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Friends Newsletter - Spring 2026

A Warm Invitation to All Members

Our **Annual General Meeting** of the **Friends of the Belmont Library** is **Monday, June 15th at 6:00 pm** in the **Taube Room at the Belmont Library**. The meeting is open to all members, and we look forward to seeing you there. We'll share highlights from the past fiscal year and hold elections for board positions – all this accompanied by yummy refreshments!

Open Board Positions

We have vacancies for the following roles:

- Social Networks/Website/
Publicity Chair (one-year term)
- Secretary (two-year term)

General members interested in being considered for any of these roles are warmly encouraged to step forward—our organization thrives on the fresh ideas and energy that new board members bring. Voting privileges are extended to all members in good standing for at least one month prior to the meeting.

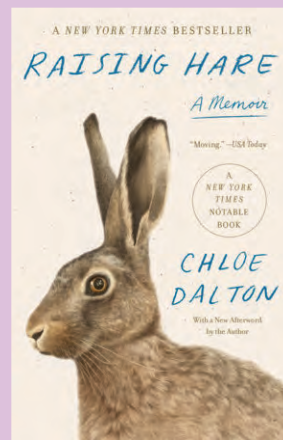
Join Us in June

Whether or not you plan to run for a position, we hope you'll attend the Annual Meeting. It's always a pleasure to meet face-to-face with the community members whose generosity sustains our work. We look forward to seeing you in June!

A Seasonal Book Review from the President

Raising Hare by Chloe Dalton

Dalton is a charming read in time for the Easter Bunny. It's a memoir – kind of a meditation - that explores the unlikely friendship between a woman and a hare. Dalton, who retreated to the country during the COVID 19 lock downs, finds a leveret (a newborn hare) that has been chased by a dog. She brings it home knowing most leverets perish in captivity from shock or



starvation. Dalton patiently learns to feed and care for the leveret, always intending to return it to the wild after it gained strength. But over time, the hare becomes a companion. By night, the hare roams the fields and woods; by day, it returns to Dalton's home—a rhythm that blurs the line between wildness and domesticity.

It's interesting to share
The life of a hare

National Library Week Is Coming!

Discover What's New at the Belmont Library

This annual celebration highlights the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning. From books and digital resources to job assistance and creative programming, libraries remain essential to thriving, connected communities.

A National Tradition

First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is a nationwide observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries of all types across the country. In recent years, libraries have faced challenges ranging from book censorship to reductions in federal support for programs like the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Yet, thanks to dedicated advocates, some federal funding continues. As ALA President Sam Helmick notes, "Federal library programs are still in place, and grants continue to flow because advocates show up for our libraries."

Maturing Gracefully Comes to an End

After more than a decade, **Maturing Gracefully**, the monthly drop-in lunch program focused on the health and wellness of older adults, has come to a close. The program was made possible through a long-standing partnership between **Dignity Health Sequoia Hospital** and the **Friends of the Belmont Library**, who sponsored the light lunch that accompanied each presentation.

Maturing Gracefully was the vision of **Marie Violet**, former Director of Health and Wellness at Dignity Health Sequoia Hospital. Through her leadership, she brought together experts across a wide range of fields—including dentistry, cardiology, physical therapy, and many more—to share practical, engaging health information with our community. After Marie's retirement, **Janel**

Celebrate National Library Week
April 19 – 25 at the Belmont Library!

Whether you're a longtime patron, a new neighbor, or someone who hasn't visited in a while, this is the perfect moment to rediscover everything the library offers. Explore our newly renovated spaces, including:

- Tranquil reading areas designed for comfort and focus
- Updated study rooms equipped with flat screens for Zoom meetings and collaboration
- A fully equipped Maker Space featuring 3D printers, laser cutters, and more

No matter where you are in life—preparing for a career change, launching a business, raising a family, or embracing retirement—Belmont Library is here to support your journey.

Jurosky, Community Health Nurse and Educator at Dignity Health Sequoia, continued the program with the same dedication and care. Ultimately, however, hospital staffing constraints made it impossible to sustain the monthly series.

The Friends of the Belmont Library extend heartfelt thanks to Marie, Janel, and the many medical professionals who generously donated their time and expertise to this much loved program.

While the monthly Maturing Gracefully series has ended, health related programs for older adults will continue at the library.



Support the Friends of the Belmont Library



New Membership Membership Renewal

Membership lasts one year from the date you join.

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
 and mail to:
 P.O. Box 826
 Belmont CA 94002

Thursday, April 2
1:00 to 2:00 PM

at the Taube Room

Advanced Healthcare Directive Workshop

Continuing Health Programs at the Library

Monday, June 8
1:00 to 2:00 PM

at the Taube Room

Building Healthy Brain Habits

Continuing Health Programs at the Library

Saturday, April 18
Sunday, April 19
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

at the Belmont Library

The Spring Sale

Browse great deals, discover hidden treasures, and find unique gifts—all while supporting the library. It's a true win-win for the community.

Members receive additional 10% off!

Friends of the Belmont Library's Used Book & Media Sale

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Friends Spring Sale

Used Books & Media 30-50% off of our low prices

Children's books: **50% off**

CDs: **4 for \$1**

DVDs: **2 for \$1**

Selected paperbacks:

10 for \$1

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Cash, Checks & Zelle Accepted



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