal insider's bildungsroman around 1990s Manhattan (before the eras of bottle service and camera phones) where folks from all walks of life danced together in grimy/swanky/concrete clubs till the wee hours, and the music was supplied by DJs who hauled crates of records to multiple venues each evening. It's also a story of competition and craft. – Joey

Find more reading lists here:

