

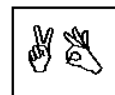
**MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION**  
**Proposed Agenda**  
**Wednesday, February 13, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**South Novato Library**

921 C Street, Novato, CA 94940

Directions: From either North or South 101 exit at Nave Drive and turn onto Main Gate Rd. Follow Main Gate Road to C Street and turn left. The Library is past the North Bay Children's Center on the right. In order to assure a quorum, please notify us, if you are unable to attend meeting **473-3222**.

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
7:00	1. Call to Order	Hauser	Action
	2. Roll Call	Hauser	Action
<b>"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life." Henry Ward Beecher</b>			
	3. Approval of Agenda	Hauser	Action
	4. Approval of Minutes—January	Hauser	Action
	5. Open Time for Public Expression		
	6. Reading & Correspondence File	Hauser	Information
	7. Collection & Equity Reports	Walker	Information
	8. Old Business		
	a. Novato Roof Update		
	b. Confirm Budget update, time and agenda for meeting	Jones	Information
	9. President's Report for January	Hauser	Information
	10. Director's Report for January	Jones	Information
	11. Announcements	Hauser	Information
8:50	12. Adjournment	Hauser	Action



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*Numbered List of attachments:*

4. Minutes for January 9, 2019
12. Library Director's Report for January 2019

Unnumbered Attachments:

MARINet Board minutes of November 15, 2018 and December 20, 2018 held at MCFL Tech Services 1600 Los Gatos Dr., Suite 180, San Rafael CA 94903

MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY  
Corte Madera Library  
--PROPOSED MINUTES--  
Wednesday, January 9, 2019

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

Present

Barbara Schoen	Nick Javaras	Linda Ward
Sue Ream	Ann Kaplan	John MacLeod
Sally Hauser	Anya Schandler	Margaret Kathrein
Ed Meagher	Craig Kennedy	

Absent with Notification

Loretta Farley	Ali Iqbal
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Also Present

Sara Jones, Director of County Library Services  
Chantel Walker, Assistant Director of County Library Services  
Bonny White, Deputy Director of County Library Services  
Edna Guadiana, Administrative Assistant II  
Julie Magnus, Branch Manager, Corte Madera Library  
Damon Hill, Library Services Manager  
Jennifer Robinson, Digital Initiatives Manager

(3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S/C-Kathrein/Schoen--Agenda approved as submitted

(4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M/S/C-Hauser/Ream--Minutes approved as submitted

(5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION—

Becky Steen resident of Kentfield joined the Commission for their meeting.

(6) READING & CORRESPONDENCE FILE

Reading file circulated for all to read –

- (7) Communications and Marketing Reports – Chantel Walker, Assistant Director, Damon Hill, Library Services Manager and Jennifer Robinson, Digital Initiatives Manager gave a brief presentation on Communications and Marketing services.

## Our Brand: Clear, Helpful, Inclusive & Equitable

### Marin Housing Authority Donates Parent Self Books to Marin City Library

Through the generous support of the Marin Housing Authority, Marin City Library recently acquired a large collection of books and materials that will be available to our patrons. These materials were donated with the intention of supporting parents in their children's lives, and in creating a positive learning environment for their children. The Marin Housing Authority is committed to providing resources that support parents and children in their lives, and we are excited to have these books available to our patrons.



### Respect and celebrate our communities



**Bolinae Hester April 2016**  
Bolinae Hester is a community leader and advocate for the Marin City community. She is a member of the Marin City Library's Advisory Board and has been instrumental in the library's efforts to provide resources and support to the community. Bolinae is a dedicated and passionate individual who has made a significant impact on the Marin City community.



Staff are expert guides, curators, and can show you how to use powerful tools

### Reflect our communities (no more clip art)



**The Goal:**  
Tell people what we  
have and what we're  
about

**The Challenge:**  
SO MUCH GREAT  
STUFF!

## Our Plans

### Monthly Schedule for “Holistic” Promotion

#### Annual Dates

- Jan: Audiobook Month
- Sep 15 - Oct 15: National Hispanic Heritage Month
- Sep: Library Card Month
- Oct: Family History Month
- Oct: Friends of the Library Week

Here is the list of things we plan to focus on promoting for each month (Subject to change)

#### MOBILE

#### 2019 (super chatty)

Month	emphasis	Other
January 2019	Libby People	One Free Period
February 2019	Widgit	
March 2019	Geology	
April 2019		
May 2019	Manga	
June 2019	OverDrive People	Summer Reading Audiobook Month
July 2019	Discover & Go	Summer Reading Porto Passes
August 2019		Summer Reading
September 2019		Library Card Month
October 2019	Ancestry (Family History Month)	Friends of the Library



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## OrangeBoy Email Examples

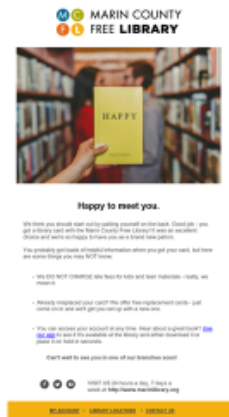


## “We Missed You”

Goes out to patrons who have not used their library cards in 6+ months

**Primary Goal:** Bring back lapsed users

**Secondary Goal:** Let users know of any changes or improvements that might make their experience better



# Welcome

Goes out to patrons 14 days after they get a new library card

**Primary Goal:** Ensure patrons use their library cards after getting them

**Secondary Goal:** Show we're friendly and welcoming



Happy New Year! If you're looking to cut some corners in terms of your budget or you're looking for something new to try, this email is FOR YOU.

A lot of people don't know how much free, great stuff the library has to offer online. Here's a list of free digital offerings you can use today. All you need is your library card, your preferred device, and a few minutes to get started.

#### If you like...

**Audible**  
Use OverDrive or Hoopla to listen to streaming and downloadable audiobooks.

**Kanopy**  
We've got an amazing collection of films available to stream via Kanopy as well as PBS and other television series on Hoopla.

**Kindle**  
Get your eBook fix with thousands of eBooks available via OverDrive. You can use the nifty Libby app to search for and read eBooks. You can also read OverDrive eBooks in your Kindle app if you prefer.

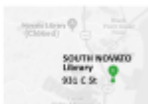
**Netflix**  
The movie collection on Hoopla is really impressive - many albums are available for checkout on the day they are released.

**Turner**  
Download an unlimited number of magazines using our RBDigital app - you can keep them as long as you like, and the selection is incredible.

### Main Novato Library Will Be Closed December through mid-January for Repairs

The Novato Library on Novato Blvd will be temporarily closed for a heating and ventilation system replacement beginning Friday, November 20th. We plan to reopen on Tuesday, January 22nd. This replacement is much needed; staff and patrons have felt the effects of outdated heating and ventilation for a long time and ongoing concerns from the public forced a new HVAC to the top of our maintenance list.

During the closure, the South Novato Library in Hamilton will be open extended hours and offering expanded services.



**SOUTH NOVATO LIBRARY**  
Extended hours begin December 1st  
Mondays - Thursdays: 10am-8pm  
Fridays & Saturdays: 10am-6pm  
Sundays: 10am-5pm

#### IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

- The last day that the main Novato Library will be open is Thursday, November 20th. The branch will then be closed Friday, November 20th until Tuesday, January 22nd.
- We will not be charging fines on our materials during the closure - look for more news about that in the next few days!
- Items checked out from Novato will not be due during the closure.
- Hours will be extended at the nearby South Novato Library in Hamilton.



We're doing it again! We're thankful for you, our patrons, and we're showing it with another Fine Free Period in December and (most of) January.

Any late items\* returned from November 22nd through January 21st will be free of fines.

**WHAT:** Return your overdue items to the library and get no late fees on those items!

**WHERE:** November 22nd through January 21st

**WHERE:** Marin County Free Library branches

**HOW:** Return your items to any of our branches or bookdrops and we will automatically waive any late fees on those items.

**WHY:** Fines can keep people away from the library, and we don't want that. They can also keep materials away from the collection, and we'd love to get them back to share with others.

Any questions? [Contact Us](#) anytime!

\*Exclusions: Does not include fines for items belonging to city or college libraries, or items for lost or damaged items.

## "If you like"

Goes out to Occasionals, then All Patrons

**Primary Goal:** Inform patrons of library products by referencing brand name, commercial counterparts

## Novato Closure

Went out to All Patrons

**Primary Goal:** Notify public of change in service

**Secondary Goal:** Move patrons to South Novato branch

## Fine Free

Went out to All Patrons

**Primary Goal:** Let patrons know they can return books w/out late fees

**Secondary Goal:** Keep books from coming back to Novato during closure/combine with no fines for Novato patrons

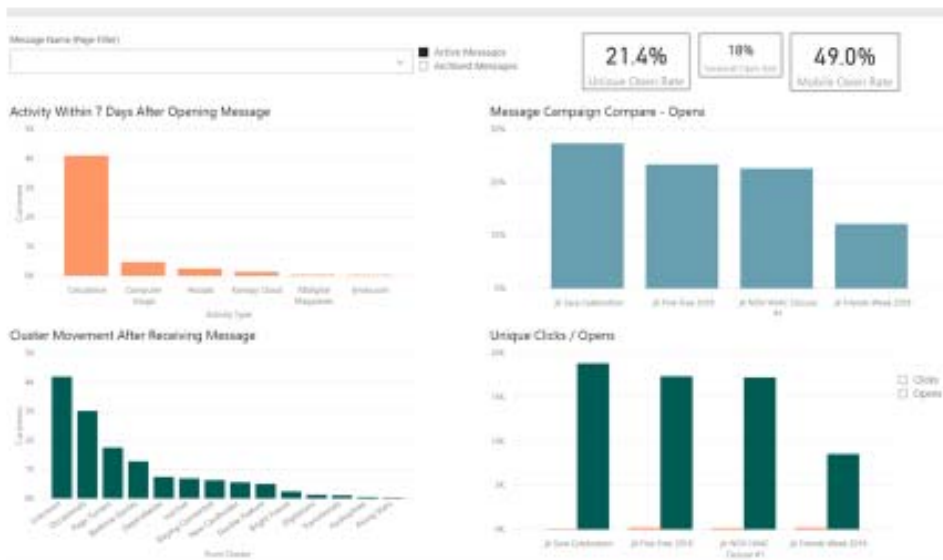


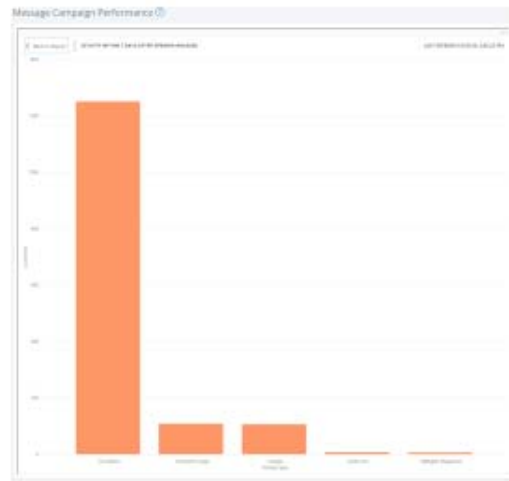
# OrangeBoy Metrics & Reporting

Message

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2015-09-01-02	2015-09-01			16272	1,000	61%	1,000	1,000	214	Revenue
2015-09-01-03	2015-09-01			16273	1	61%	1,000	1,000	1	Revenue
2015-09-01-04	2015-09-01			16274	1	61%	1,000	1,000	1	Revenue
2015-09-01-05	2015-09-01			16275	1	61%	1,000	1,000	1	Revenue
2015-09-01-06	2015-09-01			16276	1	61%	1,000	1,000	1	Revenue
2015-09-01-07	2015-09-01			16277	1	61%	1,000	1,000	1	Revenue
2015-09-01-08	2015-09-01			16278	1	61%	1,000	1,000	1	Revenue
2015-09-01-09	2015-09-01			16279	1	61%	1,000	1,000	1	Revenue
2015-09-01-10	2015-09-01			16280	1	61%	1,000	1,000	1	Revenue

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Users used the Hoopla service within 7 days of opening an email about the Oscars in 2018

After a brief question and answer period President Kaplan thanked the group for their presentation.

(8) NEW BUSINESS  
NONE

(9) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update schedule of Commission Meetings – A newly revised meeting schedule was printed out and distributed to all Commissioners.
  - i. Determine time/date for Strategic Budget Planning-Sara reported that we will be swapping out one of this years Commission meeting for a Strategic Budget Planning meeting. After a brief discussion, it was determined that in lieu of the 3/13 Library Commission meeting, the Commission would meet on Friday, March 15 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm for a Strategic Budget Planning Session, at the Novato Library. The Commission decided to have a potluck lunch and people were asked to bring a favorite family dish.
- b. Update Novato closure and Northgate pop-up: Damon Hill reported that we are closing in on the end of the project. It was supposed to be completed by the contractor on Monday, but there was some problem getting the big AC units installed. We are still scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, January 22. We went from 4 to 7 AC units on top for the branch. This project took about 3 years to complete and cost \$668,000, and should last for the next 20 years. Ventilation was one of the major complaints for this branch. The South Novato branch was busier than ever in December with 48% more traffic and 13,986 visits during the same month. Feedback from patrons has been positive.

Bonny reported that we first saw the space in the Northgate mall (old payless shoe location) now known as Northgate pop up on Monday, December 3, and officially opened it on December 7. In the first two weeks, this pop-up library circulated more items than the small Pickleweed branch. We are calling ourselves the "Library of Yes"! Many of our new patrons are Spanish speaking, and the Spanish collection is the fastest moving collection. In the first month, we circulated 3,135 items, in the first week we issued 24 new cards! The Northgate popup is open 12-8 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and 12-5 Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The first and second months were a trial run, for free. The mall has offered to extend the lease for this spot. The San Rafael Public Library has the contract with the mall and we are supplying the collection in this joint venture.

(10) PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR JANUARY

President Kaplan reported that she recently visited the Novato Pop-up, which was a very fun place!

(11) DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR JANUARY

Below is a message to all staff on the tragic shooting of a librarian in Sacramento.

I know many of you are aware that Amber Fawn Clark, a Library Branch Supervisor was killed at the Natomas Branch Library of the Sacramento Public Library on Tuesday, December 11 in the parking lot. This is shocking, tragic and of course concerning for all of us who work with challenging and troubling patrons. Below is a news story about the situation:

<https://www.kcra.com/article/she-was-fierce-librarian-killed-in-natomas-shooting-remembered-as-charismatic/25507460>

and another about the incident, describing the suspect and his relationship with the library:

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/crime/article223057740.html>

The investigation is ongoing but the suspect arrested was man who was banned from the library. Bonny White was already leading a conversation right now with a subcommittee on problem patron behaviors and the banning process. I have been in contact with County Counsel and Risk Management to discuss the issue and any measures we can do to better ensure staff safety. There are no easy answers and this is an unbelievable tragedy for Amber Clark's family, the Sacramento Public Library and all libraries grappling with patrons' behavior, aggression and mental illness.

For now we are aware and deeply saddened by this tragic act of violence, and the senseless loss of a colleague and will look at our procedures and practices in light of this. We are currently working on revising having only one-person staff the W. Marin branches, security issues and with some active shooter training and training for staff on how to deal with possible threats.

(12) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Schoen announced that once again the Whole Foods in Novato has donated two carloads full of stuffed animals for the upcoming Summer Program.

(13) ADJOURNMENT – M/S/C Cannon/Javaras Meeting adjourned @ 8:25 p.m.



**Marin County Free Library Commission Report**  
**Sara Jones, Director of County Library Services**

**January 2019 Activities**

**OUR MISSION:**

*Provide welcoming, equitable and inclusive opportunities for all to connect, learn and explore.*

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## Library Activities

Be the **preferred place** for children, families, and caregivers to connect, learn, and grow together.

### Civic Center

Kathleen and Denise are partnering with the Northgate Mall pop-up library to provide two storytimes a month for January and February. San Rafael Public Library staff will provide the other two. Kathleen launched her first storytime at the Mall on 1/30/19.

Kathleen was delighted to host a Jewish Community Center Preschool “Gimel Class” (five years old) visit. Kathleen worked with teachers Amy Tanti and Sarah Defino to coordinate a library card sign-up. This is a notable visit in that JCC’s neighbor school literally across the street is Venetia Valley. For 20+ years Venetia Valley has regularly walked to the Civic Center Library for class visits, but Kathleen was never able to get JCC to put MCFL on their radar for a coordinated partnership although CCE is used by their families regularly. Kathleen believes that it was her presence on Facebook commenting on JCC & Venetia Valley posts, and her constant outreach that finally made a difference. Fortuitously, this class visit coincided with MCFL’s Teacher Paloozaa sale. JCC staff were astounded to know they could avail themselves to free books for the school. Gimel class students were so thrilled with their morning visit some of them returned with the parents that day after school let out.

Kathleen was a presenter at the joint children’s/teen services literature review on 1/15/19. In light of Kathleen’s work as Mind in the Making project lead, Kathleen presented a list of picture books on the subject of a “Growth Mindset”. Kathleen presented two picture books both on the topic of learning how to write & sign your name – a big developmental step in all children. One picture book, *Back to Front and Upside Down*, written and illustrated by Claire Alexander, does a superb job of showing the anxiety and pressure a child feels when faced with the daunting task, but with steady, calm adult assistance and persistence and practice, it can be accomplished. The text, layout, and graphics of this picture book make it perfect to share with a child to nurture bravery and a growth mindset. By contrast, Stacey Coolidge’s *Fancy-Smancy Cursive Handwriting* is an excellent example of how we learn just as much, if not more, from something that is NOT successful but none-the-less is very useful in understanding why something doesn’t work and how to remedy it or try a new approach. This concept is the very essence of moving from a “Fixed Mindset” to a “Growth Mindset.” MCFL staff commented to Kathleen that was helpful to learn why a picture book is “good” or “bad” and how to examine them. Typically, this skill is only taught in library school for librarians on a Youth Services track. Kathleen will continue to offer coaching and mentorship to any interested staff.

Support **youth** in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.

## Civic Center



Natalie launched the Teen Honor Book collection at Civic Center: nonfiction titles covering tough topics which are often difficult to discuss with adults, including staff and parents who have access to our young patrons' accounts. These items are not cataloged and required no check out. Several books have been taken already. The teens can return the books whenever they want.

Natalie presented book talks to Miller Creek Middle School. She hosted an afterschool VR Gaming event. One teen has mastered the equipment and several games. He plans to volunteer at future gaming events and has suggested several new free games for downloading.

Civic Center's Teen Advisory Group (TAG) was featured in a front-page article in Marin County's Volunteer View, highlighting projects such as making blankets for shelter animals at Marin Humane and hosting the Spring Break Crafts program for younger children.

Natalie created and presented a book talk highlighting great new fantasy for teens at the MCFL Children and Teen Literature Review. She attended a Bay Area Young Adult Librarians (BAYA) meeting in Milpitas.

Linda assisted a patron in finding books addressing various aspects of "habitat" in the Children's collection. The patron left the following note: "Linda has gone far beyond and above her duties to help us. I'm a county employee and I'm very impressed on how she has gone out of her way to help us. God bless her."

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## Civic Center

Elmer assisted a patron in installing the "Wright at Your Fingertips" Marin County Civic Center app on her Android phone. He solved a patron's issue of not finding eAudiobooks in Libby on her iPhone by resetting her Libby preferences. Linda assisted patrons in downloading eMaterials and completed a revision of the Libby Quick Start Guide to reflect new graphics and methods.

Linda discussed Hoopla with a County employee who said she is addicted to Hoopla, listening to the eAudiobooks while working around the house, making the time more enjoyable.

Support **adults** through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning

Linda replied to 26 email reference questions. She delivered tax booklets to MCFL branches. She hosted:

- Gauguin: A Spiritual Journey/Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco
- Brown Bag Book Club which met to discuss *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon

## Civic Center



- Grief Education/Hospice of Marin-- Several participants said, "Thank you for this event; that was a peaceful group."

Elmer updated the January Wellness title list, *Feel the Burn*, delivered as (a) printed copies for distribution in the branch (b) a BiblioCore list, and (c) an update to the online Wellness Library.

Elmer viewed the Trauma Informed Services in the Library archived Infopeople webinar, and highlighted the following:

- Awareness of possible trauma experienced by patrons leads to more compassionate interactions
- Trauma is described beyond the clinical definitions provided by APA's DMS-5 to include socio-political conditions such as historical and generational trauma that also may encompass adverse childhood experiences
- See the person, not the stigma

Linda donated the READ book tree topper to a patron involved with the Marin Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) 10th Annual Altered Book Exhibition & Fundraiser to be held April 27-June 1, 2019. Linda's altered book is now entered into the MOCA silent auction!

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**Anne T Kent  
California Room**



The California Room has contributed an exhibit documenting the history of San Quentin State Prison to complement Cultural Service's new exhibit at the Bartolini Gallery featuring art created by inmates: *Inside Insights: San Quentin Arts in Corrections*. Carol Acquaviva curated our exhibit and attended the opening on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

The California Room's display cases at the Civic Center Library feature a new exhibit on the Golden Gate International Exhibition to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its opening on Treasure Island in 1939.

On display at the California Room's Map & Special Collections facility are artifacts—including a scale model of Locomotive #9- documenting the history of the railroad which once went from Mill Valley to the summit of Mt. Tamalpais.

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**Anne T Kent  
California Room**



Carol attended the screening of "[A Silent Legacy](#)" at the **Lucas Valley Homeowners Association**. This student-made film documents the history of the former Marin County Poor Farm, hospital, and cemetery in Lucas Valley. Carol was interviewed and is featured prominently in the film talking about the history of poor farms, and Marin's efforts historically to provide equity for all of its citizens. Following the documentary screening, Carol participated in a panel discussion with Supervisor Damon Connolly, and Parks Ranger Mike Warner.

The film has received awards and accolades, such as the Official Selection of the Golden State Film Festival; Best Original Screenplay at the Marina Del Rey Film Festival; and semi-finalist at the Newark Youth International Film Festival. It will be screened at Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood in March. This month, the California Room and the filmmakers have been featured on local news stations [ABC](#) and [CBS](#), and on the front page of the *IJ*.

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**Anne T Kent  
California Room**

Our ace volunteer cataloguer—Brian Crawford—has uploaded 250 new maps and surveys to our [online database](#) bringing our total to 2,750 maps.

Carol has added our 1980 [Lucretia McNear Thomas](#) oral history interview to CONTENTdm. Lucretia is the mother of Robert Thomas whom we've interviewed twice this month for our oral history program.





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### **Anne T Kent California Room**



Laurie Thompson & oral historian Marilyn Geary interviewed John McNear and Robert Thomas on the history of the McNear family who once owned much of San Rafael's Point San Pedro Peninsula. We learned about a small community known as "Starvation Gulch" which arose during the Great Depression, a sort of "shanty town" where individuals down on their luck took refuge. We also learned more about the McNear's Brickyard operation; activities at China Camp; & the Striped Bass Carnival at McNear's Beach, popular in the 1940s.

Laurie and map archivist Dewey Livingston also conducted a separate interview with Robert Thomas regarding his tenure working for Marin County Surveyor John C. Oglesby in the 1950s. The Oglesby survey collection is part of our Marin County Map & Survey Collection at the Annex. Robert described Oglesby's business practices (he paid his employees 25 cents more/hour than the competitors) as well as some of the subdivisions Robert surveyed for Oglesby including all of Marinwood (once a dairy ranch); a subdivision near Limantour Beach which was later demolished when it became part of the Pt. Reyes National Seashore; as well as other interesting stories.

### **Anne T Kent California Room**

#### **Brief Additional Updates**

- Map archivist Dewey Livingston has migrated over 2000 Oglesby surveys to new archival cabinets.
- The Petaluma Historical Museum has donated 20 historic photographs of the McNear family.
- Insert

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### Corte Madera



Sarah Butts, Youth Services Librarian, was invited to speak at the DELAC (English language learners) meeting for the Larkspur Corte Madera School District. She explained how to get a library card and gave an overview of the relevant parts of the collection to parents of middle and elementary school children. She will return to the next meeting as well, and will be working with the language specialist to target some specific needs of their students, like middle-grade Portuguese titles and specific audio books to help with fluency.

When violinist Joshua Bell comes to the Green Music Center on Feb.8, a young Corte Madera Library patron will be in the front row of the balcony. The five-year-old music-lover was inspired by *The Man with the Violin*, a picture book about Joshua Bell's free concert in the Washington DC metro, which he found at the library and read over and over. As luck would have it, tickets were still available for the concert. Perhaps the boy will meet Mr. Bell and have our book autographed!

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### Corte Madera



All 6 spots in our first virtual reality (VR) demo series were filled, enabling 3 adults and 3 teens to experience our new Oculus, courtesy of the support of the Friends of the Corte Madera Library, who made possible the purchase of the workstation and equipment. Redwood High School students are helping to act as VR ambassadors as we roll out more virtual experiences. Our goal is to provide more opportunities for more young people and adults to "get to know" virtual reality, and to possibly offer augmented reality features in the library.

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### Corte Madera



With the help of our intrepid Tech Support team, we recently installed a riser at the Print Release/Scanner station for improved accessibility for all patrons. The riser lets us adjust the height of the station so that we can accommodate users with varying needs.

A patron came in exclaiming how great the library is...she discovered all of the databases and movie streaming. She's streamed a movie from Kanopy she'd been wanting to see, learning stuff on Lynda.com and learning Spanish on Mango. She loves the library!

Patrons are thankful for the extensive time staff will devote to helping them with Libby and other online resources. Just yesterday, Jackie Foster, Library Assistant II, devoted a great deal of time teaching two patrons how to access our resources. They were very grateful and another patron who observed one of these transactions came up to Jackie and said, "I'd like to learn that too. Can you help me?"

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### Corte Madera



In honor of the Chinese New Year, Library Aide, Chizuko Tsuji, and Librarian II, Adult Services, Shereen Ash, created a colorful display of materials highlighting the history, culture and literature of China and Chinese Americans. From dumplings to Tai Chi, items are jumping off the display. A father, leaving story time with his young son, was pleased to see the display and his culture represented.

Adult programs in January covered a wide array of topics, beginning with a well-attended presentation on weight loss by a dietician from Marin General Hospital. Tapping into the current climate of political action, author Joel Blackwell spoke to a motivated group about the best communications methods to use when approaching elected officials to lobby for political change. And finally, Marin Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) had a very successful meeting of their racial justice book club where they discussed *Chief Marin* by Betty Goerke.

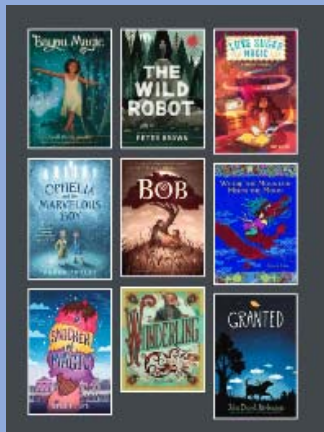
### Corte Madera

#### Brief Additional Updates

- Julie Magnus, branch manager, attended an intensive 3-day workshop on group facilitation at the Community At Work offices in San Francisco, as part of a County effort

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### Fairfax



Children's Services Team and the Teen Services Committee partnered again for the third annual Literature Review on Friday, January 25. Margaret Miles, Branch Manager, coordinated Children's Services Team presentations and provided an introduction to the 4-hour review. Iris Meinolf, Children's Librarian, presented a talk on "Little Reader, Big Book," offering titles for children who read at an advanced reading level but aren't ready for the intensity of Harry Potter. John Elison spoke about the Teen Honor Books collection and suggested graphic novels for teens. Janet Hughes and Neshama Franklin, LA 1s, were just two of the staff who filled the Corte Madera meeting room. County as well as city library staff unanimously agreed that the workshop increased their reader's advisory abilities. A hands-up survey at the end revealed that 100% of attendees gained valuable information they could bring back to their branches and apply when offering reader's advisory to patrons. All booklists are being posted on Backstage and Bibliocommons.

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### Fairfax

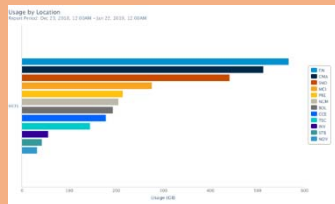


John Elison, LA2, worked with Angela Wawrzynek, Librarian I, to present a Cooking Club program for Teens on January 22. 13 teens had a lot of delicious fun learning to make microwave chocolate cake in a mug. Like all our cooking programs, teens had to read and follow directions, and achieving success meant they got to eat chocolate cake! Because it was so good and so easy, the recipe is included here:

Microwave for 30 seconds:  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup chocolate chips and 3 T heavy cream  
Add 2 T butter and stir until smooth  
Add 2 T flour and  $\frac{1}{4}$  t baking powder. Stir well.  
Microwave for 60 seconds. Let cool a few minutes before eating.

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## Fairfax



With Novato closed this past month, Fairfax shot to the lead as the location with highest wi-fi use. A number of adult patrons have commented that they like to use our library as their “office away from home” when they have work they need to complete.

Anthony Puga, Circulation Supervisor and Aaron Fong, LA2, assisted a woman in her 80's who was going on a trip and wanted to borrow eBooks to take with her. She had an older Samsung model tablet, but Anthony and Aaron persevered through a lengthy process, and she left with several books downloaded.

Margaret assisted a patron who had a document on her phone that she needed to print, sign, scan and email. Margaret walked the woman through the steps of connecting to wifi, emailing the document to the library printer, releasing the print job, and using the scanner. The patron was amazed that she was able to do all this for free!

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## Fairfax



Marcia Stieger, LBA, scheduled David Herlocker, retired Naturalist for Marin County Open Space, to give a presentation on local mushroom species. This program complemented the gallery show "Treasures of the Forest," photographs by Allison Pollack which Marcia coordinated. Allison's meet-the-artist reception on Saturday Jan. 5 drew a very healthy 45 people, and an additional 40 showed up to pack the room for David's slide show and talk. Attendees were fascinated by his discussion of the role of fungi in our ecosystem.

In partnership with SURJ-Marin and White Women Buffalo Council, Margaret Miles and John Elison coordinated a film and conversation program on Saturday January 24. An audience of 45, the largest we've had for a Film & Conversation program, discussed the portrayal of Native Americans in popular culture. Margaret pulled together a display of books by and about Native Americans for patrons of all ages, and many of the books checked out after the program.

## Fairfax

### Brief Additional Updates

- Sachiko Suhara, LBA, is receiving training this month from Anthony and Aaron to become an extra-hire LA1.
- Diana, a regular volunteer, received a certificate from Marin County Volunteer Coordinators for 6 years of service. She has consistently volunteered 20 hours a week since she started, which is a total of 6,240 hours. We estimate she has pulled over 100,000 paged items and shelved more than 150,000 dvds.
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### Marin City

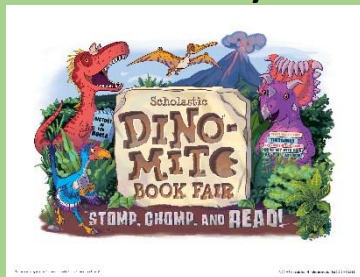


Diana planned, obtained materials for, and promoted a series of kids' STEAM activities for the two-week winter break that kids had. Danny and Faheem conducted the programs. The activities in January included:

- Snowball Catapults on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kids used popsicle sticks and rubber bands to build catapults to see who could launch their "snowballs" the farthest. We had 17 kids.
- A showing of the movie *Happy Feet* on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> which 17 attended.
- A video storytime showing of *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> with 19 participants. Kids also made shadow boxes with Peter's figure and a snowy background.

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### Marin City



Kayla Thompson (Community Library Specialist embedded at Bayside MLK), Julius Holtzclaw (Office Manager and Renaissance Man), and Diana are planning the book fair for Bayside MLK. The Scholastic theme for Spring 2019 is dinosaurs! Rawr! The book fair will be Monday, March 4th through Friday, March 8th with a parent night on Tuesday, March 5th. Parent night will have refreshments and crafts. All proceeds benefit the Bayside MLK school library. Thanks!

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### Marin City



1-9-19 Ultimaker sent Etienne a care package of filament and other goodies after partnering with them a ALA2018. ED

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### Marin City



1-8-19 Local playwright Lance Belville and his partner and director Lynn Lohr gave a rehearsed reading of Lance's latest play, *Atlanta Burning Sherman's Shadow*. We had 25 attendees and a lively performance of this Civil War tale by Lynn, Lance, and "extra" Galen Dunham (a Civil War re-enactor).

### Marin City Library

#### Brief Additional Updates

- On Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, we had our first program with Reaching Out with Robotics, a group of Tam High kids who use LEGO Mindstorms to teach youth how to create and program robots. Our program was featured in the IJ (with Keith Waye's son, Kadence, in a picture!): <https://www.marinij.com/2019/01/19/reaching-out-with-robotics-comes-to-marin-city/>
- On Tuesday, January 22<sup>th</sup>, in collaboration with Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Marin, we screened the film *American Drug War*.
- On Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, longtime patron Dave Kong's brought his father to take a photo of the display we put up of an Marin IJ article about him. Mr. Kong, a long-time Mill Valley resident, was recently awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his service in WWII. <https://www.marinij.com/2018/12/31/mill-valley-veteran-to-be-awarded-congressional-medal-of-honor/> We reached out to Sean Stephens, Marin County Veterans Services Officer, and he posted it on the Veterans Services Facebook page.
- On Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Diana attended an all-day training by Ryan Dowd on Understanding Your Homeless Patrons. She is currently reading his book *The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness: An Empathy-Driven Approach to Solving Problems, Preventing Conflict, and Serving Everyone*. She has requested a copy for MCFL.
- At the Children's/Teen Literature Retreat on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, Danny Khuu presented a list of children's books on diversity and social justice.

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### Novato



Whole Foods of Novato once again donated 2-3 shopping carts of toys/stuffed animals via the Novato Friends to Novato and South Novato Libraries to use as summer reading prizes. Librarian Laura Kennett and Novato Friends President Virginia Shultz (pictured) loaded up two carfulls of good stuff on January 8, including a giant stuffed bear, and hauled it off to the storage shed at Novato Library. Looks like the Kids' Room may have a new mascot!

Novato moved back into their own digs as planned on Tuesday January 22 after being closed since the end of November for HVAC upgrades. The Kids' Room has been full of happy kids and families, some of whom came to visit us at South Novato Library, and many who were happy to be back on their home library turf. One mom told Laura Kennett that when her son woke up, he said, "Yes! I get to go to the library today!" And, then he preceded to name all the things that he was going to do when he got to the library.

So many kids told Laura that they planned what they were going to do their first day back. Most lists went like this:

1. Ask Laura to find a book for me
2. Play on the computer
3. Build a castle with all the blocks
4. Read on the Watermelon

Laura Kennett spent some quality time at the Corte Madera Library while Novato was closed. CMA Branch Manager Julie Magnus wrote to thank Laura for her generosity and helping them out in the Children's Room several times recently, even filling in last minute for Baby Bounce, and more, due to a sick staffer here. Julie reported that Laura "has been a joy to all of us, and it was great to spend some time with her!"

Novato staff welcomed a "new" Librarian to the Kids' Room, Adrienne Graham, who, before becoming an LI at South Novato Library over a year ago, previously split her Library Assistant II duties between the two. Adrienne now rejoins us as a Librarian I and is looking forward to wowing the kids and families of the "downtown" Novato Library with her songs, stories and knowledge.

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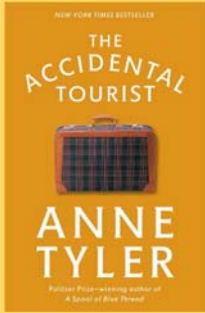
### Novato



Laura Kennett has put out a call to Joy Fossett, the County of Marin's Student Internships Coordinator, for Teen Volunteers to be responsible for working with books and other materials in the Children's Collection, including, but not limited to sorting, arranging and shelving library materials according to numerical or alphabetical order, reading shelves for accuracy, and straightening and correcting the order of materials on shelves. Each year high school students must complete community service hours and this will be a perfect opportunity to learn about the library and collection management, establish references for work and school in a safe and welcoming environment in which they can build professional skills.

Branch Manager Janet Doerge and Laura Kennett attended the Young Adult Novelist Convention (YANovCom) 2019 at the Millbrae Library on Saturday January 26. This free half-day celebration welcomed librarians as well as families and middle and high school students and included panel discussions, author hangouts, and book signings with at least twenty award-winning, notable and new YA novelists. Attendees got to connect with authors about their writing and



	<p>publishing process, but also with local organizations to help shine a light on the issues teens face inside the home, including family issues, domestic abuse, food insecurity, and how they demonstrate their resilience.</p>
<p>Be a positive environment for <b>mobile and digital literacy.</b></p> <p><b>Novato</b></p> 	<p>While Novato Library was closed, we received many comments and compliments through Bibliocommons online patron support email service. One person wrote “The online stuff is great and so v. convenient. The only thing missing is the lovely interaction that employees always provide others when we are visiting the library! cheers. a citizen.”</p> <p>Another patron wrote that she needed help with a catalog search, “I am looking up “Spain Travel” and I get crazy rich Asians and sisterhood of the traveling pants and a LOT of really old books (1908???!!) Eudora Welty stories???!!” I helpfully reminded her to make sure she is searching by Keyword. Sure enough, 510 results on travel in Spain appeared.</p> <p>More BiblioCommons User Feedback included this: “I love your system. It works perfectly. From reserving a book, to hearing when it is available, to picking it up, to renewing. It is all flawless. Thank you for adding to my reading experience.” These kind of comments really do make the folks at MariNet feel better about the work that they do behind the scenes.</p> <p>At least one Novato patron responded to a Savannah email that Jen Robinson sent out to “occasional” library users. She reported that she was “Happy to easily find out online that my card is still in your system, and thank you for the email reminders to use it!”</p>
<p>Support <b>adults</b> through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning</p> <p><b>Novato</b></p> 	<p>Twenty one intrepid Novato Afternoon Book Club participants met in the XR Marin space at the Marinovation Learning Center across from the South Novato Library on January 17 to discuss Ann Tyler’s <i>The Accidental Tourist</i>. We got a small, sweet, simple webcomment from a Novato adult patron, “Glad you reopened.”</p> <p>The wonderful and generous Friends of the Novato Library hosted a “Welcome Back to the Library” table with light refreshments on Monday, January 28, from noon to 4 p.m. outside the Library’s Community Room.</p> <p>Our patrons...missed us! are glad that we have re-opened! love <u>their</u> library! (All feedback that staff is receiving. ♡)</p>

## **Novato**

### **Brief Additional Updates**

- Novato staff and patrons are so happy to be back in our building after the HVAC upgrades, but we wish a hearty Thank You to South Novato Staff for hosting us for seven weeks! BIG Thanks also go to Jim Stephens and his TEC crew who did such a fabulous job of setting up and shutting down at both Novato and South Novato. Cheers!

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### South Novato



South Novato bid farewell to Adrienne Graham this month, but don't worry: She's not going far! Adrienne will transfer to Novato as a full-time Children's Librarian, bringing even more joy to Novato families and continuing to partner with South Novato on school outreach!

During her tenure, Adrienne worked as both a Library Assistant II and a Librarian at South Novato, while also working for Novato and Marin City. She served as interim branch supervisor for a year, spearheaded dozens (no, hundreds!) of youth programs and class visits, initiated STEAM and family maker programs, capably planned summer activities, kept the collection in tip-top shape, and delivered excellent customer service for patrons of all ages. Join us in wishing Adrienne well!

South Novato's storytimes will continue with help from librarian Nikki Gothelf who jumped right into the swing of things. We'll be hiring soon for a new librarian – just in time for summer, we hope.

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### South Novato



The makerspace is getting ready to exhibit at the annual [Maker Faire](#) in May ... and Sara Bolduc had a great idea: *Let the kids lead!*

Sara launched "Young Makers" this month, a four-month program engaging motivated makers in designing, testing and exhibiting their own creations. The first Young Maker Meetup took place on January 26. Makers and their families began developing project plans. Over the next few months, the team will work collectively after school and one Saturday per month.


In other Maker news: This month's theme was Motion with materials including cardboard, wood and wheels. Techniques learned this month can found on our blog: [www.marinmakerspace.com/what-were-making](http://www.marinmakerspace.com/what-were-making)

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With guidance from Etienne Douglas at Marin City, we are expanding the WebStars program to South Novato! The program offers paid employment for youth age 14-17 at our newly named "Marinovation Learning Center" -- the name for our whole campus including South Novato Library, the Makerspace Media Studio and XR Marin/New Media Learning. XRStars, as we're calling them at SNO, will:

- assist after school in the makerspace and mentor younger students,
- demonstrate virtual/augmented reality for visitors of all ages, and
- serve as tutors in the library computer lab.

	<p>In 2018, XR Marin and Marin County Free Library secured funding to bring this program to other locations, with a new focus on virtual reality, multimedia and maker education. We aim to build youth leadership, promote a growth mindset and foster creativity in design, science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics through hands-on work in a library/nonprofit setting.</p> <p>Building on MCI's success, XR Stars will participate in training and gain on-the-job experience equipping youth for careers in libraries, technology, science, arts and media. More info is available here: <a href="http://www.marinmakerspace.com/xrstars">www.marinmakerspace.com/xrstars</a></p>
<p>Support <b>adults</b> through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning</p> <p><b>South Novato</b></p> 	<p>South Novato patrons were gracious in sharing our small space during the Novato closure. With expanded hours and new visitors, our gate count increased by 48% and circ was up, too!</p> <p>Over and over, patrons complemented staff for excellent customer service during a busy time. Two of SNO's regular patrons told us: "This place is buzzing. We love it!" Like many other patrons, they asked: "Can you keep these expanded hours?!"</p> <p>SNO is back to regular hours now, and happy to keep buzzing!</p> <p>We are even happy about the avalanche of materials we got back on January 22! <i>Why?</i> Because it means all those happy patrons enjoyed their extended loan times during the closure, along with our Fine Free period.</p> <p>Big thanks to Library Assistant II, Ezra Herdocia. Ezra managed a herculean shelving project that week in order to get our book drop and back room cleared. He recruited new volunteers to help, got all of Novato's items ready for moving, and capably directed superstar extra hires Shani, Jesse, Jan, Judy, Mary and Ruth.</p>

**South Novato Library**  
**Brief Additional Updates**

- South Novato now publishes a **campus-wide calendar** each month, covering events in the library, makerspace and XR Marin media studio. If you would like to receive a PDF, please email [sara@marinmakerspace.com](mailto:sara@marinmakerspace.com) to join our distribution list. Most events are on the Library website as well.

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**Technical Services,  
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- Clara was a featured presenter at the 1/25/18 Children's Literature Review, an annual readers' advisory event for MCFL and MARINet staff at all levels. This focused and detailed presentation allows staff to provide better reading recommendations and service to children and families throughout the year.

Savannah emails were sent out to members of the public:

"If You Like..." email sent to All Patrons on Friday, January 11th:

Email was opened by 40,000 of 70,000 users

3, 624 people clicked through the email to one of the resources or to our website

Hoopla usage: 44 new users on the 11th (then 21, 18, etc.)

"We Missed You" email sent to Inactives – opened by 12,500 out of 45,000 inactive users; 599 of those who opened clicked through to one of the resources mentioned or to our website

"Welcome" email sent to New Cardholders - sent to 809 patrons and opened by 805

In the past 30 days, the Wi-Fi usage was down again during the holiday season and with the Novato Library (NOV) being closed until January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The total for January is 2863.67 GB.

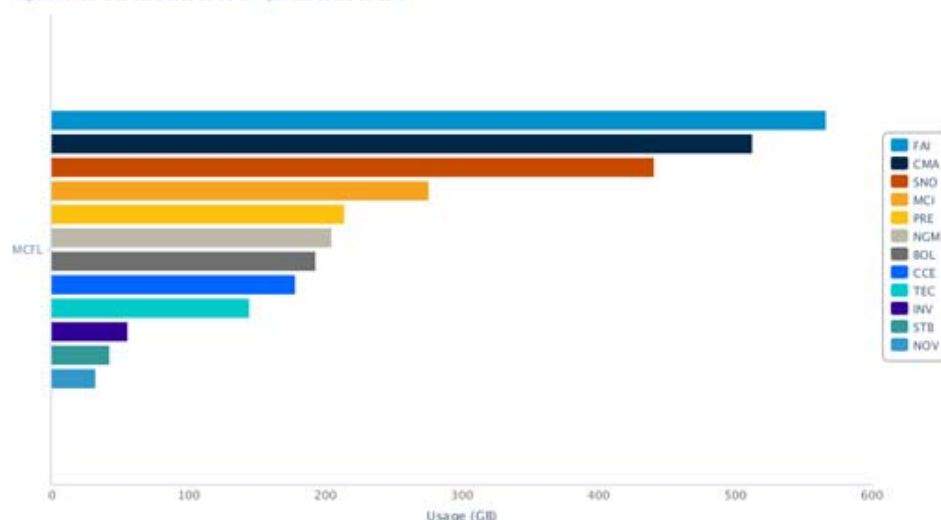
Below is a graph of Wi-Fi Usage by location:

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Usage by Location

Report Period: Dec 23, 2018, 12:00AM - Jan 22, 2019, 12:00AM



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Purchased 10 copies of "A Facilitator's Guide to Participatory Decision-Making" for county staff (or the public) to use.

<https://marinet.bibliocommons.com/item/show/2348494113>

Created Read to Lead Lists in BiblioCommons for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018. Tagged all RTL titles to date with a subject heading (e.g. Read to Lead 2018) so that they are findable by year in BiblioCommons

**Technical Services, eServices and Marketing  
Brief Additional Updates**

- Additional equipment at the South Novato Library so that the Novato Staff reporting to work at the South Novato Library could help with the added workload was removed so that the additional furniture could also be removed.
- The Public PC hours for both the South Novato Library and the Novato Library were both put back to the regular schedules from prior to the Novato Library closure.
- All of the Public PC floor data jacks at the Fairfax have been protected with locking plastic boxes to help prevent patrons from accidentally kicking the network cables out of the floor jacks.
- The Bolinas Library staff computers are now protected by new battery backup UPS replacing the older models that were failing.
- Tech Support team picked up the technology related pieces to the put the Novato Library back together puzzle so that the library could reopen on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. In just a few days, the Public PC area was put back together including the 13 computers, 2 printers and 2 copiers/scanners. 4 selfcheck systems, 6 catalog systems a new Envisionware server and 5 staff stations used to support the Public were all updated and reassembled as well.
- Sharon Ho and Damon Hill attended the Heart of Marin Awards
- Jen Robinson presented at the Library Commission related to marketing and Damon Hill updated NOV closure
- Sent out first email newsletter to enthusiastic response of email replies
- Retooled Marin Poet Laureate webpages and created online version of application for 2019-2021 Application Period

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MCFL is excited to embark on a new educational partnership with Nicasio School to update their library collection and physical space to be an exciting environment for K-8 reading and learning, which includes makerspace Next Generation Science activities and projects. As a first step, Sara Jones, Annemarie Russo, Jennifer Livingston, and Raemona Little Taylor visited each class (TK-8) to brainstorm and discuss "Our Dream Library". Nicasio students and teachers recommended books for purchase and brainstormed what their new library would look like and design elements to improve the space.

Kerry Livingston recently added a "Parent Collection" to the Children's area at the Stinson Beach Library.

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The Teen Services Committee recently launched a Teen Honor Collection, which is a selection of books on tough topics that teens might be reluctant to check out on their or their parents library card. The books in this collection are not barcoded and are borrowed using the "honor system" with a request to "return when you are ready". All four West Marin branches are excited to display this new collection, which includes newly released non-fiction title, *High: Everything you want to know about drugs, alcohol, and addiction* by David Sheff and Nic Sheff.

Raemona is a current member of In The Margins committee book award committee, which highlights books that explore the world through the eyes of youth who experience challenges of marginalized issues related to living on the street, homelessness, incarceration, addiction, gang friction, and bullying. She presented In the Margins selections for 2019 at the MCFL Kids and Teens Literature Review at Corte Madera.

Ann attended the Young Adult Novelist Convention (YANovCom) 2019 at the Millbrae Library on Saturday January 26.



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The Inverness Apple Users Group continues to meet once a month at the Inverness Library.

Simon and Jennifer identified a need for additional technology assistance for patrons at Point Reyes Library. We plan to start offering Computer Drop in Hours on Fridays in February.

Nora Livingston, the Mono Lake Committee Lead Naturalist Guide, presented a visual journey to the Eastern Sierra to learn about the unique natural history of Mono Lake, how human activity has impacted the lake, and how generations of dedicated people (many from Marin) have worked hard to protect it for future generations. Nora presented to a packed room at Point Reyes and Stinson Beach Libraries.

Nora grew up in Inverness, and attributes her love for nature to coming of age here in West Marin and exploring all the habitats with her family. Nora is the daughter of Stinson Beach Community Library Specialist, Kerry Livingston, and historian Dewey Livingston.

On a rainy night in Bolinas, Local author Eric Karpeles captivated 35 attendees with a reading from his latest book *Almost Nothing*, a bio of Polish artist Josef Czapski. Eric also translated a book written by Czapski of lectures on Proust that Czapski originally gave while imprisoned in Russia during WWII. Eric is also the author of *Paintings in Proust*.

**West Marin**  
**Brief Additional Updates**

- West Marin Local Art Exhibits: (Bolinas) "Alternative map of Bolinas" by Stuart Chapman, (Inverness) "Those Shafter Women" curated by Tom Branan, Gayanne Enquist and Meg Linden, (Point Reyes Library) Sue Gonzalez Art.
- West Marin staff attended the webinar, "HOW CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT RACE: a conversation with Margaret Hagerman and Erin Winkler.
- Jennifer, Annemarie, Simon, Kerry, and Raemona attended the 2019 Kids and Teens Literature Retreat at Corte Madera Library.
- Raemona joined the West Marin Kindergarten Action Team led by Marin Promise.



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### Bookmobile



January is a month of change for the children we serve. Coming back from the winter vacation is a bit of a transition for some but nothing like the beginning of the school year. By the time the end of January comes around all children are making progress with learning their letters and actually reading! The struggle to find the right book to interest the beginning readers is over and the kids gravitate to the section that works for them. Their interests have broadened and the reading struggle is over for the most part and the love of reading has begun. Teachers do amazing work and we are so fortunate to be their library support. Yay books!

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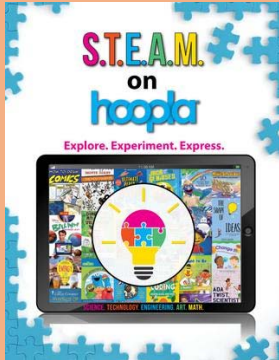


The child development centers we serve are such amazing places. The classroom libraries are starting to grow in size and depth with the addition of the library's excess books. Often the centers are understaffed which makes it difficult for teachers to get to our Teacherpalooza events so we bring the books to them instead. It is so wonderful to see the classrooms shelves swelling with so many books covering so many subjects. Teachers all come on to supplement their curriculum with books from the bookmobile but now they are gaining a solid base for their collection and we are finding good homes for books that still have life in them.

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We have a great opportunity with the bookmobile school and child development centers to support our hard working teachers. There's little time for reading for teachers to read during the busy school year but many enjoy our audiobooks and

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playaways during their commutes back and forth to school. Hooray for Hoopla and Kanopy that support teachers finding curriculum for their students and entertainment for themselves.

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## Bookmobile



So many books, so little time-----lucky for our seniors there are book clubs! The Redwoods and many of our assisted living centers have vital, cutting edge book clubs that expand discussion and social opportunities for many. In addition to the book clubs, some residents put on movie nights for their movie clubs. The activity directors at many of our centers use our library system to provide daily movie nights for their residents as well. Documentaries on many subjects are popular and travel documentaries are the perfect opportunity for arm chair travel. It's also a great time to revisit past vacations and travels and to share experiences together. These are services we provide to the centers in addition to the individual library visits of residents. When people's worlds may be shrinking due to loss of ability or a shortage of funds, in steps the library to provide enrichment and broaden opportunity!

## Library Director Activities – January 2019

Below is brief overview of a few activities and items that may not have been highlighted in other areas of this monthly Commission Report.

 The logo for Marin County Free Library, featuring the letters 'M' and 'C' in blue and green circles, and 'F' and 'L' in orange and yellow circles, followed by the text 'MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY'.	
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## Personnel – January 2019

 The logo for Marin County Free Library, featuring the letters 'M' and 'C' in blue and green circles, and 'F' and 'L' in orange and yellow circles, followed by the text 'MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY'.	<p>During January, MCFL opened recruitments for our vacant Librarian II positions in Novato, Fairfax, Marin City and South Novato. In addition, a temporary promotional opportunity was opened for the vacant Supervision Library Technical Assistant position.</p> <p>The following full-time and part-time vacancies are under review, or are in the early recruitment preparation phase as of January 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administrative Services Technician (Admin)</li><li>• Community Library Specialist (Bookmobile)</li><li>• Library Aides, Civic; Novato; Tech Services; Fairfax</li><li>• Library Assistant I, Fairfax</li><li>• Library Technical Assistant (Marinet)</li><li>• Media Technician (Tech Services)</li><li>• Mobile Library Assistant (Flagship)</li></ul>
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## Commission Members:

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**THANK YOU for the time and talents that you share with us daily, monthly and annually.**

# MARINet Board Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2018

Attendance: Gary Gorka (DUC); Anji Brenner( MV), Linda Kenton (SAN), Henry Bankhead (SRP), Janice Akel (LRK); Abbot Chambers (SAU); Sara Jones (MCFL); Sarah Frye (COM); Debbie Mazzolini (BEL-TIB); Dan McMahon and Jessica Trenary (MARINet).

## Public Comment Period

Introduction of guests No guests attended

Approval of minutes Abbot Chambers moved Gary Gorka provided second, minutes approved.

## Old Business

We want you back program was discussed, no decision was made.

CMX update and wi-fi security – discussion on passwords/splash page and access.

## New Business

Marin IT –Discussion on services

Library card issuing ID requirements- Discussion on proof of address as being needed. Board approves no proof of address required by MARINet for a library card. Motion by Henry Bankhead and Debbie Mazzolini.

Budget Outlook for FY 2019-20- discussed getting as much information ahead of time, but forecasted to be very close to last years.

Sierra 4.1 and/or Auto Renewal it's available and auto renewal will work but will wait until 4.2- put Auto renewal on topic

January Retreat Planning. Place: Larkspur; Date: TBD but not during Midwinter; Topic Discussions possible: JPA-making sure it cover current circumstances and future needs; MARINet needs/outcomes as a governing board; EBook Discussion becoming largest branch. Possible JPA expert to lead off discussion.

Other non-action items none

## Standing Items for agenda

System Administrators report see attached

Correspondence

Topics for Future agenda

- We want you back program
- CMX update and wi-fi security

- Sinking fund update
- Marin IT
- January Retreat Planning

### Announcements

Gary Gorka (DUC) No news. Possible for high demand changes needed by students.

Sarah Frye (COM) Library moves during construction summer 2020. Plans for new building are in progress.

Anji Brenner( MV) Finished state report. Stats were good. Started Know Your Neighbor program and Views and Voices, documentary screening and other elements.

Linda Kenton (SAN) Trialing Kanopy, Hoopla successful for e-audio. Getting new fire alarm installed, closure possible in January.

Henry Bankhead (SRP) Joining with Community Services forming a new department, more resources better for the community.

Janice Akel (LRK) Larkspur has Kanopy! Friends are paying for it. Will debut in January for patrons. Task Force for new building in place. Community engaged.

Abbot Chambers (SAU) Moving YA from Mezzanine to main floor slow moving process (asbestos, etc) All CD's unavailable during the move. Hosting the mobile shower.

Sara Jones (MCFL) Novato closure from Dec 1 to January 20 for HVAC improvements. Provided updates from CLA (California Library Association).

Debbie Mazzolini (BEL-TIB) Break ground on expansion in March or April. Project was downsized to accommodate rising costs.

# MARINet Board Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2018

Attendance: Gary Gorka (DUC); Anji Brenner( MV), Linda Kenton (SAN), Henry Bankhead (SRP), Janice Akel (LRK); Abbot Chambers (SAU); Bonny White (MCFL); Jacki Dunn (BEL-TIB); Dan McMahon and Jessica Trenary (MARINet).

Meeting came to order at 9:05.

Public Comment Period - No comments

Introduction of guests No guests attended

Approval of minutes Abbot Chambers moved Linda Kenton provided second, minutes approved.

## Old Business

We want you back program was discussed. Each library will be doing its own thing regarding amnesty. Possibly regroup and discuss an overall program during National Library Week.

CENIC update – discussion on rolling out security updates and glitches.

Marin IT – Discussion on how to improve responsiveness.

## New Business

Retreat Planning - Retreat planned for January 17 in Larkspur.

Auto Renewal in Sierra - a discussion was held regarding whether to implement a new feature in Sierra – auto renewal – Marinnet wide.

A motion to implement Auto Renewal was proposed (Abbot Chambers, Jacki Dunn second). Passed unanimously.

The board agreed to continue discussions about possible different renewal periods for very long and new books.

Will implement with the upgrade to Sierra 4.2

Sinking fund - The sinking fund is rebuilding solidly. About 350K now.

Califa Refund – a resolution was signed to transfer a refund from Califa.

Other non-action items none

### Standing Items for agenda

System Administrators report see attached LTA2 hiring moving ahead.

Correspondence - none

Topics for Future agenda

- DWRG transferring database funds to ebooks
- Can military use services abroad?
- Proposed budget
- MARIN IT

### Announcements

Linda Kenton (SAN) New fees and fines schedule starting January 2.

Henry Bankhead (SRP) and Bonny White (MCFL) Opened Pop-up Library at Northgate Mall. Very Well received! MCFL Provides books, SRPL provides staff. A great location. They have a book drop, 3d printing and VR.

Janice Akel (LRK) Larkspur has Kanopy! Friends are paying for it. Will debut in January for patrons. Task Force for new building in place. Community engaged.

Abbot Chambers (SAU) Shift of Young Adult materials to main level finished.

Jacki Dunn (BEL-TIB) Fundraising in full force, taking much of Debbie's time.