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The Friends' Big Gift Reignites Belmont Library Magic

The Belmont Library is back — and better than ever! Friends of the Belmont Library President, Pat Barkett, V was “pleased as punch” to present a generous \$125,000 check to the Belmont City Council, a gift that’s already making waves in the community.



With its doors wide open, the renovated Belmont Library has reclaimed its role as a vibrant hub of learning, creativity, and connection:

- Mornings come alive with story times and the joyful buzz of curious young minds.
- Afternoons see students diving into the Maker Space and Study Zones, building, tinkering, and collaborating.
- Throughout the day, older adults find calm and companionship in the Reading Room.
- And the programming? It’s back with a vengeance—featuring book clubs, author talks, and cultural events that draw crowds and spark conversation.

Be sure to check out the enclosed calendar of events to explore the full spectrum of offerings. Whether you're a lifelong reader, a budding inventor, or just looking for a welcoming space, the Belmont Library has something for you.

We can’t wait to welcome you back!



Season of Giving

The Friends of the Belmont Library collected donations for over a decade to fund our Big Check for the library refresh. Now we start collecting again, to support current library programs for all ages and to be ready for future updates. As 2025 ends, please consider making a tax-deductible donation. There are several ways to support our organization:

- Fill the form on this newsletter and mail it to us with a check.
- Donate online with a credit card at www.thefobl.org/donate
- Use your Fidelity Charitable DAF
- Ask your employer to match your donation through Benevity.

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Seed Library Grows Again

Beyond books, our library’s special Seed Library is back on the shelf! You can find it on the bookshelf as you approach the study rooms. A tiny “card catalog” set of drawers holds categorized seed packets to “check out”. Try out new seed varieties, plant them at home, watch them grow, and perhaps return seeds at the end of the season.



Celebrated Community Leader Joins Our Board of Directors

The Friends of the Belmont Library are proud to welcome **Marie Violet** to their Board of Directors.

A lifelong advocate for community wellness and civic engagement, Marie brings decades of experience and a deep commitment to Belmont’s residents.



Marie has served as Director of Health & Wellness Services at Dignity Health Sequoia Hospital since 1995, where she has built enduring partnerships with local organizations to promote public health and education. Her leadership has been instrumental in shaping collaborative initiatives that benefit the broader community.

At the Belmont Library, Marie is best known for producing the beloved *Maturing Gracefully* series, which offers practical guidance and inspiration for older adults seeking to live well. Her next program, “Navigating the Festive Season with Heart Health in Mind,” will take place on Monday, December 8 at 1:00 PM at the Belmont Library, free and open to the public. Attendees will learn heart-smart strategies for enjoying the holidays with vitality and balance.



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Bond With Neighbors Over Books

Did You Know?

- There are 5 million Book Club Members in the United States.
- The current #1 bestselling book of all time is the Bible with 5 billion copies sold and distributed.

Are you tired of reading alone? Would you like to turn every chapter into a conversation whatever your interest, ie. literary fiction, sci fi, mystery, cookbook, thriller, etc.? We have several book groups at the Belmont Library that might fit your preference. For additional information about specific discussion group dates, please contact the staff via the following email: belmont@smcl.org.

Twin Pines Book Club

First Wednesdays
2:30-4:00 pm
Twin Pines Senior Center

First Wednesday Book Club

First Wednesdays
6:00-7:30 pm
Belmont Library

Mystery Book Club

Second Thursdays
1:00-2:30 pm
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Cookbook Club*

Third Mondays
6:00-7:00 pm
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* *Pre-Registration required*

Mandarin Chinese Book Club

Fourth Thursdays
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Taube Room





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