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# Winter Friends Newsletter



## A message from our President

For Goodness Sake  
It's the year of the snake  
No cause for alarm  
It signifies wisdom, elegance and charm,  
That describes our  
Branch manager, Chris Lu  
He's our own library guru  
Kathleen, we thank you  
'Cuz before you said adieu  
You did interview  
(It was a bit of a coup)  
And hire  
the man we admire  
Chris, you always inspire  
It's my desire  
To conspire  
That you never retire

I admit, I will feel a bit adrift  
When our library gets a new face lift  
I hope you won't be too indisposed  
When our library will be closed  
San Carlos and Foster City  
Can pick up the slack  
And soon we'll have our Library back  
Whilst the contractor elves  
Will be installing new shelves  
And painting the place  
(It'll be a new showcase)  
I hope the new look you'll embrace  
And your wallet unlace  
For our new library interface

Submitted with Grace

Pat B



## Belmont Library Revamp

After nearly twenty years and 6.5 million customer visits, the Belmont Library will receive a much-needed refresh – flooring will be replaced, walls will be repainted, furniture and equipment will be upgraded, and makerspace and meeting room technology will be enhanced. The library will also receive new furniture and shelving to create a more inviting space for the community.

The Friends of the Belmont Library are delighted to substantially contribute to this exciting project which will begin on March 19th.

**Library activities will move to the Barrett Community Center, Twin Pines Senior and Community Center, and other community spaces for the next few months. Check the online library events calendar for exact program locations by pointing your browser to [smcl.org/events](http://smcl.org/events) and filtering for Belmont Library events. We look forward to seeing you again in the renovated library sometime this coming summer when the red carpet is once again rolled out.**

# National Library Week 2025

## Drawn to the Library!

Millions of people across the country visit their libraries every week.

**What's the draw? Everything.**

From young families stopping in for play and storytime, to students sketching out their next creative project in a makerspace, to seniors seeking tech help and everyone in between, libraries of all kinds help us connect the dots from one part of our journey to the next. Chart your next literary adventure by browsing the stacks or joining a book club. Let an author color your imagination at an author talk, outline your big business idea at an entrepreneur workshop, or trace your history with your library's genealogy resources. Make your mark and get involved with your library by volunteering or spreading the word.

Belmont Library will be closed for renovations during National Library Week, but The Friends of the Belmont Library will continue our advocacy at various gathering places around the community including the Belmont Farmer's Market on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. During the closure, we urge you to take advantage of the exciting resources at our neighboring libraries such as San Carlos and Foster City. Be sure to celebrate the workers at all San Mateo County Libraries on April 8<sup>th</sup> by showing them your appreciation.

Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone. **Celebrate National Library Week, April 6 - 12, 2025.**



## An Invitation to All Members

### Annual Meeting Information

**Mark your calendars now for the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Belmont Library on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm at The Lodge at Twin Pines Park. We look forward to meeting you all!**

We'll be reporting on our accomplishments for the fiscal year, as well as selecting board members. Since the library may still be closed for renovations, we'll be meeting at the Lodge in Twin Pines Park.

We have a vacancy for our Social Networks/Website/Publicity Chair, so if you have experience in these areas, please consider joining the Board. This position serves a one-year term with the option of being re-appointed. Board members are expected to attend 6 meetings per year.

The current Membership, Newsletter, and Bookstore Chairs are seeking reappointment of their one-year terms but if any general members want to throw their hats in for these positions, they are encouraged to do so. The Friends' Board, like all organizations, thrives on the energy that new members bring.

Whether or not you are interested in joining the Board, please do join us for our Annual Meeting.

It's always a thrill to meet face-to-face with the community members who generously fund our organization. We look forward to seeing you in June!

# Support the Friends of the Belmont Library



New Membership       Membership Renewal

Your membership is annual, and starts from the date of joining.

Name:

Phone:

Street address:

City:                      State:      Zip Code:

Email Address:

Choose your membership Level

- Friend/Dues . . . . . 25  
 Good Friend/Donor\ . . . . . 50  
 Family Friend/Donor\ . . . . . 100  
 Best Friend/Donor\ . . . . . 200  
 Generous Friend/Donor\ . . . . . 300  
 Additional Donation\ . . . . . \$

Send important member correspondence, including the newsletter, by (check one):

- Email       Postal Mail  
 Yes, I would like to volunteer!

Make checks payable to:

**Friends of the Belmont Library**

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## Clearance Sale

All items, including CDs and DVDs, are 50% off the marked price. Take advantage of this bargain while you can!

## *Friends of the Library*

### *Temporary*

### *Store Closure*

Please note that The Friends of the Library Bookstore will be closed for renovation from March 19 through May and Friends have already stopped accepting donations of items.

**Please donate your books, CDs & DVDs to neighboring Friends groups (San Carlos, San Mateo), or save your items until the library reopens in the summer.**



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