

MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION

Proposed Agenda

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018

6:45 p.m.

THE CLUB RESTAURANT AT MCINNIS PARK GOLF CENTER

350 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael, CA 94903

DIRECTIONS: One mile east of HWY 101 at the Lucas Valley Smith Ranch Road exit. From the SOUTH or the NORTH Take HWY 101 to the Lucas Valley / Smith Ranch Rd exit east onto Smith Ranch Rd, travel 1 mile. Continue straight through our entrance gate.

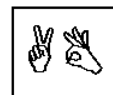
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NOTE: Meeting will start @ 6:45pm followed by Speakers

"I always knew, from the time I felt myself at home in that little segregated library in the South, all the way up until I walked up the steps of the New York City Library, I always felt, in any town, if I can get to a Library, I'll be okay. It really helped me as a child and that never left me."

Maya Angelou

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
6:45	1. Call to Order	Kaplan	Action
	2. Roll Call	Kaplan	Action
	3. Approval of Agenda	Kaplan	Action
	4. Approval of Minutes – April/May	Kaplan	Action
	5. Open Time for Public Expression		
	6. Reading & Correspondence File	Kaplan	Information
	7. Reports of Committee Chairs and Other Committee Liaison		
	a. Election of Officers	Kaplan	Action
	8. President's Report for May	Kaplan	Information
	9. Library Director's Report for May	Jones	Information
	10. Announcements		Information
7:15	12. Adjournment	Kaplan	Action
	13. Speakers –		
	Educational Equity Initiatives – Lopez, Little-Taylor, Bolduc		



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Numbered List of attachments:

4. Minutes for April 10 and May 8, 2019
12. Library Director's Report for May 2019

Unnumbered Attachments:

Approved MARINet Board minutes of March 21, 2019 held at Los Gamos

MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY
Novato Library
--PROPOSED MINUTES--
Wednesday, April 10, 2019

(1) CALL TO ORDER

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

(2) ROLL CALL

Present

Barbara Schoen	Linda Ward	Ali Iqbal
Sue Ream	Ann Kaplan	Margaret Kathrein
Anya Schandler	Craig Kennedy	Loretta Farley
Ed Meagher		

Absent with Notification

Nick Javaras	John MacLeod	Sally Hauser
Tyrone Cannon		

Also Present

Sara Jones, Director of County Library Services
Chantel Walker, Assistant Director of County Library Services
Edna Guadiana, Administrative Assistant II
Lisa Staewen, OAIII

(3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S/C-Schandler/Ward--Agenda approved as submitted.

(4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M/S/C-Kathrein/Schoen--Minutes approved as submitted.

(5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION—

NONE

(6) READING & CORRESPONDENCE FILE

Reading file circulated for all to read –

(7) STAFF REPORTS

Director Jones announced that due to staffing conflicts, today's scheduled presentations are cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. Sara apprised the commission that we would be discussing the two committees that were briefly discussed at last month's meeting. Sara will be in charge of subcommittee that will work on commission. This committee will look at make up of committee; founding documents (created in 1984); effective time for everyone to meet other than second Wednesday of the month; number of Measure A oversight committee meetings, what to discuss, etc. Chantel will be in charge of a longer term standing subcommittee which will look into the Library's financial resources for our buildings are; what type of assessment needs to be done

Sara apprised the Commission that there is some advocacy they can do electronically:

1. First one is the California Legislature is looking at lowering the threshold from 2/3 to Majority (Bill #1);
2. Second one is President Trump has again eliminated the Institute of Museum and Library Services in his budget. Some of the following projects were funded through LSTA Grants:
 - Veteran's Resource Center
 - Most support from John & staff for virtual reality
 - Mind in the Making

Sara gave a brief update of what was discussed at last month's meeting, for those who were absent.

- Remove all fines – item needs to go to BOS
- Various Building Issues

(8) NEW BUSINESS

- a) April 22 – Budget Presentation – Sara invited the Commission to attend the Library's Budget Hearings on April 22 @ 1pm in the Board Chambers.

(9) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Committee Work – Discussed under Staff Reports.
- b) Annual Meeting Update and Speaker: President Kaplan requested suggestions for a guest speaker at the June Meeting. Some of the suggestions included: Jared Huffman, Mary Jane Burke, Laurie Thompson, maybe a BOS member. We will invite members of the Library Foundation and County Friends to our annual meeting in June.

(10) PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR MARCH
NONE

(11) DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR MARCH

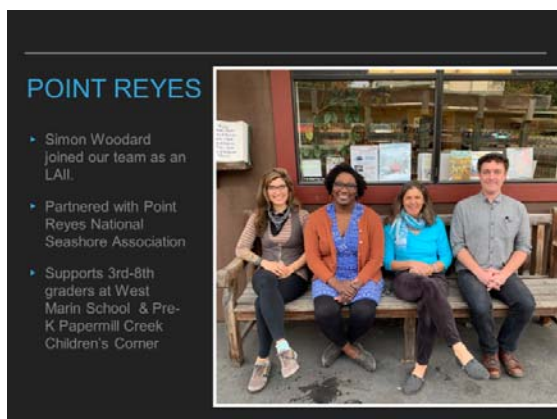
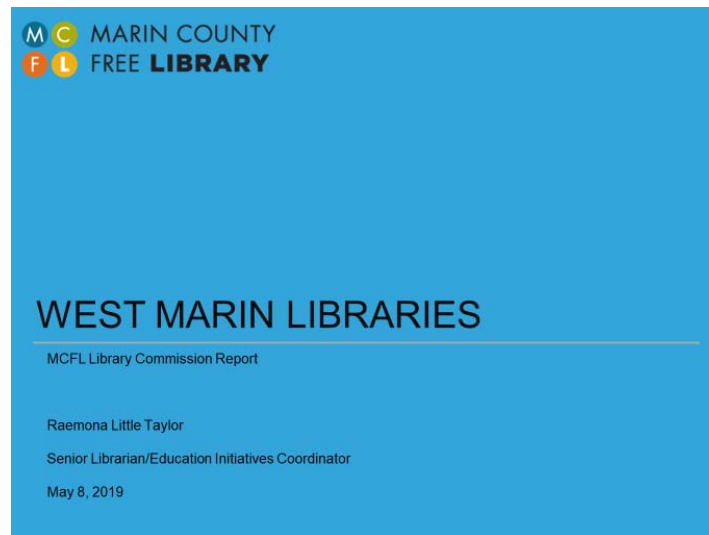
Director Jones reported that Terry Lucas is our newly appointed Poet Laureate, and will probably be at this year's County Fair along with the new FLAGShip.

(12) ANNOUNCEMENTS

(13) ADJOURNMENT — M/S/C Schandler/Schoen Meeting adjourned @ 7:55 p.m.

(7) STAFF REPORTS

Raemona Little Taylor, Branch Manager of the West Marin Libraries gave a report on the branches.



INVERNESS

- Home Library for TK-1st graders at Inverness School.
- Biweekly storytimes at the library
- Librarian Ann is a super reader.



STINSON BEACH

- The Artist Library
- Charlotte Jones Room monthly exhibits
- 2019 Teen Summer Intern



BOLINAS

- Local Authors Collection
- Supports Bolinas preschools, Bolinas-Stinson Children's Center,



ESL CLASSES
CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOPS
READING ON THE RANCHES
(W/ HANDS ON LEARNING
ACTIVITIES)
READING BUDDIES PILOT
(APRIL -MAY 2019)

West Marin
Literacy





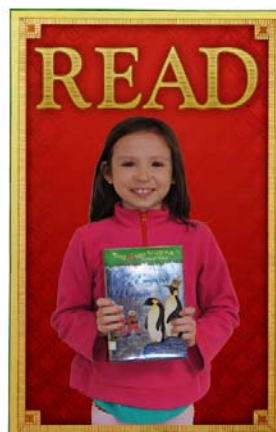
EDUCATIONAL EQUITY AND WEST MARIN

- ▶ Partnership with Shoreline Unified School District
 - 39% English Language Learners
 - 41% Socio-Economically Disadvantaged
 - 58% Hispanic
 - 50% meeting 3rd Grade Reading Milestone
- ▶ West Marin Kindergarten Readiness Team
- ▶ **New!** Partnership with Nicasio School District



NICASIO SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

- ▶ Library Enhancement Project
- ▶ MCFL Digital Resources Training
- ▶ Weeding & Collection Development
- ▶ Open House/Library Card Event: April 4th, 2019



Alejandra Cruz, FLAGShip Project Coordinator gave an update on the FLAGShip.



F.L.A.G.ship
Families Learning And Growing
Is a Traveling Preschool that promotes Early Literacy and School Readiness for families with children 0 to 5 years old. Our program offers FREE drop-in bilingual classes filled with stories, songs, games, art, and many other activities for children and their families.



This IS school for many children



As a mobile program, we believe our greatest contribution is to bring the preschool experience to children and parents who would not have it otherwise.



SITES

10 regular stops

- San Rafael – Canal & Civic Center
- Marin City - George Rocky Graham Park
- Novato – Novato Blvd & Leafwood Dr.
- West Marin – San Geronimo, Point Reyes, Giacomini Ranch (TBA) & Bolinas

Travel about 162 miles per week

- Serve about 65 Families per week
- During the 2018-19 fiscal year we served 579 people.

CLASS

75 Minute drop-in session

- 25-30 Min. Of free play time
 - Clean-up: All children help organize and put away toys
- 30 Min. Of reading, singing and games
- 15-20 Min. Art or project

F.L.A.G. SCHEDULE - JANUARY 2019			
DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
1/7	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	SAN RAFAEL - Canal & Civic Center	Alejandra Cruz
1/14	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	MARIN CITY - George Rocky Graham Park	Alejandra Cruz
1/21	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	NOVATO - Novato Blvd & Leafwood Dr.	Alejandra Cruz
1/28	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	WEST MARIN - San Geronimo, Point Reyes, Giacomini Ranch (TBA) & Bolinas	Alejandra Cruz
2/4	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	SAN RAFAEL - Canal & Civic Center	Alejandra Cruz
2/11	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	MARIN CITY - George Rocky Graham Park	Alejandra Cruz
2/18	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	NOVATO - Novato Blvd & Leafwood Dr.	Alejandra Cruz
2/25	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	WEST MARIN - San Geronimo, Point Reyes, Giacomini Ranch (TBA) & Bolinas	Alejandra Cruz
3/4	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	SAN RAFAEL - Canal & Civic Center	Alejandra Cruz
3/11	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	MARIN CITY - George Rocky Graham Park	Alejandra Cruz
3/18	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	NOVATO - Novato Blvd & Leafwood Dr.	Alejandra Cruz
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FLAGship partners with community agencies and participates in many community events across the county.



Region	0-2 Years	3-5 Years	Parent	Prenatal	Provider	Total
North	25	32	38	0	3	98
South	22	13	15	0	12	62
Central	23	30	40	2	2	97
West	48	19	54	1	15	138
Canal	52	57	66	4	5	184
Total	170	151	213	7	38	579

Fiscal year 2018-2019

Library Classroom



Cruising since 2001...



Average cost of gas and maintenance **\$15,000 year.**

The vehicle repair cost in the last six months almost **\$5,000.**

- Major oil leak
- Generator break down

The cost of a new generator is about **\$11,000 plus labor.**

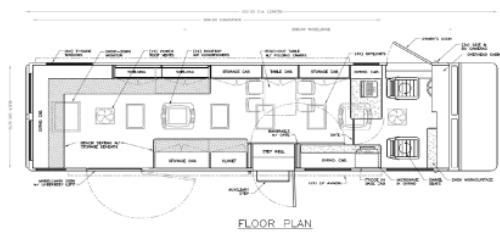
At times the program has run **without** FLAGship vehicle for more than **3 weeks.**

Have to travel on an "Official County Business" van.



MARIN COUNTY
FREE LIBRARY

"FLAGship"



FAMILIES LEARNING AND GROWING



**M C MARIN COUNTY
F L FREE LIBRARY**
MY CHOICE FOR LEISURE LEARNING LIVING



PLAY
IS A CHILD'S WORK!

Diana Lopez, Branch Mgr/Education Initiatives Coordinator gave an update on the Marin City Library.

Marin City Library

Library Commission Meeting
May 8th, 2019

**M C MARIN COUNTY
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HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS WE
DID SINCE WE LAST SAW YOU!

Community Engagement!



MARIN CITY FATHER'S DAY PICNIC WITH THE FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH'S FATHERHOOD COUNCIL

Juneteenth!



WE CONTINUE TO REPRESENT MCFL IN OUR COMMUNITY

Etienne Attended ALA Annual in New Orleans as Ultimaker's Guest



ETIENNE HAS BEEN A GUEST BLOGGER FOR ULTIMAKER.
THEY INVITED HIM TO ATTEND ALA ANNUAL AS THEIR
GUEST SO THAT HE COULD TALK TO CONFERENCE
ATTENDEES ABOUT OUR 3D PRINTING PROGRAM.

Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC)



EIGHT OF US GOT TO ATTEND JCLC! DIANA WAS ON A
PANEL TALKING ABOUT RACE, RACIAL EQUITY, AND
LIBRARIANS OF COLOR.

Continuing Our National Park Service Partnership!



WE WORKED WITH RANGER JASMINE TO TAKE FAMILIES TO MUIR WOODS. RANGERS TAKED AND RAFAEL ALSO GAVE TALKS ABOUT THE FLORA AND FAUNA IN THE AREA.

Read for the Record



THIS YEAR'S READ FOR THE RECORD BOOK WAS "MAYBE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL: HOW ART TRANSFORMED A NEIGHBORHOOD" BY F. ISABEL CAMPOY AND ILLUSTRATED BY RAFAEL LÓPEZ.



Seaplane Santa



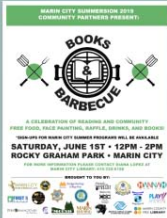
PERFORMING STARS ANNUAL SEAPLANE SANTA

Flashback to June 2017 Books & BBQ



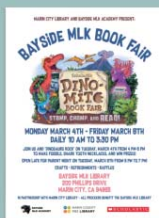
AS PART OF OUR WORK WITH MARIN HOUSING AUTHORITY ON THE BOOK RICH ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVE, WE COORDINATED BOOKS & BBQ WITH MHA AND OUR OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS. WE GAVE AWAY OVER 450 BOOKS (TODDLER THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL)!

Continued Book Rich Environment Partnership



FROM 2017 THROUGH THE END OF 2019, WE WILL HAVE GIVEN AWAY 8,000 BOOKS!

Bayside MLK Academy Library



REFRESHING THE COLLECTION AND WELCOME, KAYLA!

Some of our 15 Minutes of Fame



LIBRARY JOURNAL MOVERS AND SHAKERS ADVOCATE HONOR

Vice President Hauser thanked Raemona, Alejandra and Diana for their presentations!

- (8) OLD BUSINESS
- a) Update Slate of Officers – After a brief discussion it was decided that Vice-President Hauser would discuss with President Kaplan, and then one of them will poll current board members to see if they would like to remain as an officer.
 - b) Update June Business Mtg – Vice-President Hauser announced that this year's Library Commission Annual Social Meeting is scheduled on June 12, at the McInnis Park Clubhouse and the food selection will be the same as last years. A message will be sent out to everyone to get your food selection.
 - c) Subcommittee Update – Director Jones gave a brief update on where we are in the process of getting this subcommittee up and running. Assistant Director Walker reported that right now she is putting together the order with a list of facilities that we will be working on next year. The second committee will convene after this is done.
 - d) Budget Update – Director Jones stated that this year's budget hearing went very well. Educational Initiative Coordinators: Diana Lopez, Raemona Little-Taylor, and Amy Sonnie gave a very well received presentation to the BOS at this meeting.
- (9) PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR MAY
- Vice President Hauser who was standing in for President Kaplan announced that Laurie Thompson, California Room Librarian and Marilyn Geary, Oral Historian had conducted an oral history on the surviving "Rosie the Riveter" Phyllis Gould who is now 97 years old and lives in the Bennett House. Sally also reported that she had been at the San Francisco Public Library and had gone to the sixth floor, where they have displays. There was a very interesting one called "When we were very young" on display until 5/31. Sally recommended that everyone go to one or both of these very interesting things.
- (10) DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR MAY
- Director Jones reported that 24 staff members attended a 3-day conference on April 8-10, called "Othering and Belonging Conference in Oakland. We have patrons who continue to cause problems at our branches.
- (11) ANNOUNCEMENTS - None
- (12) ADJOURNMENT – Informational meeting ended @ 3:45 p.m.



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

May 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



Civic Center pre-school neighbors, Gimmel Class, at the J.C.C. Preschool pledged to read ALL Mo Willems books this semester in their class room. *Big Frog Can't Fit In* was one of few titles they could not located to borrow or purchase as it's an out-of-print specialty <fragile> pop-up book. As fate would have it, Miss Kitty had a copy in storage and provided a special "Let's Do This!" storytime for Gimmel Class on May 28th. Not surprisingly, Miss Kitty's Pigeon puppet showed up too because he just could stand being left out. The kids were delighted, and Kathleen had a chance to talk up Summer Challenge to a school that previously has not participated very much.

Peeps Diorama winners were announced.

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

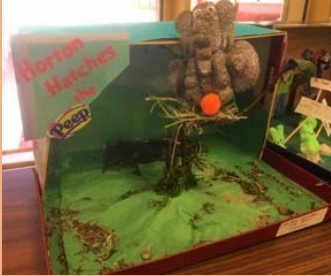
Civic Center



Natalie delivered the Virtual Reality Gaming program, incorporating the Oculus Go, and books and book talks to the Marin County Juvenile Hall. She hosted the Marin County Youth Commission End of Year Forum, showcasing what the commission has been working on over the last year to address issues impacting youth across the county. From youth substance use to racial equity to mental health, the public and prospective commissioners learned more about what youth are doing to make a difference in the Marin community.

Be a positive environment for **mobile and digital literacy**.

Civic Center



Elmer assisted a patron first with downloading eBooks to his iPad via Libby. The patron then presented his iPhone and Elmer again demonstrated the steps for downloading and then proceeded to show how the synching and bookmarking functions allow the patron to keep his reading progress current in each device. The patron was most delighted, though, with his ability to change font size as enlarging text was his primary reasons for exploring eBooks.

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

Civic Center



Elmer delivered to the Marin County Jail a library-donated item in response to an incarcerated patron's request. On their Facebook page, the Marin County Sheriff acknowledged the donation as the launch of the partnership between the Jail and the Library, "The jail and the library will be working together to update the jail library and expand the reading material for inmates. We at the Sheriff's Office look forward to the continued partnership between Jail Programs and The Marin County Free Library."

Civic Center Library is lucky to have some wonderful people who regularly volunteer at the Library. Mary Eastment does remarkable book repair, Tim McDonald does shelf reading and searching of missing items (he's quite successful!) and Montserrat Sthymmel, who has been a Civic Center volunteer for many, many years, has worked on several projects, helping to keep our stacks in great working order. The Volunteer Office profiled Montserrat for the May Volunteer View. Congratulations and a very big thank you to Montserrat!

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**Anne T Kent
California Room**



Saturday May 4th was the annual Heritage & History Day at the Bon Air Center, sponsored by the Kentfield-Greenbrae Historical Society. Over 40 organizations were represented, including the California Room. We had about 60 visitors to our table, which featured local history trivia; contrasting views of Kentfield & Greenbrae “now & then”; and free local history postcards with the California Room’s URL. Carol connected with community members of all ages, including a lot of pre-teens and children. Among the comments Carol received were: “History is so important.” “I love the library!” “We love your history programs.” “You helped me with my property research and I am so thankful.” We also received positive feedback on our digital archive, including our collections of digitized maps and historic newspapers.

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**Anne T. Kent
California Room**

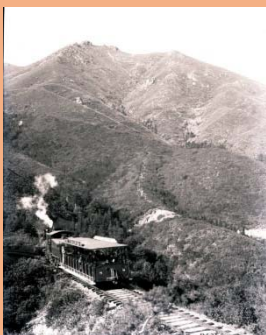


Laurie, Carol, Dewey & *Team Annex* (Brian, Brad, Gary, Lissa, Amy) bid a fond farewell to our amazing student intern Adeline Ellison who’s been volunteering with us for nearly 7 years –since she was 12-½! During this time, Laurie & Carol have seen Adeline mature & blossom into a poised & confident 18-year old. However, from the beginning, Adeline’s intelligence and maturity far exceeded her age. Adeline is a “natural archivist” and has excelled at every project which has come her way, from organizing & preserving our Cultural Services & Marin County Fair collection, to interpreting and re-housing an esoteric collection of 19th century survey documents to assisting youth & children create letterpress keepsakes at a Printing Museum on Wheels event. On May 23rd we celebrated Adeline with a Board of Supervisor’s resolution touting her accomplishments as well as cards, gifts, an orchid and an assortment of treats. Adeline will be greatly missed by us all!

Our digital archive continues grow thanks to the collective efforts of digital archivist Carol Acquaviva and volunteer Brian Crawford. Brian has added an additional 157 maps to the archive which means we now have [3255 of our maps & surveys](#) from the Schroeder Collection available online for all to access at high resolution.

Be a positive environment
for **mobile and digital**
literacy.

**Anne T. Kent
California Room**



Carol has added two new oral histories, one to celebrate our recently departed friend and collaborator [Nancy Kent Danielson](#) (Anne T. Kent's daughter); the second documents the family history of [Konnie Knudsen](#) who grew up in the now "lost" community of Waldo much of which was demolished to make way for Marin City during World War II.

Three new photographs have also been added, all recently donated. Two of them document the [Mt. Tamalpais Scenic Railway](#) and are from original glass-plate negatives donated by local historian Fred Runner. The other depicts the burgeoning [Bates Tract in Tiburon in 1948](#).

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

**Anne T. Kent
California Room**



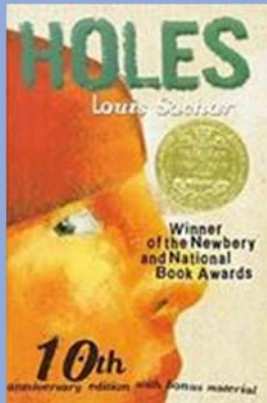
On May 16th the California Room was greatly honored by a visit from renowned map collector David Rumsey and Stanford University metadata librarian Emily Prince. Though David continues to host his own sophisticated [site](#), his priceless collection of maps is now the centerpiece of [Stanford University's David Rumsey Map Center](#). David & Emily spent over two hours touring our map collection and examining items in our unique unrecorded Marin County Map & Survey collection. We exchanged ideas on digitization and metadata protocols, geo-referencing & other topics of mutual interest. David agreed to discuss options for georeferencing with one of our volunteers -Parker Pringle- and the California Room plans to engage in a pilot to geo-reference a subset of our map and aerial photograph collections. We have also been invited to tour the David Rumsey Map Center at Stanford.

Brief Additional Updates

- Laurie connected the Printing Museum on Wheels and Sara Bolduc at the Makerspace and solicited a donation from Jeff Craemer to cover the cost of hosting a Makerspace event featuring papermaking, book-binding and the history of printing which took place at the Makerspace on May 3rd.
- Insert
- Insert

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Corte Madera



We were amazed that 35 kids knew the answer to our Kids Book Contest “Really Tough Bonus Question”. The question was posted next to an actual bottle of red nail polish:

Nail polish with rattlesnake venom? Could this be an artifact from a children’s book? And, if so, which one?

The answer: *Holes* by Louis Sachar.

190 kids entered the contest and we were able to give away a coveted prize – a “Dog Man” lunch bag, thanks to the support of the Friends of the Corte Madera Library. The contest was a great way to spur kids to share their love of reading and interest in books.

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

Corte Madera



Marilyn Wronsky, Children’s Librarian, was cc’d on a glowing letter to the principal of Redwood High School from an impressed grandparent about the efforts of two students, Austin Patel and Achintha Poduval, members of the Programming Club, who developed coding classes for young people at the Corte Madera Library, see excerpt, below. The Saturday morning classes have been appreciated by families and have been a great way for youngsters to learn about programming, as well as providing an opportunity for the high school students to tackle a community project and develop their skills.

I am writing to advise you of how impressed I am with the Coding Program that Achintha Poduval and Austin Patel developed and executed at the Corte Madera Library. Both of my grandchildren (ages 6 ½ and 8) participated. I cannot speak highly enough of these two young men and the other members of the Redwood Programming Club. They were very helpful and patient with all the young students in the class and gave them a preliminary introduction into this very important concept. I am amazed at how many Saturday mornings the computer group gave up to provide this project.

I appreciated the effort the team put into this and I feel confident all the programmers will be successful in the future educational endeavors.

Hopefully, some members from the Programming Club will provide the same program to the library next year. If they do, we will definitely be participating.

Please pass this thank you on to the Programming Club.

Be a positive environment for **mobile and digital literacy**.

Corte Madera



This month Julie Magnus, branch manager, was able to help an Air Force veteran access his military records -- he dropped in one afternoon and asked about whether we could help him with accessing information on a CD. I said yes, we had external drives that we could use to help him with this. He came back a couple of weeks later, said he had tried another library that couldn't help him, and so came back to us, when he had some free time. He had thought he could use his laptop, originally, but then discovered it didn't have an appropriate drive to read the CD. He was having a tough time with scheduling, was working 2 jobs, and told me he had walked to the library from San Rafael. I first helped him to a seat, and then connected the drive, he pulled out a CD, and we were able to open and copy and save all the documents he needed -- it had been 2 years since he had first received them. He said he needed them for a job, and was very glad to finally have the access. It was great to have the tools to help navigate some of the obstacles our technology-driven world presents to people.

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Corte Madera



A patron stopped in to thank Shereen Ash, L2 for her help some weeks ago. He teared up as explained, "Because of those two phone calls you made, I got my kids back". The patron who came in a month or so ago needing to have a child custody letter translated from Spanish into English and he was having trouble identifying where to go for assistance. I looked up agencies online and called the Marin County Information and Assistance line (457-INFO) for guidance. They suggested a legal aid organization I'd already mentioned to him, but he said he spoken with someone there and they said they did not offer translation services of legal letters. I offered to call the organization for the patron and explain what he needed. After speaking with someone at the agency and verifying that they did indeed offer these services, I asked if she spoke Spanish and passed the phone to the patron. They set up a meeting for later that day and his appeal for partial custody of his children was granted. He added that the Corte Madera Library is serving as a neutral location that he and the children's mother use when dropping off and picking up their children. This was a very moving conversation for me and the patron and demonstrated the sometimes unexpected outcome of our work.

Corte Madera

Brief Additional Updates

- Supervisor Dennis Rodoni toured the Corte Madera Library on May 9.
- Shereen Ash and Jenna Selzler attended the Corte Madera Senior Fair on May 23.
- Jackie Foster, Kristine Augestad, Ana Stanescu and Julie Magnus received Certified Comprehensive First Aid Training, courtesy of the Town of Corte Madera, on May 4.
- Current art exhibit is Northern California Native Plants – Botanical Art by Kristin Jakob.
- Jackie Foster, Shereen Ash and Ana Stanescu attended the Othering and Belonging Conference.

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Fairfax



On Saturday, May 18, Christopher, Kira and Jasper presented Drag Storytime at the Fairfax Library. Iris Meinolf, Children's Librarian, had been approached by Jasper, a trans high school student who grew up in Fairfax and was interested in presenting the program. Iris picked out a selection of books from our collection about gender identity for Jasper to choose from, and while he was here, Anthony Puga, Circulation Supervisor, issued Jasper a library card with his new chosen name (Jasper).

A week before the program, staff discovered we'd inadvertently double-booked the Community room, and so we decided to hold the storytime program in the children's room. The children's room was packed, and the program was incredibly successful. 35 people attended, including a little boy who likes to wear dresses. Children and caregivers listened to stories and heard why it's important to be able to choose what you wear.

Our program featured two Drag Kings and one Drag Queen. Kira read "Annie's Plaid Shirt" and wore her own plaid shirt. Christopher brought his two children and read "Prince and Knight." He asked the group if anyone had been to a wedding of two men, and his children answered "Yes! Yours!" Jasper, whose parents and twin sister also attended, brought a childhood picture of himself with long hair and a dress.

After the stories, Iris rolled tables into the children's room for a collage craft. One attendee observed "the children's room was a cozy place for this event; we all squeezed in and made room for everybody."

We are already planning another Drag Storytime for mid-June, and we're putting Jasper in touch with Libby at Cultural Services. She heard about our program and wants a Drag Storytime at the County Fair! Fairfax Friends of the Library sponsored this program which supported the Library's vision of a welcoming, equitable and inclusive environment for attendees to connect, learn and explore.

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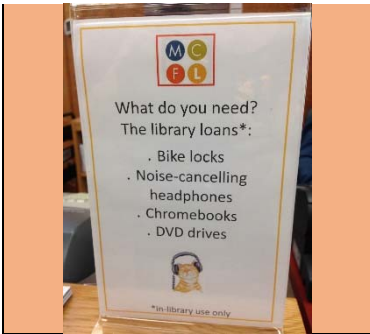
John Elison, Library Assistant II, held an Introduction to TAG (Teen Advisory Group) on May 21. Several girls showed up and contributed ideas for programs they'd like to see the library present, and learned about the existing teen programs. The following week, two of them showed up for John's teen role playing games program and brought friends. One of the new girls was creating her character, and said she didn't know if it should be male or female. "That's ok," another girl said, "you can just be gender-fluid, and if at some point you change your mind then the character can be trans." In relating this story to Margaret, John commented that it's great to be able to provide a forum where teens can have these conversations.

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The popularity of our Chromebooks continues to increase, and several times this month we've had all four checked out and more people asking to use one. We originally purchased them for use during our busy after-school time; we're now having adults request to use them in the evenings so they can take them to the quiet area.

We now have a sign that lists the devices we loan for in-library use (see photo).



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Fairfax



Margaret Miles, Branch Manager, leveraged the library’s partnership with SURJ-Marín (Standing Up for Racial Justice) to include members of Community Land Trust Association of West Marin (CLAM) and Marin Environmental Housing Collective (MEHC) for our May Film & Conversation program on Housing Equity. Over 30 attendees viewed two short films streamed from Kanopy: “Hearts and Hands” and “Streets of Dreams.” After WWII, people of color were systematically excluded from equal access to housing, and this created a dual housing market. By combining community ownership of land with individual ownership of homes, a Community Land Trust gives communities a powerful way to shape and secure its future, while opening the door to affordable homeownership for low-income residents.

The panel then led a discussion to explore how Community Land Trusts can change the future of Marin.

This program was held the same afternoon as Drag Storytime, so the library was overflowing with people when both programs ended. Debra Taube of SURJ-Marín said “I wanted to be in both rooms at once!”

Fairfax

Brief Additional Updates

- Angela Wawrzynek, part-time Librarian I, has accepted a position with Dublin Public Library. Her last day will be June 13. We will miss her creative displays, her delicious food programs, and her thoughtful oversight of the collection.
- April Hayley, currently Children’s Librarian with San Anselmo, has accepted the Adult/Teen Services Librarian II position here in Fairfax! Her first day will be June 17.

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Marin City



Our Marin City Head Start Program (based on the Bayside MLK campus and run by Community Action Marin) asked if it was possible to arrange to have a storytime for them because our regular storytimes are now very full with the Marin Learning Center preschool and Horizon Community Preschool. The Head Start kids are small. Nikki Gothelf, Librarian I, really enjoys working with their group, so she agreed to do a storytime for them on Thursday mornings. They've been coming regularly and really enjoy her programs.

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Marin City



On May 22, Etienne started a new phase in the Digital Literacy class on Wednesdays. David a new volunteer is going to help teach beginning to advanced coding for the next year. The kids in the class were excited to learn how to make LED light eyes out of ping pong balls.

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Marin City

Diana, Etienne, and Faheem attended Maker Faire Bay Area on Saturday, May 18 to learn about new technologies, products, services, and maker programs and activities. We are always looking for new and exciting things to bring to the branch!



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Danny writes: On Tuesday, May 14, we had our social justice film screening on Grace Lee Boggs, a figure mostly known to the Black Power Movement and second wave feminism. Although she was around during the Asian American Movement of the late 60s and 70s, she mostly involved her work in predominantly Black communities calling Detroit her home for several decades. The event drew a modest crowd of about 6, about half of whom were affiliated with the North Bay Democratic Socialists Party, and a few more patrons who stopped to give the film a few minutes of their time. This group of folks were visibly in their twenties with the exception of two or three seniors. What I enjoyed from this screening is that people were speaking about grassroots politics and not diminishing individual agency in the face of systemic oppression. Grace Lee Boggs was 97 when she passed back in 2015 and that leaves a wide legacy for us to both examine and aspire to. I appreciated hearing from one of the elderly patrons that she was inspired in hearing how this woman was able to organize her community to instill sustained transformation. The discussion touched on protracted causes such as environmentalism, social mobility, housing, education, issues subsumed under racial and gender justice.

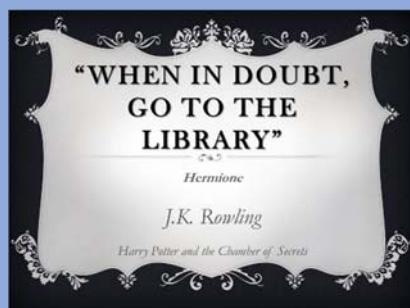
Marin City

Brief Additional Updates

- Open House at Bayside MLK took place on Thursday, May 16. Kayla and Diana attended to represent the school and public library partnership. We gave away bookmarks, information on summer programs, and flyers for Books & BBQ.
- Etienne and Diana served on the selection panel for the Librarian II recruitment. Marin City was recruiting for a half-time (18.75 hours per week) LII. We selected Katrina Sadler, and she accepted. Katrina is currently working at the Bayview Branch of the San Francisco Public Library where she has created community-based social justice events and works on the Urban Collection. She has also worked at the San Mateo County Public Library developing adult literacy programs and worked on Career Online High School and Veterans Connect programs. She also works at the San Jose Public Library (Yes, she works three jobs right now! She's leaving San Mateo to come to us!) serving teen and children. There she has selector duties that cover computers and programming as well as ESL and Citizenship materials. She has lots of experience in digital collections, creating social media and other digital content and doing outreach as well. She also has community college and university experience.
- On May 1st, the Friends of the Marin City Library had a small party prior to their meeting, to wish Becky well in her retirement. We shared refreshments and the Friends presented Becky with a beautiful, white orchid plant, a card, and many good wishes.

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Novato



Novato Kids Room took a storytime break the last week of May so that staff could get out to the schools to spread the good work about the Summer Challenge! Even despite the story stoppage, we still did 23 programs this month, with 2 school visits to the library and outreach visits to 4 schools. We had several kids come in and ask for titles that were booktalked at their school and to get a library card. We are already getting questions about Summer every hour. "When is it going to start?" The best interaction was with a little boy who came with his mom to get his own library card after his field trip. His mom told Laura Kennett that he talked about wanting to get his library card non-stop after his school visit. "Library, Library, Library that is all he will talk about." Go Library!

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Teen Advisory Group (TAG) met on May 8 and gave input to a whole host of summer programs to keep Novato teens engaged and active all summer. In addition to the Ukulele Class that are being presented system-wide, Novato Teens will be enjoying a 90's Festival, creating Bath Bombs, watching movies and eating pizza, as well as every other Wednesday participating in Level Up Game Days.

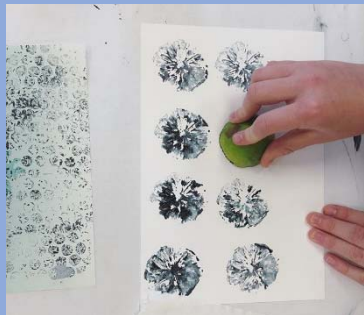
Ray the Boy Scout approached Novato Library about organizing a service project with us. Ray is a junior in high school working toward his Eagle Scout rank. As Ray said, "The library was my happy place when I was growing up; some of my earliest memories are checking out the DVDs and picture books (Jon Agee was my favorite) in the children's section. I'm hoping to give back to the library so other kids can have the same experience I did." With input from Laura Kennett in our Kids Room, Ray's project will be "Tips and Tricks for Survival from Ray, Your Local Eagle Scout." He will prepare a pamphlet or flyer on a variety of topics that might include:

What to do when you are lost
Campfire How to's and Safety

	<p>Poisonous Plants How to Build a Shelter How to Use a Compass Ray is also working on extending the idea to boxes that check out with doodads and books in them.</p>
<p>Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.</p> <p>Novato</p> 	<p>Staff continue to address patrons' everyday concerns related to our online offerings at the Information Desk. With each new library card patrons learn about our eBook services, digital magazines, streaming movies and other online resources available, including Lynda.com, Mango Languages, as well as access to Museum Passes. Patrons continue to be delighted that they can do so much online, but the number one tidbit that still makes so many people happy is their ability to place holds and renew their items online.</p>
<p>Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning</p> <p>Novato</p> 	<p>On May 23, Novato Library hosted a presentation and lecture by a Novato couple. After many working years, Clint (Botanist/Entomologist) and Madeline Kellner (Novato City Council) left their jobs and joined the Peace Corps in Guatemala. They spoke about their experiences working in an indigenous Mayan town of 4,000 people. Madeline worked with teachers and principals of elementary schools on developing school gardens to address malnutrition. Clint worked in two middle schools teaching self-esteem, critical thinking, and sex education. They shared their adventures of living with a host family, life in a small town, challenges of working in Guatemalan schools, Guatemalan culture, as well as with developing friendships and precious experiences.</p>

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South Novato



In May, **Craft-n-Create**, our monthly family maker program, attracted 40 youth and parents who learned D.I.Y. block printing and pointillism for kids. We even made glow plushies to celebrate our award-winning debut at the Bay Area Maker Faire (see below).

Another highlight this month: The **Printing Museum on Wheels** from Los Angeles hosted a free hands-on workshop for Makerspace members and library patrons. Our makers got to make their own paper, bind notebooks and create letterpress bookmarks and cards. You can [see them in action here](#) (video). This unique experience was made possible through the generosity of Jeff Craemer.

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South Novato



We welcomed 4th graders from Novato Charter for a very furry class visit as they learned to research animals and use the Dewey Decimal system.

The month of May also means Summer outreach to local schools! On May 29, Amy and Ezra talked about **Summer Challenge** with 300 students from Hamilton Meadow Park during two back-to-back school assemblies. More than half the students had been to the library or participated in Summer Challenge before. One student, Jasmine, even showed us the Book Bucks she's been saving since last year. We were ecstatic to see students rush straight from the assembly to the Library to pick up their Reading Logs!

Before we left we made sure students knew about our special programs including the Youth vs Adults Dance Battle (August 15) – and, of course, we challenged Principal Steve to a dance off.

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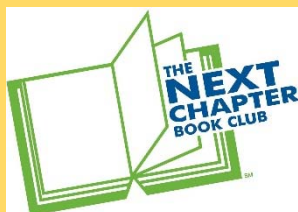


Sara Bolduc and 16 youth traveled to San Mateo to exhibit their creations at the **Bay Area Maker Faire** this month. Over the course of 3 days, Sara and crew made more than 400 glow plushies and earned two Editor's Choice blue ribbons. One young maker, Gus, also received an Editor's Choice ribbon for his custom-designed, hand-strung [Sputnik lamps](#).

All 16 of our young makers exhibited throughout the weekend and had a wonderful time. It was a family affair, too! Xander, Xyan and Jackson built a tub of liquid sand that will make anything disappear, with support from Xander and Xyan's dad. Sabine worked with her mom drawing and designing shrinky dink jewelry. Bayanni showed us new ways to look at gravity in space. Erin prototyped a tiny house. John, Conan, Kai and Oliva worked with their parents to build an 8ft-long rube goldberg machine - with lots of moving parts, and Brook worked with her mom cutting and screen printing fabric for mini-pillows.

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South Novato



In May South Novato partnered with Marin Ventures to launch the **Next Chapter Book Club**, an international program designed for teens and adults with developmental disabilities. Marin Ventures will facilitate the local Marin County chapter of the club, which will meet biweekly on Wednesdays. The aim of the book club is to nurture the enjoyment of books, while fostering social connections and community engagement for people with developmental disabilities. We hosted two book clubs so far with 8 attendees each.

South Novato Brief Additional Updates

Coming this summer...

- We will expand the popular Craft-n-Create program and open our Makerspace every Saturday for STEAM-based family fun. Starts June 15.
- South Novato is planning virtual vacations to our National Parks using virtual reality! Take a trip every Tuesday starting June 25th at 6pm!
- Join us for Spanish Storytime June 8, July 13 and August 10 at 10am with Colors of Spanish. This program is generously supported by the Friends of Novato Libraries.
- XRStar and Teen Advisory Group member Satvik will travel to Washington DC with Library staff to present at the American Library Association conference and help XR Libraries demo virtual reality.

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**Technical Services,
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Clara, in collaboration with the Children's Services Team, ordered the books for a new set of "Raising Conscious Kids" kits which will help parents and caregivers initiate conversations with kids about race, sexuality and other differences. Each library had the opportunity to order from a selection of titles and will be offering kits at all MCFL locations.

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The year end ordering date was May 7 and when the final budget was pulled together additional resources were allocated for purchasing additional ebooks in OverDrive.

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

- Technical Services began the fiscal closing process in May
- Giao Ngyuen left Technical Services for an opportunity with MARINet.
- Sharon Ho and Damon Hill participated in outreach for County of Marin Career Day.
- Jen Robinso presented in Southern California Leading from the Middle based on CLA program

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West Marin
**Point Reyes, Inverness,
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Annemarie Russo, CLS, coordinated a Parent and Child Yoga class for children ages 0-5 and their parents/caregivers. The class was led by our local yoga instructor, Katie Jay, and generously supported by the Tomales Bay Library Association (TBLA). Children were introduced to deep breathing, yoga positions, and the children's book *Breathe* by Scott Magoon. With TBLA's support, we are planning to offer this popular program monthly in the Fall.

FLAGship highlights this month include introducing sewing to our youngest patrons ages 0-5. Our favorite activity this month was sewing patterns and beads on burlap! This beautiful craft was in honor of Mother's Day, Alejandra Cruz, CLS, wanted the children to gift their moms something that they can keep as a souvenir. The kids were so proud of their skills, everyone enjoyed it so much they requested we do it again.

FLAGship also welcomed a new child to our community, 8-year-old Lucas. He arrived from Guatemala just a few weeks ago. FLAGship was one of his first experiences with the community and Alejandra is so proud to have opened our doors for him and his family. She told Lucas the story of when she came to California as a 13-year-old girl and didn't speak a word of English, he couldn't believe it and he gave her a big smile when she said he too would learn and make new friends. Per Alejandra "It is so important and powerful for me to tell other kids my story, I want them to know that I was like them and that they are awesome and that they can achieve greatness."

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The Inverness school 1st grade class performed stories from Mo Willem's "Elephant and Piggie" series at the Inverness and Point Reyes Libraries. The audience included pre-schoolers from Papermill Creek Children's Corner, Kindergarteners from Inverness, and the 2nd grade class from West Marin School. The children's performance brought the text and humor to life, much to the delight of our community's youngest members. This annual program continues to make the library the preferred place for children, families, and caregivers. Ann Bertucci, Jennifer Livingston and Annemarie Russo also shared information about the 2019 Summer Learning Program!

Jane Silvia and Vanessa Waring visited 50 K-8 students at Bolinas-Stinson school to promote the Children and Teens summer program.



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The 8th grade class at West Marin school visited the Point Reyes library to learn how to find print and digital materials. Jennifer Livingston, CLS, and Simon Woodard, LAII, explained the differences between our website and Marinnet and then took a deeper dive into searching and placing holds in the catalog, navigating the website to find Biography Resource Center, Enki and EBSCO books and articles, downloading articles to print or send to email, and how to cite resources. Simon provided an overview about print Resources and the CRAAP test. Then we divided up to help students get their library card numbers, find specific books and articles related to their topics and print out articles for their research project.

The Teen Services Committee recently acquired Little Bits with the generous support of the Friends of Marin County Free Library. Little Bits are electronic building blocks that “empower tomorrow’s changemakers through invention and creativity”. We were excited to try out the Little Bits as a pop-up program. Tweens flocked to our community room to try out this new technology! The day of the pop-up program, an adult patron rushed to the library after hearing on the playground that the library had a cool circuit program happening. Kids, teens, and children alike tinkered with making music with synthesizers, light sensors, and more to promote STEAM and hands on experiential learning.

On Monday, May 6th, Annemarie Russo and Simon Woodard hosted our fifth New Americans Campaign (NAC) naturalization workshop, and our first at the Pt. Reyes library! In collaboration with Canal Alliance, Pickleweed Library, Family and Children's Law Center, and North Marin Community Services, our library accommodated the workshop well and NAC partners were able to assist all applicants as they arrived, with no wait time! From screening to final review and completion of N-400 naturalization applications, we were able to offer and deliver a range of essential services to those in attendance.



West Marin

Brief Additional Updates

- The current art exhibit at Stinson Beach: “Bolinas Stinson School Art” by students.
- Our monthly adult Book Club titles: *Soul of An Octopus* (STB), *Little Fires Everywhere* (PRE).

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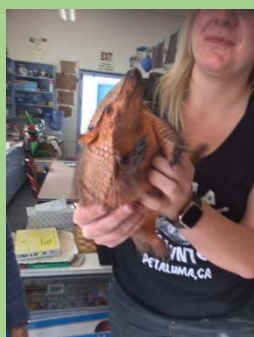
Bookmobile



Thanks to the Marin County Friends of the Library we were able to bring a special learning program to our 2 one room schools in West Marin. The group, Classroom Safari, presents informative and fascinating animal experiences for school kids and we were so fortunate to have them. All of their animals were rescue animals either from the wild, zoos or private owners. They now do their important work educating children about their fascinating worlds and why conservation matters for them. This experience featured South American animals and most were new to all of us. The picture on this page is an Albino Boa Constrictor which was a huge hit with the kids!

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Bookmobile



More from our Classroom Safari----meet a Red Hairy Armadillo! In North America we have one type of Armadillo but in Central and South America there are 19. We met this charming fellow at our program. Also, a small species of Anteater called the Tamandua which we learned is one of the 10 smelliest animals in the world when they poop. Luckily we were spared that experience since it is supposed to be 50 times stronger than a skunk! Throw in an Ocelot, a Macaw, Red Legged Tortoises and a Sloth and voila----an excellent educational program that the kids are still talking about. Thank you Friends!


Our Summer Challenge begins soon and we are busy planning. One of our new challenges is to pick several fiction books for 2nd and 3rd graders and several more for 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Picking the books is no problem but Fairfax San Anselmo

<p>Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.</p> <p>Bookmobile</p>	<p>Children’s Center would also like them to match up with audiobooks so that kids have the option to listen and read along. Enter our eAudiobook platforms-----the selection just got a lot larger! Now our problem will be to limit our suggestions to just a few because we do love to recommend books.</p>
<p>Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning</p> <p>Bookmobile</p>	<p>This is a great time to talk about one of our new stops on Entrada Drive in Ignacio. We were invited to begin a stop right by the club house that supports this 55+ community with income limitations. We always have a trial period for a new stop so that we can be sure there is enough interest and participation to continue the stop. This stop has been very successful and, like many of our stops, has become a time for community members to visit and catch up with each other. One of our Tomales customers describes the bookmobile visits as being similar to the Wells Fargo Wagon coming to town in the Music Man-----a time for everyone to wonder what we’ll be bringing this time. It’s a pleasure to bring new materials and requests to this great group of patrons.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Bookmobile Brief Additional Updates</p> <p>➤ Planning for the Marin County Fair----join us!</p>
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Library Director Activities – May 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board of Supervisors will be conducting my Performance Review on June 12, 2019. • Met with Senator McGuire and Sonoma about collaborating on offering Eresources on the SMART train. • Worked on Fine free implementation and messaging going live on July 1. • Presented in a Webinar to the libraries interest group for the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) May 28, 2019. • Marin Promise work, variety of meetings throughout month, focusing on kindergarten readiness • Planning for cataloging Hackathon of VR records, June 13 • Planning for participation in the Marin County Fair, July 3-7 • Planning for WebStar and XRStar participation in the American Library Association conference, Jun 21-25.
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Personnel – May 2019

	<p>During May, Katrina Sadler and April Hayley accepted MCFL's offer to work with us as Librarian IIs. Katrina will work part-time at MCFL's Marin City Branch. April will work full-time at MCFL's Novato Branch.</p> <p>The final two Librarian II Openings (1 full-time and 1 part-time positions) as well as the Media Technician openings are in the process of being filled. During May, MCFL also opened the vacant Community Library Specialist (Bookmobile) and the Administrative Services Technician position for application.</p> <p>The following full-time and part-time vacancies are under review, or are in the early recruitment preparation phase as of May 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Aides, (Civic; Novato; Tech Services; Fairfax; Marin City) • Library Assistant I, (Fairfax; Stinson; Bolinas) • Mobile Library Assistant (Flagship) • Vacancies in Technical Services (Supervising Library Technical Assistant and LTAI/II)
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MARINet Board Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019

MCFL Tech Services

1600 Los Gamos Dr., Suite 180, San Rafael CA

9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05.

Present: Anji Brenner(MV), Jamie Poirier (SRP), Bonnie White (MCFL), Jacki Dunn (BEL-TIB), Abbot Chambers (SAU), Jessica Trenary (MARINet), Linda Kenton (SAN), Janice Akel (LRK),

I. Public Comment Period: None

II. Introduction of Guests: Jamie Poirier, Bonnie White

III. Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2019 Minutes were approved.

IV. Old Business

- A. CENIC Update: Not much change. Still working with Marin IT to finish installing access points. Discussion was held about how payments are required up front, while reimbursements from CALIFA are way behind, causing difficulties in cash flow. Long-term costs are considerably higher than what was originally estimated when MARINet joined the network, impacting the consortium's budget. May need to look into other options when our CENIC contract is up at the end of the five-year contract. Staff will try to find out if other library systems are experiencing similar problems. The possibility of looking at MIDAS again might be useful.

V. New Business

- A. Linkplus NorthNet Library System (NLS) option
A new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NLS was distributed. The MOU is a five-year agreement to contract with NLS for InnReach Link+ services. After some discussion, the group agreed that Dan should sign it on behalf of MARINet. This will save the consortium a few thousand dollars per year.
- B. How to better support eBook budget
- A chart in the System Administrator's report comparing eBook and physical book hold times shows a big difference, with eBook wait times considerably longer than physical book wait times. How can more money be put toward digital content?
 - Anji brought up the idea of creating a document that could be used in budget processes with city/town/county governments detailing the increasing need for funding for this format in library budgets. She will create a document for discussion at a future meeting.
 - It is thought that increased and separate funding for this content would give it more strength than splitting current collection development money between print and digital formats.

Other ideas discussed:

- Abbot talked about the finer points of buying from different publishers with different models and how funding could be optimized if time allowed for analysis.
- Some patrons are putting holds on both ebooks and print titles, which can artificially inflate hold list sizes.
- Linda thinks it would be a good idea to look at the hold ratio of print items to possibly increase it and put the extra money toward eBooks. Currently, libraries are supposed to buy an additional copy for every 5 local holds on an item. This will be discussed further at the next MARINet meeting.
- Overdrive is looking at creating a “Lucky Day” type of collection for ebooks.
- Anji suggested looking at grant opportunities to help fund digital collection increases. She will check into the Marin Community Foundation to see if this is feasible.
- DRWG would like to see digital materials getting more even footing with print materials.
- MARINet staff time for eBook purchasing and management has increased and continues to increase. Jessica talked about the many tasks associated with this area, and the strategies she uses to effectively deal with the collection.
- Libraries are encouraged to put extra funding into eBook collections. MCFL is spending an extra \$15,000 this year on bringing down the holds ratio for eBooks.
- Anji suggested an FAQ entry to explain to patrons how the holds ratio in MARINet works.

C. Cloud records from Bibliocommons

This was approved last month.

D. Proposed Budget for FY 2019-20

The previously-discussed Budget Resolution was signed by directors attending the meeting.

VI. Standing Items for the agenda

A. System Administrator’s report

- Sierra update –Dan is working with III to roll back the latest server update so that the Sierra upgrade can take place.
- Delivery service: problems with delivery personnel and traffic delays continue to be experienced from time-to-time, causing disruptions at libraries that count on timely deliveries. MARINet staff is monitoring the situation and asked to be notified when there are problems.

B. Correspondence: None

C. Topics for future agenda

- CENIC – progress and costs
- Draft document for funding digital content - Anji
- Hold ratio issue – 5:1 print
- Look at additional book drops in central locations in Marin to benefit all libraries

VII. Non-action items

Mill Valley is looking at a putting in a book drop in Tam Junction. Anji talked with MARINet staff and MCFL Director about costs and other locations for the MARINet system. Would like to gauge interest from other libraries for additional drop off points.

VIII. Announcements

MV: The Poetry Illuminated project has been a big success and will continue for three more weeks, then revive in December or January of next year. May do one month in 5 or 6 locations downtown.

SR: Staff met on March 8 with Community Services staff in support of the merger between the library and Community Services. They are awaiting approval from the City to complete the merger. The Pop Up library at Northgate Mall location has been extended through April, and work continues on a longer-term MOU.

MCFL: Bonnie talked about the many advantages of the Pop up library joint project with San Rafael. The Novato library has reopened and staff is very happy. MCFL is looking at new roofs for several of its branch locations.

SAU: Lots of evening programs are going on, and the Sausalito LAll is organizing a Dungeons & Dragons group.

BEL-TIB: The Pop Up 94920 fundraising event will be on April 4. It highlights nine interesting local people who will talk about their work in a Ted-talk-like setting.

SA: Staff and patrons are happy to see the rainy season, with its threat of flooding, over. They are gearing up for summer reading.

L RK: Momentum for a new library building is growing. Lots of meetings about raising money, feasibility studies, architectural drawings, etc., are keeping her busy. The task force is young, new, and has lots of energy. In the meantime, they are looking at renovating the current library.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25.

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