

**MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MEASURE A OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
Proposed Agenda  
Wednesday, March 11, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

**Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. Library**  
200 Phillips Drive, Sausalito, CA 94965

**Directions from Civic Center:**

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14 min (10.6 miles) - Take US-101 S -Take exit 445A (Sausalito/Marin City) from US-101 S  
Turn right at the bottom of the ramp. -Continue on Donahue St. - Turn left at the stop sign  
(Drake) -Turn left onto Phillips Dr (**You will see the Sheriff's Office/Fire Department  
Substation at the corner of Drake and Phillips. Turn left onto the street (Phillips) right  
before the substation.**) Destination will be on the left Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. Academy  
-200 Phillips Dr, Sausalito, CA 94965

**From the Golden Gate Bridge:**

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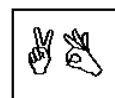
8 min (5.9 miles) -Take US-101 N -Take the exit toward Sausalito/Marin City -Turn right onto N  
Bridge Blvd (signs for Marin City) -N Bridge Blvd goes under the freeway, turns slightly right and  
becomes Donahue St - Turn left at the stop sign (Drake)  
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**NOTE: Dinner will be served**

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENTER</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>	
6:00	1. Call to Order	Kaplan	Action
	2. Roll Call	Kaplan	Action

***"I had found my religion: nothing seemed more important to me than a book. I  
saw the Library as a temple." Jean-Paul Sartre***

3. Approval of Agenda	Kaplan	Action
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Copies of documents used in this meeting are available in accessible formats upon written request.

	4. Approval of Jan & Feb Minutes	Kaplan	Action
	5. Open Time for Public Expression		
	6. Reading & Correspondence File	Kaplan	Information
	7. Marin City & Bayside MLK Library Report	Lopez	Information
	8. New Business		
	a. Measure A Report	Walker/Galiani	Information
	b. Budget Report	Walker/Galiani	Information
	c. Commission vacancies	Jones	Information
	9. Old Business	Kaplan	Information
	10. President's Report for February	Kaplan	Information
	11. Director's Report for February	Jones/Walker	Information
	12. Announcements	Kaplan	Information
8:30	13. Adjournment	Kaplan	Action

*Numbered List of attachments:*

- 4. Minutes for January 8, 2020 and February 12, 2020
- 12. Library Director's Report for February

Unnumbered Attachments:

None

MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY  
XR Marin  
--PROPOSED MINUTES--  
Wednesday, February 12, 2020

**\*Note:** Due to a lack of quorum on February 12, 2020, this Library Commission meeting was informational only.

- (1) CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

- (2) ROLL CALL

Present

Ann Kaplan	John MacLeod	Sue Ream
Anya Schandler	Linda Ward	Margaret Kathrein

Absent with Notification

Ali Iqbal	Ed Meagher	Barbara Schoen
Sally Hauser	Nick Javaras	Loretta Farley

Also Present

Sara Jones, Director of County Library Services  
Chantel Walker, Assistant Director of County Library Services  
Amy Sonnie, Branch Manager, South Novato Library  
Surabhi Konkar and Solomon Smith, XR Instructors  
Dillon, Savio, High School XR assistants

- (3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA  
Agenda not adopted, due to lack of quorum.
- (4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES  
Minutes not adopted, due to lack of quorum.
- (5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION—  
NONE
- (6) READING & CORRESPONDENCE FILE  
Reading file circulated for all to read –

(7) EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS/STEAM REPORTS –

Sara Jones, Library Director and Commissioner MacLeod started the presentation with an update on the history of our partnership with the Novato Unified School District and the Maker Space/New Media services. Both Webstars and XR Stars have presented at various National Conferences.

Amy Sonnie, Branch Manager of the South Novato Library reported that we have 7 XR stars; 2 of which are here today to assist with the VR demonstration. Surabi Konkar gave a report on Climate Change Program for Libraries, while the Commission were given VR goggles to use during the report.



**Climate Change - an Important Topic to Explore**

Climate Change is an issue of growing concern for our community members

Our region is starting to experience the impacts of Climate Change

California and especially the Bay Area is vulnerable to sea level rise, wildfires, droughts and other climate impacts



**Implementing a VR Program  
on Climate Change**

## Planning: Schedule and Format

Suggested format(s) for a Climate Change Series:

### Schedule:

- Weekly scheduled event, OR
- Twice a week, e.g. one session for seniors/adults, one for teens

### Duration:

- 3 month series
- 6 month series

### Format:

Virtual Reality only, OR

An integrated program - VR plus film screenings and book clubs, speakers and other special events around the theme



## Planning: Staffing

Designate a point person or leader to oversee & run the programming

At least one staff member needed to facilitate the VR sessions

Volunteers could be recruited:

- VR enthusiasts
- Tech-savvy patrons
- Teens

Need to have a **Training Session** (ideally in-person)

- Train at least one staff member at each branch
- Trained staff member can then train other staff and/or volunteers

## Sample Program

## Suggested Program Plan

Coordinated 3-Month Climate Change Program

Possibly have Earth Day 2020 as an Anchor point

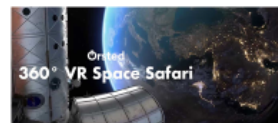
Different Theme for Each Month

Suggested Options for Themes:

- Month 1 : Climate Change - The Big Picture
- Month 2 : Causes and Effects
- Month 3 : Communities on the Frontlines

## Month 1: Climate - The Big Picture

Taking Participants Around the Earth to Understand and Appreciate our Beautiful Home



## Month 2: Causes and Effects

Understanding some of the Drivers of Climate Change  
and Visualize the Impacts



## Month 3: Communities on the Frontlines

Hearing from the People and Communities  
Affected by Climate Change



Bonny White, Deputy Director gave a brief overview on a film by Alejandro Palacios on Educational Equity that will be shown by our Educational Initiative Coordinators at PLA in March.

Chantel Walker, Assistant Library Director gave a presentation on the Marin County 2020 Census Champion Training



### Agenda

- Census overview
- Role of Trusted Messenger and Census Champion
- What to expect during outreach



According to the Race  
Counts website from the  
Advancement Project and  
their partners:



**MARIN COUNTY  
RANKS THE 1ST MOST  
RACIALLY DISPARATE  
COUNTY IN  
CALIFORNIA.**

## Historically Undercounted Communities

A population may be hard to **identify**, hard to **reach**, hard to **persuade**, hard to **interview**, or perhaps all of these.

- Latinos
- African Americans
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Native Americans and Tribal
- Middle Eastern/North Africans,
- Immigrants and Refugees
- Farmworkers
- Homeless Individuals/Non Conventional Housing
- Children 0-5
- Veterans
- Older Adults
- People with Disabilities
- Households with Limited English Proficiency
- Renters

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## Marin Hard To Count

Outreach focus is communities and individuals least likely to respond based on the California Hard to Count (HTC) Index.

- Hard to Count (HTC) Index
  - 14 demographic, housing, and socioeconomic variables
  - Each variable scored from 0-11 scale
  - Total score range: 0-154 (easiest to hardest to count)
  - California HTC Index Average: 37



## Census Overview

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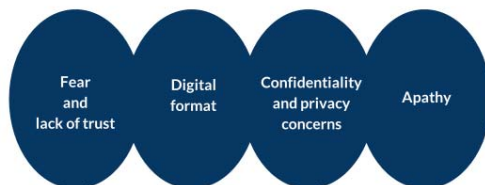
## Cornerstone of Our Democracy

Mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the Census ensures that every person in every state and territory is counted every ten years.

- **Representation** - Census data determines political representation at every level of government.
- **Funding** - Census data dictates how the federal government distributes more than \$800 billion in funds every year to state and local governments.
- **Data** - The private, public and nonprofit sectors use census results as the gold standard of data to design, execute, and evaluate.

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## Barriers to Response



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## How Are Census Data Used?

- Federal funding
- Reapportionment and redistricting
- Civil rights enforcement
- Policy-making and planning
- Business

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## Census Champions and Trusted Messengers

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## What is a Trusted Messenger?

*A trusted messenger is any person deeply rooted in the community or within trusted institutions (schools, clinics, nonprofits, etc.) who communicates the relevance and impact of the census to motivate participation within populations at risk of non-response.*

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## Messaging

### VALUE Based

We want to be a country that promotes dignity, supports families, and continues to expand opportunity for everyone.

### State the PROBLEM

Undercount in the 2020 Census undermines providing accurate, unbiased information about the health and prosperity of our nation and progress towards the goals of equal opportunity for all.

### Messaging SOLUTION

Develop values based, culturally and linguistically sensitive outreach for hard-to-count populations.

### Taking ACTION

Inform historically undercounted communities of the benefits of census participation for their families and communities.

## Questions You May Be Answering About the Census

## Why Does the Census Matter in Marin?



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## Why Does the Census Matter in Marin?

HTC Region/Tract	Population	2010 Non-Mail Return Rate	Potential Federal Funding Loss Per Year *	Potential Federal Funding Loss over 10 years*
Marin City/1290	2686	33.10%	\$889,066	\$8,890,660
Canal/1122.01	7700	32.30%	\$2,487,100	\$24,871,000
Canal/1122.02	4607	19.90%	\$916,793	\$9,167,930
Terra Linda/1082	6376	20.10%	\$1,281,576	\$12,815,760
Novato/1022.03	5737	25.80%	\$1,480,146	\$14,801,460
West Marin/1330+	2991	24.80%	\$741,768	\$7,417,680
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,097</b>		<b>\$7,796,449</b>	<b>\$77,964,490</b>

\* For each person missed in California in the 2020 Census our communities will lose \$1000 per person per year for 10 years

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## Are My Responses Confidential?

- Extremely strong laws protect the confidentiality of your census response. Title 13 is a federal statute that has existed for decades with harsh consequences for people who violate census confidentiality. **Wrongful disclosure can lead to a \$250,000, up to 5 years prison or both.**
- The Census Bureau is not allowed to share your personal information with anyone, including ICE, police, landlords or any government agencies.
- The Census Bureau cannot share information about you as an individual.

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## When Will Be I Taking the Census?

WHAT CENSUS BUREAU WILL SEND IN THE MAIL	
On or between:	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires)
March 16-24	A reminder letter
If you haven't responded yet:	
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before the Census Bureau follows-up in person

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## Can I Get Help to Answer the Census?

- Available by phone from the Census Bureau to:
  - Provide questionnaire assistance for respondents by answering questions about specific items on the Census form or other frequently asked questions about the Census
  - Provide an option for respondents to complete a Census interview over the telephone
- Secure locations with technology such as community based organizations, public libraries, schools, etc. that provide assistance to complete the Census online or by paper.

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## What Will I Be Asked?

- Number of people living in housing unit
- Additional persons staying on April 1, 2020 not included above?
- House ownership or rental
- Telephone number
- Name of each person
- Gender of each person
- Age and birth date of each person
- Hispanic origin of each person
- Race of each person



## Is the Census Available in Multiple Languages?

HOW	LANGUAGES AVAILABLE
Internet and Phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 Non-English Languages for Internet Self Response</li> <li>13 Non-English Languages for Census Questionnaire Assistance: Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Japanese</li> </ul>
Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English</li> <li>Spanish</li> </ul>
Language Guides Language Glossaries Language Identification Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>59 Non-English Languages</li> <li>Language Guides include American Sign Language, braille, and large print</li> </ul>
Census Takers (non-response follow-up)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English</li> <li>Spanish</li> </ul>

## Trusted Messenger Text Campaign

Language	Text
English	COUNT
Arabic	تعداد
Chinese (Simplified)	计算在内
Farsi	سرشماری
Hindi	गणना
Japanese	国勢調査
Korean	센서스
Punjabi	ਮਰਦਮਸ਼ੁਮਾਰੀ
Spanish	CENSO
Tagalog	KABILANG
Telugu	జనాభా
Vietnamese	Thống kê dân số



**415-338-9887**

- ✓ People who sign up for this text message campaign will receive reminders and helpful information about the census between now and July 2020.
- ✓ You will ONLY receive messages about the census.
- ✓ UWBA manages the data on a secure platform; your contact information will not be shared with anyone and will be DELETED at the end of the census.

**Thank you!**  
**MarinCensus2020.org**

After a brief question and answer period, President Kaplan thanked everyone for their presentations.

- (8) NEW BUSINESS - NONE
- (9) OLD BUSINESS - NONE
- (10) PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR JANUARY - NONE
- (11) DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR JANUARY  
Director Jones reported on the following:
  - Director Jones reminded the commission about a discussion that we had at the May meeting in 2017 deciding what topics the Commission wanted to discuss at the various meetings for the next 2 years. We will do this again at our meeting in May 2020. She apprised the commission that we never did have the California Room report, and maybe we can reschedule this and have meeting at the Annex, and include Historian Dewey Livingston in this meeting. Another interesting person who might be included in a future meeting is Jeff Craemer. What we thought we were doing 2 years ago, and what we are doing today is entirely different then what we thought it would be.
  - President's Budget has again eliminated funding for the Institute of Museums and Library Services and there will be big significant congressional support to not eliminate IMLS. Federal money is a formula based on population, so if we are under-counted in the Census, California will get less money!

- Our Marin County Free Library was designated as a 3-star facility (only 11 libraries in California are 3-5 star facilities). This is based on check out per capita, both print and e-circulations; use of computers; program attendance, visits and Wi-Fi sessions.

(12) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chantel announced the upcoming Voting Rights Celebration: 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to Voter Inclusion in 2020. Please join the MCFL as they celebrate the ongoing struggle for Universal Voting Rights, Voter inclusion and the Centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which gave women the right to vote though man remained disenfranchised 100 years ago. All presentations will be at the Annex, a reception will be at 6pm, with the presentation starting at 6:30pm. Library Commissioner Ream will be giving one of the presentations on Monday, March 28.

Next meeting will be at the Marin City Library starting at 6pm with Measure A meeting. We will look into moving this meeting to the Bayside MLK.

(13) ADJOURNMENT – Meeting ended @ 8:45 p.m.



# **Marin County Free Library Commission Report**

## **Sara Jones, Director of County Library Services**

### **March 2020 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



Marin County Children's Dental Health RN Jennifer Colombo Zuniga returned for a 2nd year at CCE to promote dental health in celebration of Children's Dental Health Month. Jennifer attended both Wednesday and Thursday storytimes 2/19 and 2/20. Jennifer tagged onto our existing storytimes and then followed with a clever interactive storytime for the kids with her friendly purple dragon "Flossie". After Music & Movement and Baby Bounce storytimes, children were given a free dental screening and a fluoride varnish application by Jennifer. A bag of dental swag was given to all families. Kathleen is happy to partner with the County for this endeavor as it provides a free dental service and referral to families who are underserved and may not have had any dental visits at all.

Kathleen is redesigning the Children's Room bulletin board displays (4 in total) to align them with our equity and diversity lens. Look forward to fresh graphics, images of diverse children and cultures, and brain-building/growth-mindset inspiration in the coming months. Kathleen, also an artist, is making the artwork and displays herself at home and looks forward to improving the inclusive and welcoming atmosphere of the children's room.

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

### Civic Center



Natalie coordinated the Annual Art Contest this month. We had fewer entries this year but a clear winner for the \$50 gift card.

Natalie delivered book talks to Miller Creek Middle School and Marin County Juvenile Hall. She let the monthly meeting of the Venetia Valley Middle School Book Club: *The Marrow Thieves* by Cherie Dimaline. She presented the Perler Bead Baby Yoda tween/teen craft program.

<p>Be a positive environment for <b>mobile and digital literacy</b>.</p> <p><b>Civic Center</b></p>	<p>Linda edited and revised the Libby handout to reflect Libby's new format, and evaluated the new BiblioCommons app for MARINet.</p> <p>From Teresa: Patron called this morning to request cooking and gardening books that she would be in later to pick up. I took the call, found the books for the hold shelf, and as it so happens, checked her out. We started chatting and it turns out she and her husband are new to the area. They're originally from W. Virginia (a town south of Pittsburgh, PA) and they moved here to be closer to their daughter who lives in San Rafael. She commented how much she loves the library system here, the collections, the various libraries and the services provided. She was very happy with all of it. I told her I would tell the Librarian, so I am.</p>
<p>Support <b>adults</b> through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning</p> <p><b>Civic Center</b></p>	<p>Linda hosted the Brown Bag Book Club in discussion of <i>Excellent Women</i> by Barbara Pym. She also hosted two Master Gardener programs – Creating a Beautiful and Fire-Smart Landscape, and a Talk on Wildflowers – to overflow audiences.</p>

<p><b>Civic Center</b></p> <p><b>Brief Additional Update</b></p> <p>➤ Denise, Natalie, Trish and Victor attended the PLA National Conference in Nashville. We look forward to hearing about all they experienced and the ideas they bring back.</p>
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### Anne T Kent California Room



On February 25<sup>th</sup> we hosted the inaugural event of MCFL's Voting Rights speaker series at our Map & Special Collections Annex. We were honored to present an illustrated talk by **Dr. Patricia Dougherty, OP on Votes for U.S. Women: The 72 Year Struggle**. **Dr. Dougherty gave a fascinating and nuanced talk on how it took 72 years** from the first demand for a woman's right to vote in the 1848 Declaration of Sentiments at Seneca Falls, New York, until the 19th amendment was ratified by the 36th state, Tennessee, in August 1920. Delicious refreshments for the reception were underwritten by Jeff Craemer and members of the Friends of the Library helped us dismantle chairs and put the room back in order after the event. We are also very grateful to the Friends of the Library for underwriting stipends for all of the presenters in our speaker's series. Over 50 guests attended the event.

Our Women's Suffrage & Voting Rights exhibit at the Civic Center Library has been enhanced this month by a few additional items. Most notably a Depression-era ballot box once used by the County of Marin which was donated by philanthropist Jeff Craemer. We reached out to our colleague Dewey Livingston who designed & built a display case for this interesting artifact. We have also put on display an IBM "Votomatic," used by the Marin County Elections Department from 1966 to 1999.

In collaboration with Library Director Sara Jones, Asst. Library Director Chantel Walker, the MCFL Voting Rights Committee and County PIO Brent Ainsworth, a press release for MCFL's Voting Rights Celebration has been crafted and disseminated. This resulted in good publicity for our speaker's series in both the I.J. and the S.F. Chronicle's datebook section.

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### Anne T Kent California Room



California Room intern and Dominican University student Amanda Isaacs has made contributions at both of our locations. In the California Room, she has organized a recently-donated group of original bills of sale pertaining to shipments by the North Pacific Coast Railroad Company of coal, lumber and other construction materials for the American Land & Trust Co., the real estate development company which began the subdivision of what is now the Town of Larkspur, in 1887. Amanda's archival efforts will allow future researchers to access and interpret this significant aspect of Marin County's history.

At the Annex, Amanda has been learning how to preserve oversized broadsides and posters advertising the Marin County Fair (1940s-present) and events held at the Marin Center since 1972.

	<p>Both projects have allowed Amanda to gain practical experience in the field of Archival Science. Carol has been mentoring Amanda as she applies to graduate programs in history and archives.</p>
<p>Be a positive environment for <b>mobile and digital literacy</b>.  <b>Anne T Kent</b>  <b>California Room</b></p> 	<p>Our digital collections have been greatly enhanced this month by a fascinating archive documenting the work of West Marin architect Sim Van der Ryn, a pioneer in sustainable building since the early 1970s. Digital Archivist Carol Acquaviva added over 1500 items to the <u><a href="#">Sim Van der Ryn digital collection</a></u> which had been digitized and catalogued by archivist and photographer Owen Gump, thanks to a grant from philanthropist Jeff Craemer and matching funding from the Van der Ryn family. The collection provides insight into Sim's design concepts which incorporate both urban and organic forms. While a professor at UC Berkeley in 1971, Van der Ryn and colleague Jim Campe held a studio course for undergraduates on Van der Ryn's Inverness property. The course, "Making a Place in the Country—The Outlaw Builder's Studio" was an experimental seminar involving on-site building construction where students collaborated in building their own shelters and communal buildings and lived together on the property for the course's duration. Using wood salvaged from demolished chicken coops in Petaluma and materials found on site, the 30 students constructed a temporary, back to the land, D.I.Y. communal village.</p> <p>We are pleased to announce that map archivist &amp; Community Library Specialist Dewey Livingston is a CONTENTdm cataloguer in training! Carol has been training him this month and we look forward to his future contributions to our digital archive.</p>
<p>Support <b>adults</b> through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.  <b>Anne T Kent</b>  <b>California Room</b></p> 	<p>On Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, the California Room partnered with the Jack Mason Museum of West Marin history in a multi-media public event titled <i>Outlaw Builders</i>. It encompassed a film screening featuring 1971 film footage &amp; the re-release of the 1972 Publication <b><i>Outlaw Building News</i></b> with Inverness architect Jim Campe, and launch of the <b>Sim Van der Ryn digital archive</b> by the Anne T. Kent California Room (see Digital Literacy section, above). Photographer &amp; archivist Owen Gump gave an introductory PowerPoint featuring images from our new digital collection. Laurie represented the California Room at the event which was held at Point Reyes Station and drew a standing-room only crowd of over a hundred people. To the left, a picture of architects Sim Van der Ryn &amp; Jim Campe with some of their former students.</p>



	<p>Oral Historian Marilyn Geary &amp; Librarian Laurie Thompson interviewed long-time San Geronimo Valley resident Ruth Benz. This oral history was the first in a series in partnership with the newly formed San Geronimo Valley Historical Society chaired by local historian Owen Clapp. Ruth related the many changes she has witnessed in Woodacre over the past 70 years, including insight into San Geronimo Valley pioneers and businesses. The famed Woodacre Improvement Club (formerly the residence of the pioneer Maillard family) was still extant when Ruth and her family first moved to Woodacre in the early 1950s. It was especially interesting to hear how the community used that facility in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century and of the many local clubs and groups that met there, including a local theater group.</p>
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### **Anne T. Kent California Room**

#### **Brief Additional Updates**

- We received a donation of a framed watercolor depicting the Hutchinson Quarry, painted around 1950, by the donor's aunt, Marjorie Backus Anderson. Anderson studied art at the University of Wisconsin, and was a sorority sister of Frank Lloyd Wright's nieces. Anderson met Wright at his home in the 1930s. This piece is significant as it was painted while the quarry was still in operation.
- The Marin Garden Club continues to generously donate to the California Room, club-related items dating from 1931 to the present. Garden Club History Chair, Vera Felchin, visited the Annex for the first time, to observe how we have begun to preserve and organize the Club's history. Vera kindly expressed gratitude on behalf of the Club: "I reported to the Marin Garden Club Board that our records, collections etc. are safely stored in the Anne T. Kent California Room. All members are delighted and are excited."

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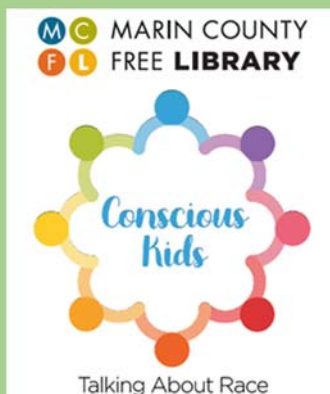
### Corte Madera



Corte Madera welcomed Jennifer Colombo for a dental health story time on Feb. 26. Kids received a free tooth brush at the special story time from the Marin County Children's Oral Health program for Children's Dental Health month. Free screenings were also given, and Raffi songs were sung!

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### Corte Madera



The new "Conscious Kids – Talking about Race" Kits have flown out of the library. We displayed them prominently in our Children's Room right by the Parent's Shelf, and have found there to be lots of interest in them. Library staff shared info about them with lots of patrons.

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

### Corte Madera



The library is acting as a Census Champion to help be a positive force to encourage and help our communities be counted as the Census goes digital this year. This month, we've hosted the Census recruiters at the library, giving them space and Chromebooks to support their efforts to hire enough people in our region to make the Census happen. We've also lent our Chromebooks to them for their recruitment events, to enable them to help people sign up to work for the Census.

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### Corte Madera



Of special interest this month: "Writing as Good Medicine in Difficult Times", which attracted a diverse group of people who were interested in using writing to help them cope with the loss of a loved one, a change in life circumstances, or other issues. Patrons shared with staff that they found the workshop very helpful. And, a presentation on indigenous land management techniques and climate change by an elder of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria drew an interested crowd. We also collaborated with the Alzheimer's Association to share important information about the warning signs of Alzheimer's, a topic of interest to many in our community. And, our display featured the Voting Rights Celebration of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to Voter Inclusion in 2020.

### Corte Madera Branch Brief Additional Updates

- Library Assistant I, Kim Tuold, transferred to the Fairfax Library this month – she was a creative light and though we'll miss her, are glad she has stayed in MCFL!
- More staffing changes – we are happy to announce that Shane Ebert will be taking on the duties of Library Desk Supervisor at Corte Madera in a promotion from his LAL position.
- Julie Magnus, Senior Librarian/Branch Manager, will be transferring to Technical Services as the Senior Librarian for E-Services. Margaret Miles, branch manager at Fairfax, will help oversee Corte Madera until a permanent replacement can be hired.

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### Fairfax



Conscious Kids Kits arrived in all branches at the beginning of February, and Iris Meinolf, Children's Librarian, created a display on one of our mobile display units. Our regular patron Anna (photo) checked out the very first kit, and was very excited about this project. She posted her photo to Facebook and encouraged all her friends to come check out the kits. Fairfax's kits were all checked out in less than two days! Iris created a sign to put out when all the kits are gone explaining how patrons can search for them in the catalog and place a hold.

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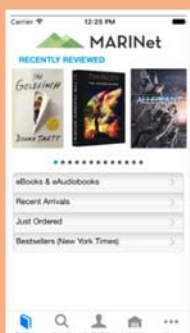
### Fairfax



April Hayley, Teen & Adult Services Librarian 2, held a Teen Cooking Club program on February 4. April provided the ingredients, and 15 teens used blenders to create delicious and healthy smoothies.

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### Fairfax



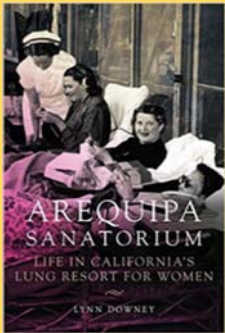
Margaret Miles, Branch Manager, receives multiple questions and comments via the library's web portal as well as via the Marinet catalog. Here's a sampling of this month's:

- "Love the Marin County Library system. Just got a kindle and it opened up a whole new world! I do have to wait for most books though, but small price to pay for saving gas and environment with audio and ebooks downloads."
- "For Margaret. My name is Stan Hook. I am with the Rotary Club of Ross Valley. You spoke to our members within your first year of being the Head Librarian in Fairfax. Would you be available some Wednesday lunch to speak to us?" (Margaret replied and arranged to speak to Rotary on February 5.)
- "I want to find YA audio books. This is Not easy. The search engine needs work. Thanks." (Margaret replied "Thanks for your email. It is possible to narrow your search results using the filters on the left side of the screen, but the easiest way to conduct this search is to type "teen audio books" in the search box, searching by keyword. The catalog will automatically assign filters for all audiobook formats and filter for a teen audience. You can view that search here: <https://marinet.bibliocommons.com/v2/search?query=teen+audio+books&searchType=smart&title=teen%20audio%20books>." The patron responded "Thank you so much

for taking the time to get back to me! I will try that. By the way Fairfax is my closest and favorite library! Keep getting the great new cook books! best, Tessa”

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### Fairfax



Fairfax Library was very pleased to finally welcome Lynn Downey as a presenter on February 11. Lynn's presentation was originally scheduled in October, and was cancelled due to wildfires and power outages. When she was young, Lynn Downey heard stories from her grandmother, who was a patient at a tuberculosis sanatorium outside Fairfax. Downey's extensive research resulted in a book, *Arequipa Sanatorium: Life in California's Lung Resort for Women*. Downey told the history of the sanatorium and stories from women she interviewed who lived there. Attendees were fascinated by the slides depicting the women and the buildings, and by the ceramic tile she passed around which was made on site. This program was an excellent opportunity for residents to learn about very local history.

### Fairfax

#### Brief Additional Updates

- Anthony Puga, Circulation Supervisor, and Margaret Miles attended PLA (Public Library Association) conference in Nashville, TN from February 25-29.
- With the assistance of Marcia Stieger (Library Aide), Iris moved new J fiction and new J non-fiction out of the Charlotte's Web alcove, creating more space for J graphic novels, J Playaways and Parenting books. The three collections look much more inviting and are seeing a lot of activity.
- Margaret has agreed to serve as interim Branch Manager for the Corte Madera library until a new Branch Manager can replace Julie Magnus who accepted the Senior Librarian position at TEC.

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### Marin City



The Bayside MLK Library Book Fair took place Monday, February 10 through Friday, February 14. Kids were really excited about the book fair. Kayla and Shayla did a great job of setting it up. This year's theme was "jungle." Marin Housing Authority donated ten \$10 Target gift cards for our raffle. Kids (and parents) got a raffle ticket for their purchases (one purchase per day). We stayed open late on Wednesday, February 12 during the Black History Celebration Event at the school, and several parents came in to shop with the children.

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### Marin City



During the week of February 18, Etienne took Webstars Alanna Donaldson and Antoine Gardner up to the Smith Rafael Film Center to participate in the California Institute's "My Place, My Story" program. Etienne has helped several of our Webstars participate in this program in the past. You can view previous videos at: <https://vimeo.com/channels/725800>

From their website: My Place, My Story is an opportunity for teens to create personal short films while learning digital storytelling and basic filmmaking skills. Supervised and supported by professional media makers, students write and record personal video narratives about their own lives and experiences and the things they are most inspired by or care about.

The finished films are presented on the big screen at the Smith Rafael Film Center one month after the workshop for an audience of family, friends and supporters, with a Q&A and reception to follow.

The program is FREE and includes all the necessary media tools and training, lunch for all five days of the workshop, and reimbursement of transportation costs to the workshop site, if needed.

<https://cfieducation.cafilm.org/my-place-my-story/>

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### Marin City



Our Friends of the Marin City Library purchased 10 ASUS laptops for the branch. Etienne plans on using these for coding programs as well as educational gaming programs, including Minecraft and Fortnite! Woo hooooo!!! We are so excited! We've been wanting to do Minecraft for a long time.

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### Marin City



On Saturday, February 15, Katrina screened *Amazing Grace*, a film about Aretha Franklin, as part of our Black History Month program. Refreshments were supported by the Friends of the Marin City Library. We had a dozen attendees. Katrina also showed *Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am* in honor of Black History Month on Saturday, February 29. About 15 people attended. Thank you to Damon Hill for helping us get the licensing to screen these movies.

### Marin City Library

#### Brief Additional Updates

- On Tuesday, February 4, Etienne showed *Fahrenheit 11/9*. SURJ Marin representatives attended.
- On Saturday, February 8, Katrina did a paper version of a Kente Cloth kids' program and on Saturday, February 22, she did a Community Hand Peace Wreath program. Both were in honor of Black History Month.
- On Tuesday, February 18 and Monday, February 24, we had 2020 Census Hiring Recruitment sessions. We have previously had two others.
- On Tuesday, February 25, Etienne showed *The Harlem Hellfighters Great War*.
- Diana attended the Public Library Association Conference in Nashville Tuesday, February 25 through Saturday, February 29. Raemona Little Taylor, Amy Sonnie, and Diana did a presentation titled [Closing Opportunity Gaps through School-Library Partnerships](#) all about their school partnerships and the education equity work they have been doing.



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### Novato



Storytimes at Novato Library in February were off the charts crowded, especially Adrienne's Thursday morning "Stories and Rhyme Wiggle Time" that one morning had 99 participants.

Laura's Creation Time on Tuesday afternoons continues to be very popular as well. It's one of the easiest programs to plan for, as it's simply a free form crafting program but it sure does sharpen imaginations and improve problem-solving skills. All ages and lots of parents have been coming to this on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3:30.

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### Novato



Novato's Teen Advisory Group (TAG) has now grown to a whopping 15 kids! At their February 12 meeting, members created Valentine's Day Cards for residents of Atria Tamalpais Creek, an assisted living facility in Novato.

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For some reason in February, Hoopla Digital got a lot of attention from Novato patrons. Hoopla offers streaming movies and TV, as well as eBooks, audiobooks and music and is easily accessible on most devices, either through a browser or apps. Access to Hoopla is free with your library card and several Novato staff reported they assisted more than one patron with information and troubleshooting.

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### Novato



Novato Library hosted an Open House for our patrons to learn more about the Marin Civil Grand Jury on February 13. The Marin Civil Grand Jury monitors the performance of county and local governments in Marin, investigates problems, recommends solutions, and promotes change. Patrons had their questions answered, were asked to consider applying to serve on the one local government watchdog group that has real teeth and produces results.

Patrons also received an introduction to the Better Business Bureau on February 18. In this workshop, they learned about the history of the BBB and its goal to serve our community. Also discussed were all of the benefits a business can get by being accredited by the BBB, and how a business can be eligible to apply. This workshop also presented information on all of the free resources provided by the BBB to help consumers with their everyday needs.

### Novato Brief Additional Updates

- Amanda Tomlin is our New Librarian II as of February 3. Amanda has been working at Novato as our Librarian I.

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### South Novato



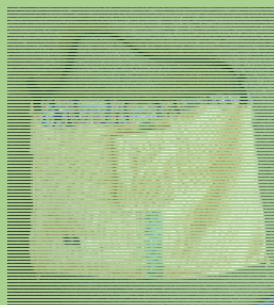
South Novato hosted a free Dental Health screening this month, alongside our Read to a Dog program, and the monthly Craft-n-Create workshop for families.

We love seeing families move from the library over to the makerspace (and back again) as they explore everything our campus has to offer.

Speaking of exploring: Our Reading Buddies program is back in swing. We welcomed 5 new volunteers, and all 26 students returned for Spring. They are loving the new *Star Wars* and *PJ Masks* easy readers, as well our collection of Wonderbooks, which allow students a guided reading experience at home.

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Our theme for our Makerspace programs this month was “Love and the Science of Kindness.” Members were encouraged to use Clay, Conductivity and String to build something that brings people happiness. Regular teen patron Senae designed, embroidered and sewed her own beach bag using upcycled burlap and fabric. Branch manager Amy loved it so much she commissioned her to make another! When Amy asked Senae if she considered a future in fashion design, Senae replied, “Oh no. I’m going into politics. I want to influence changes.”

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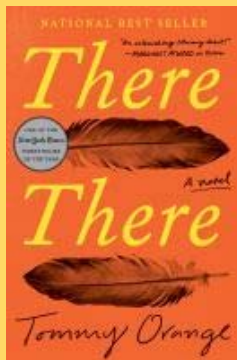
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Solomon from our partner organization XR Marin took the initiative to redesign and optimize the media studio we use for our weekly gaming program. In addition to rearranging the furniture, Solomon de-cluttered the console gaming area, created more space between computers, and got all those tangled computer cables under control. This new set-up allows VR users and gamers a lot more space. A few regular patrons let us know how happy they are with this new layout, especially as we get more participants each week. Last week we saw new faces joining the fun, bringing up attendance to 21 participants for the day. Thank you Solomon!

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### South Novato



The Hamilton Book Club has been going strong for more than a decade. Library staffer member Judy Morris joined the group back in 2010 and now leads the monthly club. Each month, Judy brings in book choices – from fiction to nonfiction – for the group’s 13 members vote. Sometimes they decide to read them all! Books like: *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead, *Future Home of the Living God* by Louise Erdrich, *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri, *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf, *Kitchen Confidential* by Anthony Bourdain, and *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah.

“One of the books that made a big impression on me was ‘Strangers in Their Own Land,’” Judy shared. “For the first time I had some understanding of why people voted for our current president. We were even able to talk to one of the people featured in the book on Skype at our meeting.”

We usually do dinner after the meeting and newcomers are always made welcome. Coming up: Furious Hours by Casey Cep (April) and There There by Tommy Orange (May).

### South Novato

#### Brief Additional Updates

- Beginning in March, South Novato and XR Marin will host Visualizing Climate Change, an educational services exploring this important topic through virtual reality, film, discussion and hands-on activities for all ages. See [www.marinlibrary.org/events](http://www.marinlibrary.org/events) for more details

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**Technical Services,  
eServices and  
Marketing**

Sent Savannah email blast to patrons to promote special events for February at the Marin City Library

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**Technical Services,  
eServices and  
Marketing**

Completed and uploaded Education Initiatives Video for PLA.

TeacherPalloza was held on February 5 and 6 giving community members an opportunity to reuse youth materials no longer being utilized by MCFL.



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**Technical Services,  
eServices and  
Marketing**

Sent email newsletter to patrons, featuring MCFL's Star Designation, the new Conscious Kids book kits, Black History month booklist and DVD list, the Voting Rights Speaker Series, and an update from the Friends (with thanks to contributors Sara Jones, Iris Meinolf, Mildred Arencibia, Etienne Douglas, Laurie Thompson, and Barbara Madrid)

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**Technical Services,  
eServices and  
Marketing**

Produced framed and matted posters for Voting Rights Celebration events.

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

- Julie Magnus transferred to the Senior Librarian at Technical Services. Welcome Julie!

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During February, The Learning Bus focused on exploring books about feelings, friendship and love. The children continue to enjoy painting and building. Also, the kids on the bus are obsessed with cutting with scissors! We know that working with scissors for the first time can be a challenge for children but also specially for parents. The teachers on the bus have talked about safe risk taking with children and parents and encouraged them to explore new things.

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The Point Reyes library is adding STEAM to our Thursday afterschool lineup. This month, youth explored robotics with Cubelets.

Jennifer Livingston, Annemarie Russo, and Raemona Little Taylor visited Nicasio School and provided bilingual storytime and book talks about great juvenile fiction title.

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Jennifer Livingston, Annemarie Russo, and Raemona Little Taylor visited Nicasio School and provided a demo of our digital resources for middle school students, including Explora Middle School.

Our weekly drop in tech help hours at the Point Reyes library continue to provide digital support for patrons in West Marin.



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This month, the Inverness Coffee Klatch turned into a 96<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for one of our most loyal patrons.

The current art exhibit at the Point Reyes Library is by students from the Bolinas School of Botanical Art.

Simon Woodard hosted two programs to celebrate Black History Month at the Point Reyes Library: our first vinyl “Listening Party”, which featured music by black musicians and a screening of the film “Colored Frames”, a documentary that highlights the achievements of black visual artists.

“Bolinas Reads” original illustrations by Vanessa Waring are currently on display at the Bolinas post office.

**West Marin**

**Point Reyes, Inverness, Stinson and Bolinas**

**Brief Additional Updates**

- Raemona Little Taylor, Damon Hill, and Bonny White met with Supervisor Dennis Rodoni, CALtrans, and Stinson Beach Water and Fire districts to discuss the standing water issue in front of the library.
- Raemona Little Taylor and Jane Silvia attended the Public Library Association conference in Nashville, TN, where Raemona presented on a panel, “Closing Opportunity Gaps through School-Library Partnerships” with Amy Sonnie and Diana Lopez.

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### Bookmobile



We are currently going through our collection and pulling books and materials for all ages to donate to the Public Defender's Office downstairs at the Civic Center. We are proud to provide a diversion or better yet a temporary escape for individuals and family members that may be accompanying them through a difficult and otherwise probably lengthy office visit.

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### Bookmobile



Always very popular at outreach events and after school programs, we were happy to loan our Cubelets Modular Robotics to Point Reyes Library for the month of February. As people familiar with Cubelets already know, there is no limit to one's imagination in building or constructing their own unique robotic vision that can move, make sound and light, and even use sensors to get around. For the staff's sake and well-being, here's hoping the modules that make noise (i.e., beep incessantly), aren't the most popular!

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### Bookmobile



The Bookmobile continues to immediately and prominently display all the latest marketing materials it regularly receives from our mobile and digital literacy partnerships such as Overdrive, Libby and Hoopla and while we lack the space to support computer stations, there's always a phone or device around to help guide patrons to and through these many applications that the library offers.

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### Bookmobile



Still largely in its beginning stages with the entire collection in mind, the focus on keeping our Adult Fiction, Mystery, Non-Fiction and DVD sections to solely new materials has made the Bookmobile an unexpected lucky day for newer patrons because of the emphasis on constantly rotating new materials.

As always we are constantly reminding new and old patrons alike, that just like other libraries in the county, we do indeed have a hold shelf, and with that their ability to request their interests, whatever they may be, to be picked up on the Bookmobile.

## Library Director Activities

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



Chantel presenting to Board of Supervisors February 25<sup>th</sup> promoting the Voting Rights celebration, February 25, 2020.

- Providing assistance to the Marin History Museum in an application for financial assistance from the County and to help them fund and recruit a new Executive Director
- Met with Health and Human Services (HHS) leadership team to integrate and coordinate with our educational equity initiatives and the Marin Promise Partnership
- February 13, attended County Executive Leadership team meeting
- Lunch meetings with Henry Bankhead, San Rafael Public Library and new Larkspur director, Franklin Escobedo to discuss partnerships and collaboration
- Working with the County for possible funding for RFID (Radio frequency Identification) for MCFL and MARINet libraries
- Visit Sonoma County Library 2/21 to learn about Wi-Fi hotspot lending, collaborating with electronic resources for commuters on the SMART train
- Focusing on recruitment efforts led by Chantel Walker and more effective and improved outcomes with County HR.
- Attended presentation of Raemona Little Taylor, Diana Lopez and Amy Sonnie at PLA 2/27-29 in Nashville, Tennessee, attended several programs and met with vendors.
- Attended Votes for U.S. Women: The 72 Year Struggle: A Presentation by Dr. Patricia Dougherty, OP, February 25.

## Personnel



During an energetic February of hiring and recruitments, MCFL filled 11 part- and full-time vacancies including Library Aide, Librarian II, Library Desk Supervisor and Senior Librarian positions, equaling 7.75 full-time position.

Please welcome

- new regular-hire Library Aides: **Bilal Habeebullah; Erin Dietrich; Erin Lee; Frederick Peng; Mary Eastment; Miranda Hankins; Miriam Limeta; and, Tera Kelley.**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>newly promoted to Librarian IIs, <b>Natalie Weber</b> at the Civic Center Branch and <b>Amanda Tomlin</b> at the Novato Branch.</li> <li>newly promoted Corte Madera Library Desk Supervisor <b>Shane Ebert</b>.</li> </ul> <p>Congratulations on your transfer and welcome to a new post to MCFL Senior Librarian <b>Julie Magnus</b> who transferred to our Technical Services Unit. During February, an external recruitment opened to fill the Corte Madera <b>Senior Librarian/Branch Manager</b> Position. An external recruitment reopened for <b>Mobile Library Assistant</b> Position on the Learning Bus.</p> <p>The following full-time and part-time vacancies are under review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Administrative Services Associate:</u></b> <b>2.0 FTE</b> - Tech Services; Admin</li> <li><b><u>Library Assistant I:</u></b> <b>2.4 FTE</b> - Fairfax; Corte Madera</li> <li><b><u>Library Assistant II:</u></b> <b>5.5 FTE</b> – Fairfax; Marin City; Novato; Stinson; Corte Madera</li> <li><b><u>Librarian I:</u></b> <b>2.8 FTE</b> – Tech Services; Civic Center; Novato</li> <li><b><u>Library Services Manager:</u></b> <b>1.0 FTE</b> - (Facilities &amp; Projects)</li> <li><b><u>Sr. Librarian</u></b> <b>1.0 FTE</b> – Corte Madera</li> </ul>
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