

Dear Village Association,

Your library is doing great!

Because we hired Aaron Fong for 4 hours each day, thanks to the Bolinas/Stinson Beach Library Friends group, I can make it to most Village Association meetings. I cannot make it today because I am at an annual retreat for the Board I am on, CLAM, The Community Land Trust of West Marin, the group that helped Stinson Beach buy 31 Calle del Embarcadero so it will remain affordable in perpetuity. I am sorry I cannot be here but next month I will make a point of being here.

We have had wonderful art shows this past year with fun openings, two presentations from our local docents of the Asian Art Museum, a great summer reading game with events for kids and teens. In January, the Stinson Beach Library welcomed our friends from Cedars of Marin back for another fantastic art show. Cedars serves Marin adults experiencing intellectual and developmental challenges. Their artwork is always inspirational, and this year's show is no exception. You can enjoy the Cedars show now through February 27. A monthly book group reads interesting memoirs, weekly bridge games happen, the youth group comes every Monday to do homework and hang out together before they get their free pizza from the Parkside. Camilla Ford goes to the Stinson School for storytimes twice a month. We have had children's craft workshops, making button flowers, origami boxes, folded cards. We had sing a longs with Daniel's ukulele. 47 jigsaw puzzles have been done with many more checked out to patrons. Coffee and Parkside pastries are shared every Monday morning. We have special bags to mail away your unwanted and expired medicines for safe disposal.

Coming up – Next week Camilla Ford and John Cozi will read a play, Love Letters on February 13th at 6:30p pm. We will have buttons ready to make button flowers for Valentine's Day for the next week. The One Book One Marin program supports reading and discussing Strangers in Their Own Land by Arlie Hochschild on March 20. Additional program and events are held throughout the Library system during February, March and April to enrich your understanding of this year's book. We will be showing a film about the environmental troubles in Louisiana on March 13th. In May a staff member from Project Coyote will be talking about coexisting with coyotes. The date has not been finalized.

All of these wonderful programs will continue on in 2018, local artists on the Art Wall, local sing a longs, interesting books read and discussed. We will plant veggies and strawberries and sweet peas soon. We are working to keep our collection up to date and diverse. Let us know how we can help you.

Thank you, Al Engel for continuing to mow the field across from us. I think we need a crochet set!

Thank you to the Friends for their support of all three libraries, Stinson, Bolinas and Bolinas/Stinson School.