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## Spring 2024



Dear Library Patron,

I am very pleased to announce we have four new members of the Friends of Larkspur

Library board. Our goal was to bring on people who would speak for the needs of younger families in Larkspur, Kentfield and Greenbrae, and have a role in shepherding in our new library. We feel we have definitely succeeded!

To those of you who have donated to Friends of Larkspur Library, we say thank you and welcome any extra you can add to it. To those of you who have not yet donated to support our gem of a library, we'd love your contribution toward future programming, equipment, subscriptions, and of course, books. Come visit the center of our community soon!

My Very Best,

*Diana*

Diana Saint James  
President, Friends of Larkspur Library

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**Please Welcome Our New Board Members**



**Jordan Jaffe**



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# Student Library Volunteer: Jake Williams

By Alice Kaufman



On occasion, if you go to the Larkspur Library you may have noticed the tall redheaded young man working with the books. His name is Jake Williams, and he has gone from library volunteer in August 2022 to paid staff member since March 2024 as a pager. He works with the collections, shelving, reshelving, collecting for holds, grouping books to send to other libraries, and more.

He started working at the library to gain Community Service Credit at Redwood High (he's in his senior year there), and stays in it partly due to the college credits he accumulates for community volunteering. Partly. He calls working at the library "a productive way to spend free time." Plus, "the staff makes it very nice. They are great company."

Fittingly, Jake likes to read, mostly non-fiction, mostly in the areas of psychology, history and finance. One of his favorite books is *The 48 Laws of Power* by Robert Greene, a psychology book which has been banned in prisons for its Machiavellian-like content.

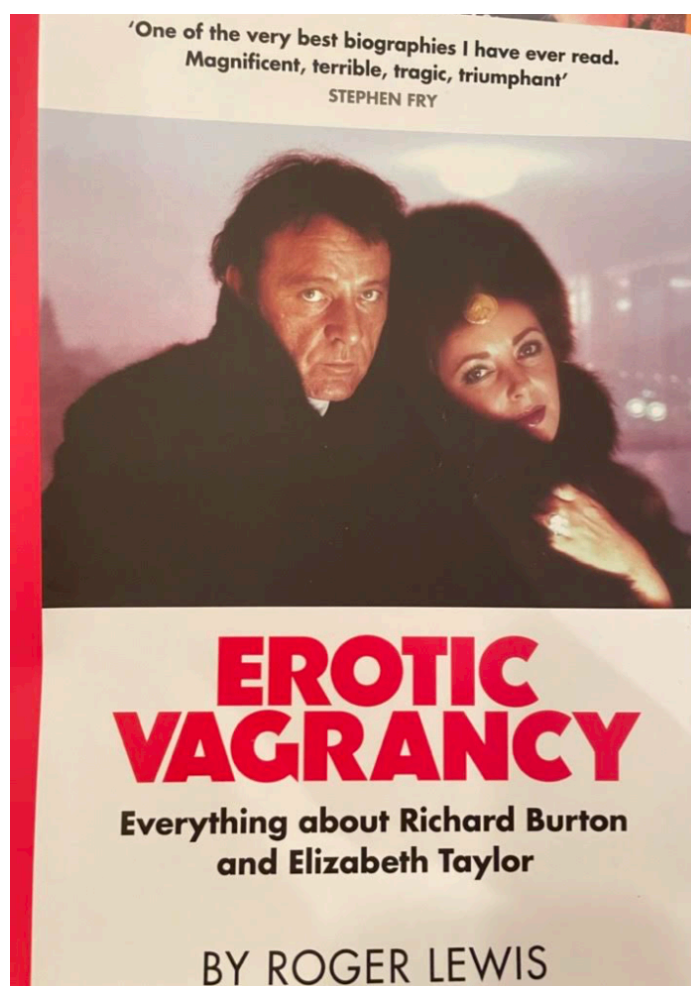
His hobbies include bike riding, martial arts, and reading. In late March when we had this conversation, he was still waiting to hear from several colleges. His college plans include concentrations in History and Business Administration. He plans to go to graduate school

in Law or Business.

Jake says about his job at the library, "I'm happy I have it. I love my job. The library's an ideal place to work."

## Zip Books: For the Book Sleuth

by Alice Kaufman



Have you — like me — ever read about a book you wanted to read, only to NOT find it in any Marin library? AND not in Links Plus?

Don't give up! The Larkspur Library has started a program called Zip Books: if the book in question is nowhere to be found in the realm of books available in Marin and further afield,

AND if the book is available on Amazon, submit a request to the library for a Zip Book (a link to do that is at the end of this story). Zip Books = our librarian orders the book on Amazon to be sent to you, you receive and read the book, and you return it to our library to become part of their collection/catalog. Win-win!

Librarian Teresa Capasso says, "According to the State Library, the purpose of the program is to provide speedy access to books not available through local libraries. I think that's where the 'zip' originated. So far, we have received 40 Zip Book requests. We have made a few changes to our program since it began, and recently increased the number of requests per person to two at any time, and the dollar amount per book to a cap of \$75. People seem very pleased, and it is working quite well. There is more information on our website, including a link to the request form." It can be found here: <http://larkspurlibrary.org/914/Zip-Books>.

## Your Library Programming

It's wonderful to see Larkspur Library offering even more programming for our community these days. Recently your donations to Friends of the Library have covered the costs for these events: Sing & Stop, Chair Yoga, Make a Clay Monster Kids Clay Workshop, Kids Sing and Stomp, MacIntosh Pipe Band Concert, 3D Escape Room Puzzle for Teens, Vision Board Craft, Oscars Guessing Game (with prizes), Math Tutoring, Paint By Stickers, and Oil Painting by Numbers. Thank you!



# Upcoming Library Events

[Chair Yoga April 6](#)

[Art Day April 13](#)

[Spring Art Contest](#)

[Sound Bath Meditation April 18](#)

[Mystery Book Club April 24](#)

[Math Tutoring April 13 & April 27](#)

[Celebrate Dia de Los Ninos with Children's Musician Mariela Herrera April 26](#)

[Teen Harry Potter Craft May 2](#)

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## Mission Statement

The Friends are a dedicated group of members who raise money for library programs, plan events, and work as ambassadors to the community for the Larkspur Library.

The Friends of Larkspur Library are committed to supporting the library's programs, cultural events, books, and materials. We strive to instill the love of reading and the excitement of learning in library patrons of all ages.



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