Our motivation!

The Marin County Library Foundation was established in 1985 to engage the people of Marin in long-term efforts to support the Marin County Free Library System by:

- Spearheading capital campaigns such as a school partnership at the Bayside MLK Academy in Marin City and upgrading branch libraries.
- Encouraging local community initiatives in support of the Marin County Free Library System, social equity and inclusion for all.
- Promoting recognition and support of the Marin County Free Library System as a vital community resource.

The Marin County Free Library System is an innovative, entrepreneurial and dynamic civic institution that is committed to providing exceptional services to a community that cares deeply about their library. This support encourages the library to assume a critical role in making the community strong, equitable, resilient and progressive. MCFL’s mission is to provide welcoming, equitable and inclusive opportunities for all to connect, learn and explore. MCFL operates 11 libraries; 2 mobile vehicles and a variety of outreach services.

Why libraries?

Libraries are community centers and partners. Libraries help us preserve and understand the past. Libraries offer stepping stones to the future. Libraries serve our children, students of all ages, working people, retirees, casual learners, and serious adventurers. Libraries help us find jobs; research business questions and health challenges; obtain homework help and relax and find community in stressful times. Libraries help to close the digital divide. Libraries serve as a community living room, with books, DVDs, the internet, and the technology of the future.

What you can do!

In Marin, individual supporters have worked to augment collections, services and equipment but changing and growing needs require more active support. You can help with fundraising or make a donation. Please see our website for information.

Building or expanding libraries takes more than bricks and mortar; it takes money—our money.

We encourage you to contribute, cash, securities, annuities or planned gifts to the Marin County Library Fund at the Marin Community Foundation (MCF).

Join Us – Every day your donations support learning and community in Marin via top-notch collections, technology, and spaces.

DONATING is easy at: www.marinlibrary.org/foundation/
“Congratulations and many thanks to The Marin County Library Foundation for helping us raise the funds to purchase a new F.L.A.G.ship. The new F.L.A.G.ship will serve generations to come.”

—– Sara Jones, Director, County Library Services

Successful and Concluded Campaign – F.L.A.G.ship
You helped us raise the funds to replace the old vehicle with a new F.L.A.G.ship (Families Learning and Growing) mobile pre-school. Delivery of the new vehicle is expected in mid-2019 and will add new program dimensions and more time on the road serving preschool children and their families for generations to come.

The F.L.A.G.ship Project is a FREE drop-in bilingual preschool-on-wheels that is open to all. We provide classes for children and their caregivers on-board a 28-foot RV. School Readiness activities and storytimes are just a few of the fun activities offered in each class. While the F.L.A.G.ship is a drop-in program, over 80% of our attending families come to class every week, some for years at a time. The F.L.A.G.ship promotes learning, access and education equity among pre-schoolers and their families.

Thank you for your generous contributions.

Current Campaign – MCFL - School Partnership at the Bayside MLK Academy in Marin City
The MCFL's Marin City Branch, open 7 days per week, is a strong community partner in Marin City and offers books, music, community programs, opportunities for technology skills development among local teens and specialized summer educational supports for grade school children.

MCFL's Marin City Branch is in a close partnership with the Bayside MLK Academy, Marin City's local K to 8th grade school. MCFL helps to operate the Bayside MLK School Library and a Makerspace to promote STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) education. Current fundraising efforts and a new program design resulted in a renovated school library; creation of a Makerspace and increased staff time to operate the space during the 2018-2019 school year.

Your support would allow purchase of new computers to support learning; cover the costs of staff time during the 2019-2020 academic year; and, expand the offerings of the Makerspace to include virtual reality equipment.

If you would like to assist with this effort please indicate your gift should be dedicated to the Marin City Library.
Current and Ongoing Campaign – Corte Madera Library

The Corte Madera Library, the second busiest Library in our system, is almost 50 years old. When it was built in 1969 it won an award for its unique use of plywood as its fundamental construction material. It was a cost effective solution at the time, but is not a durable one and the plywood has aged poorly.

This building is a well-loved community anchor in a parklike setting and has aesthetically pleasing elements. However it has significant structural and functionality issues.

A professional assessment found nearly every aspect of the building to be inadequate. This includes windows, roof, heating and air conditioning, electrical, restrooms, ADA accessibility, foundation and walls.

As a result, this building needs to be substantially remodeled or entirely replaced. The library system and our stakeholders are analyzing the costs and benefits of these two options.

A new energy efficient building is expected to cost 10-12 million dollars. A substantial remodel to address all the needs is estimated at 3-4 million dollars.

In 2017, your generous donations along with the Zimmer Family Donation galvanized MCFL’s efforts to move the Corte Madera Library Project forward. Please continue to support the Corte Madera Library and the need to remodel or reconstruct this treasured library.

If you would like to assist with this effort please indicate your gift should be dedicated to the Corte Madera Library.

Future Campaign – South Novato

In 2016 the South Novato Library temporarily relocated to C Street off Main Gate Road in Hamilton Field. The new 6000 square foot full service library provides inviting youth and adult spaces. The library is the anchor for this community learning center, which is located on Novato Unified School District (NUSD) property; and all services are provided in partnership with this innovative school district. The private partner is New Media Learning, a 501(c)(3), which manages and operates the maker and media space where youth and families make, tinker, play, create, test and enjoy new technologies. The program also has a Computer Clubhouse for youth.

In addition to these engaging community learning opportunities, the NUSD provides a space to test and design a collaborative, 21st century learning space for teachers, students and the community. At this new facility, library use jumped by 44%.

For more information or to schedule a visit to see any of these programs and projects call:

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Your investment in the Marin County Library Foundation contributes to the next chapter in our Library System’s shared history. We appreciate your support.

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