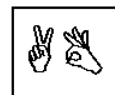


MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION
Proposed Agenda
Wednesday, May 9, 2018
2:00 p.m.

POINT REYES STATION LIBRARY
11431 State Route 1, Point Reyes, CA 94956

Directions: Highway 101 to Lucas Valley Road, continue to follow until you reach
 1) Nicasio Valley Road, turn right and continue until you intersect with the Petaluma/Point Reyes Road, then turn left. Follow this road into Point Reyes Station. Turn right on Mesa Road, take a right into the first driveway on the right and drive uphill into the parking lot. The library is in the building below you; or, 2) turn left on Nicasio Valley Road, continue until you reach Sir Francis Drake Blvd., turn right and continue until you reach Olema. Turn right and continue on Highway 1 into Point Reyes Station. Turn left on Mesa Road, take a right into the first driveway on the right and drive uphill into the parking lot. The library is in the building below you. **NOTICE:** In order to assure a quorum, please let Library Administration know if you are unable to attend the meeting (**call: 415-473-3222**).

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
2:00	1. Call to Order	Kathrein	Action
	2. Roll Call	Kathrein	Action
	3. Approval of Agenda	Kathrein	Action
	4. Approval of Minutes –March	Kathrein	Action
	5. Open Time for Public Expression		
	6. Reading & Correspondence File	Kathrein	Information
	7. Literacy/W. Marin Report	White	Information
	8. New Business	Kathrein	Information
	a. Lib Com Mtg Schedule 7/18-6/2020	Kathrein	Information
	9. Old Business		
	a. Update Slate of Officers – Ann K/Pres Sally H/VP; Loretta F/Secretary	Kathrein	Information
	b. Update on Dist. 2 & 4 vacancies	Kathrein	Information
	c. Update June Business Mtg	Kathrein	Information
	10. President's Report for March/April	Kathrein	Information
	11. Director's Report for March/April	Jones	Information
	12. Announcements	Kathrein	Information
4:00	13. Adjournment	Kathrein	Action



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Numbered List of attachments:

4. Minutes for March, 2018
12. Library Director's Report for March & April 2018

Unnumbered Attachments:

Approved MARINet Board minutes of February 15, 2018 and March 15, 2018 held at Los Gatos

MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY
Marin City Library
--PROPOSED MINUTES--
Wednesday, March 14, 2018

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

Present

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

Absent with Notification

Ali Iqbal	Loretta Farley	John MacLeod
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Also Present

Sara Jones, Director of County Library Services
Damon Hill, Acting Deputy Director of County Library Services
Edna Guadiana, Administrative Assistant II
Diana Lopez, Education Initiatives Coordinator/Branch Mgr, Marin City Library
Etienne Douglas, Webstar Coordinator
Jordan

(3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

(4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M/S/C – Schoen/Kennedy minutes approved as submitted

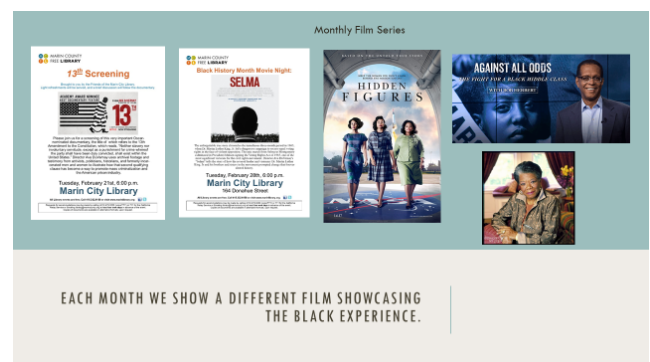
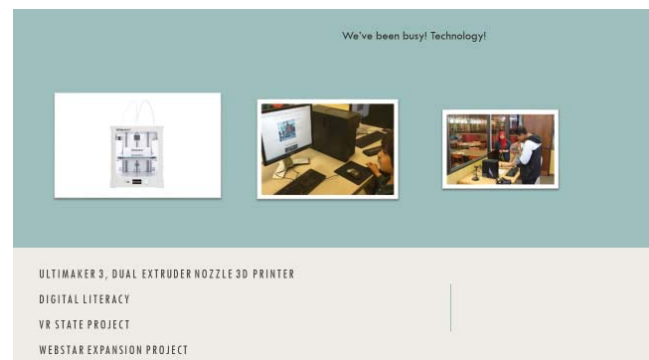
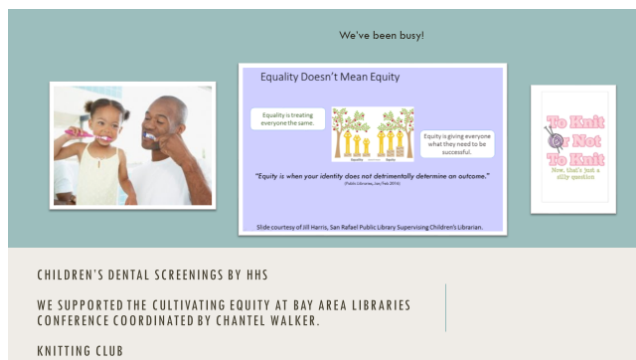
(5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION—

Commissioner Schandler introduced member of the public “Jordan” who attended this meeting, and has two small children who love the library.

(6) READING & CORRESPONDENCE FILE

Reading file circulated for all to read

- (7) MARIN CITY REPORT- Diana Lopez, Education Initiatives Coordinator/Branch Manager and Etienne Douglas, WebStar Coordinator gave the following presentation:

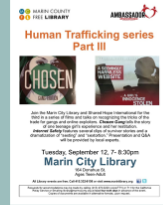
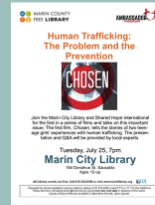


Summer Programs!



WE HAD A VARIETY OF SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS, TEENS, AND FAMILIES!

Human Trafficking Film Series



BECKY WORKED WITH LAUREL BOTSFORD FROM SHARED HOPE INTERNATIONAL TO HOST A FILM SERIES ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING. OUR FRIENDS OF THE MARIN CITY LIBRARY PROVIDED REFRESHMENTS FOR EACH EVENING.

Continued Partnership with Marin Housing Authority

Marin County Post



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)!

Other Marin City Community Events



WE WORKED WITH DEPUTY JEROD KANSANBACK TO OFFER A STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY AND PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. OUR FRIENDS PURCHASED GLOW-IN-THE-DARK BRACELETS TO HELP KIDS BE SEEN AND STAY SAFE WHEN THEY ARE OUT AFTER DARK.

Back to School Rally



WITH SUPPORT FROM OUR FRIENDS OF THE MARIN CITY LIBRARY, WE PROVIDED SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT THE ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY, INCLUDING WRITING PADS, PENS, AND PENCILS! WE ALSO GAVE AWAY MORE BOOKS!

Partnerships with the National Park Service



WE PARTNERED WITH NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S RANGER JASMINE TO TAKE KIDS TO THE PRESIDIO AND CRISSEY FIELD. OUR FRIENDS OF THE MARIN CITY LIBRARY PURCHASED BOXED LUNCHES FOR EVERYONE. FELECIA GASTON FROM PERFORMING STARS PROVIDED KITES AND OTHER TOYS.

More community collaborations!



THROUGH ANOTHER PARTNERSHIP WITH NPS, MARIN HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND OUR FRIENDS OF THE MARIN CITY LIBRARY, WE HAD A CHILDREN'S AUTHOR EVENT WITH CARMEN BOGAN, AUTHOR OF *WHERE'S RODNEY*. EACH CHILD IN ATTENDANCE RECEIVED AN AUTOGRAPHED COPY OF THE BOOK!

Read for the Record 2017: Another collaboration with MHA, Marin County Library Foundation, and our Friends of the Marin City Library!



WE PARTICIPATED IN READ FOR THE RECORD FOR A SECOND YEAR IN A ROW. THIS YEAR'S BOOK WAS *QUACKERS*. KIDS IN PRESCHOOL AT THE MARIN CITY LEARNING CENTER AND HEAD START PROGRAMS AS WELL AS KIDS AT BAYSIDE MLK AND WILLOW CREEK IN K-2 EACH GOT A COPY OF THE BOOK WITH A BILINGUAL ACTIVITY GUIDE. LIBRARY AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF READ TO THEM. LEWIS JORDAN WAS AT A CONFERENCE BUT JOINED US VIA A PRE-RECORDED VIDEO.

Our 3rd Annual Not-So-Spooky Halloween Party



WITH SUPPORT FROM OUR FRIENDS OF THE MARIN CITY LIBRARY, WE HAD REFRESHMENTS, GAMES, AND CRAFTS FOR OVER 100 ATTENDEES! IT'S A TRADITION THAT PARENTS AND CHILDREN LOOK FORWARD TO EACH YEAR.

Our 2nd Annual Snowman Social



OUR FRIENDS OF THE MARIN CITY LIBRARY PROVIDED REFRESHMENTS, GAMES, AND CRAFTS FOR OVER 60 ATTENDEES! IT'S ANOTHER TRADITION THAT PARENTS AND CHILDREN LOOK FORWARD TO EACH YEAR.

Come to the Dark Side: We Have Cookies! Or A Pathway Into the Library Field from High School Webstar to Full-Time Library Assistant



IN JANUARY 2018 WE HIRED FAHEEM BASSA AS OUR NEW, FULL-TIME LIBRARY ASSISTANT I. HE HAD BEEN A WEBSTAR SINCE 2013, GOT PROMOTED TO SENIOR WEBSTAR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, AND THEN GOT HIRED AND TRAINED INTO OUR LIBRARY ASSISTANT ONE EXTRA-HIRE POOL IN SUMMER 2017 BEFORE GETTING THE FULL-TIME JOB. HE'S A GREAT ASSET TO OUR TEAM! HE SPEAKS URDU, GUGRATI, AND HINDI. OUR PATRONS LOVE HIM AND SO DO WE!

Partnership with Bayside MLK



WE HAVE ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT WITH SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ARE WORKING TO REVAMP THE BAYSIDE MLK LIBRARY. MCFL IS MATCHING THE \$3,000 IN LCAP FUNDS TO PURCHASE NEW MATERIALS, AND WE WERE APPROVED FOR A \$10,000 INNOVATION STATION CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY GRANT!

Children's Author Visit: Javaka Steptoe



AWARD-WINNING CHILDREN'S AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR JAVAKA STEPTOE WILL BE AT MARIN CITY LIBRARY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH, WITH GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM THE MARIN LIBRARY FOUNDATION AND THE FRIENDS OF THE MARIN CITY LIBRARY. THE FIRST 40 CHILDREN SIGNED UP WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF *RADIANT CHILD*.

Wakanda Forever!!! #RepresentationMatters



WE SUPPORTED FELECIA GASTON'S SECOND GROUP OF KIDS GOING TO SEE BLACK PANTHER. WE MADE BUTTONS TO GIVE TO THEM AND FOUND AN ACTIVITY PACKET, WHICH FELECIA HAD PRINTED AND BOUND.

Supporting Felecia Gaston's youth trip to the opening of the Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama.



THE FRIENDS OF THE MARIN CITY LIBRARY APPROVED THE FUNDING FOR PURCHASING 24 COPIES OF "JUST MERCY: A STORY OF JUSTICE AND REDEMPTION" FOR THE GROUP OF YOUNG ADULTS THAT FELECIA GASTON IS TAKING TO THE LEGACY MUSEUM AND NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN MONTGOMERY.

Some of our 15 Minutes of Fame



WITH MY AMAZING TEAM AND THE SUPPORT OF SARA, THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION, MARIN COUNTY FRIENDS, FRIENDS OF THE MARIN CITY LIBRARY, AND ALL OF OUR PARTNERS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH A LOT OF WORK TOWARDS BRIDGING EQUITY AND ACHIEVEMENT GAPS. IN TURN, THIS HAS PUT US IN THE SPOTLIGHT! HERE WE ARE AT NATIONAL LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY. AND ETIENNE AND DIANA GOT TO MEET CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIBRARIANS IN ATLANTA WHERE THEY DID A PRESENTATION ON THE LIBRARY'S WORK IN MARIN CITY.

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

Director Jones gave a brief update on the 2-year budget plan.

FY2016-17 – Total Revenue was (16,084,992) – Total Expenditures were 15,289,830

FY2017-18 – Total Revenue to date is (16,125,424) – Total Expenses to date are 16,786,815

MCFL FY 18-19 Proposed Expenditure Budget: If we continue with the expenditures as we have, our expenditures would be 17.6 million (which is too much) and Revenues are 16.6 million. Some of the

permanent cuts (at least through the next two years is \$100,000 for Materials and Databases; \$53,000 for Services and Supplies and \$11,000 for Technology for a total of \$164,000. We will continue to monitor our vacancies to keep our expenditures in line with our revenues. We will continue to spend in FY 18-19: \$500,000 on Capital Projects, \$380,000 on Technology and other charges, \$647,629. Projected Revenue for MCFL FY 18-19 is: Ad Valorem Tax \$11,366,994, Library Special Parcel Tax \$1,800,306, Measure A Library Special Parcel Tax (Transfer-In) \$2,523,626, Other Revenues, \$951,595 and Library Reserve \$872,286 for a Library Revenue Budget of \$17,514,807.

(8) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Planning for election of officers: President Kathrein announced that election of officers for this year is coming up. Her term of office as President will be over, and we will be looking for a President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Anyone interested in these positions is asked to contact either Marge or Sara. A slate of officers will be brought forward for approval at the June meeting.
- b. Library Commissioner Ream asked about creating a small group who can look at current and possible future Adult programming. After a brief discussion, it was decided to put this off for now. Director Jones reminded the Commission about a presentation that Librarian Amanda Tomlin have given them previously where she reported that there were currently 1,300 adults programs being offered to the public.

(9) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update June meeting – Director Jones reported that she wanted to include the Library Foundation and MCFL Friend's Board members to the annual Commission June 13 meeting. This year's meeting will again start at 6pm at the McGinnis Club restaurant meeting room. Social hour will start @ 5:30 p.m.

(10) PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

President Kathrein reminded everyone about the upcoming 1B1M finale, which is, scheduled on Wednesday, April 18 @ 7pm with Michael Krazny interviewing the author Arlie Russell. Those wanting to attend the reception, which starts @ 5:30, please let Edna know.

(11) DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Director Jones announced that:

- The Board of Supervisors on 2/27/2018 approved hiring two administrative positions: Assistant Director and Deputy Director. This is a result of a reorganization proposal for Administrative positions for MCFL. I believe that a structure for administration will be best served by a Director and two Deputy or Assistant Directors. One designated as Internal Operations (HR, finance, planning, technical operations including a Library Services Manager in the group) and one designated for External Operations (library branches and outreach services).
- Director Jones showed a short clip on You-Tube from Burger King, which gives an example of Net Neutrality.
- Sara invited all Commissioners to attend a 1-day meeting in Ontario for library supporters. The library will cover the cost. Anyone interested should notify Edna.

(12) ANNOUNCEMENTS
NONE

(13) ADJOURNMENT – M/S/C-Ward/Schandler-Meeting adjourned @ 8:26 p.m.

**Sara Jones, Director of County Library Services
Marin County Free Library Report
For
April 2018**

Personnel

The recruitment for the Assistant Director and the Deputy Director closed on April 9. For Assistant we received 24 candidates, and for Deputy we received 20. The applicants came from all over the country-actually the world! After a review and ranking of the candidate's qualifications and experience for the position, 8 candidates from each group were invited to a second stage where they were asked to do significant research, analysis and presentation of their knowledge, skills and abilities for duties they will be responsible for if hired. From this group of candidates, some were selected to move forward for an interview with a community panel and a meet and greet with staff. May 11 for the Assistant Director and May 17 for the Deputy Director. Final one-on-one interviews with me will occur with selected candidates on May 12 and May 18.

Catherine Pedneault was selected as a Library Aide; another vacancy is still on process of selection in the Technical Services group. Librarian II, Collection Development is in the recruitment stage. The following vacancies are under review, or are in process of recruitment, interview and or selection.

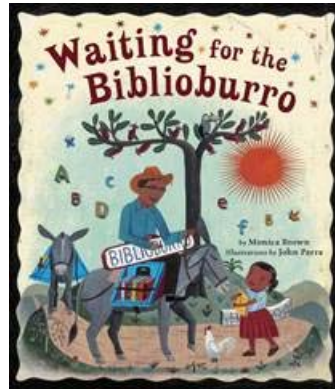
- Library Assistant II, Marin City
- Library Assistant II, Novato/South Novato
- Library Assistant I, Fairfax (part time)
- Librarian II, Novato (Teen and Adult Services)
- Librarian I, (Youth Services Novato)
- Administrative Services Associate (Administration)
- Media Technician position (new)
- Bookmobile (Community Library Specialist)

Library Activities:

Outreach Report Submission (Damon Hill)

April is the month of National Library Week and also National Bookmobile Day! We celebrated the day with our 2 one-room schools and the ranch families. Also staff got amazing Bookmobile Driver Terry Jones a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a card.

Did you know that Marin County was the first county in California to begin a bookmobile service? Librarian Virginia Keating originated the service September 30, 1948 with community and school stops-----many stops that we still serve today. We celebrated with the story Waiting for the Biblioburro and treats and were serenaded with a ukulele concert by Lincoln School kids---Happiness Is, by Donovan https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkZxk_eMeS0 A beautiful bouquet and card from our work colleagues made the day even more special. Thanks Marin County Free Library and all of our patrons!

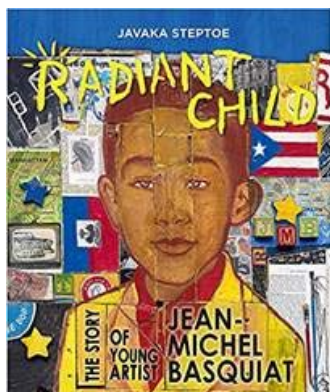


Here is a short video about Luis Soriano who actually operates the Biblioburro in Colombia. It is inspiring work! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuTswmx9TQU>
(Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)

Sometimes it is great to attend a program to support your colleagues and get a chance to enjoy great things that the library does. My granddaughter Betty and I went to the Marin City Library to see author/illustrator Javaka Steptoe, winner of the Caldecott Medal for his book Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. Javaka was a great presenter and the library was packed with lots of patrons, kids and library colleagues as well.

It is a reminder to me that even though we work in separate branches, we can all be supporters of each other and the great work that all parts of the library are doing. I am a huge believer in diversity in books and it was so wonderful to see so many kids and adults of so many colors who could see themselves represented in a book and in an illustrator. There were lots of great adult questions but I think the 9 and 10 year old boy questions were my favorite.

The burning questions from these boys helped us to learn that 1) when Jean-Michel's mother had to leave he did live with his dad 2) he died and his grave is in New York City 3) when he died he wasn't married but at least he had a girlfriend! Note to self: your important questions may not be the ones kids want the answers to. (Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)



We had the great pleasure of taking Raemona Little Taylor, teen librarian at Fairfax, on a ride along to our little schools and Tomales and Dillon Beach. It is always fantastic to show another person the places we go and the things we do----it helps keep it fresh for us and we learn from them too. Raemona jumped right in to help our customers with suggestions and answers to questions and it was great fun having her along. We all were treated to the new improved version of the ukulele concert with added percussion and 2-part harmony----so much fun! Let us know if you would like to take a ride! (*Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together*)



Friday, April 27th is Arbor Day and the Bookmobile partnered with Parks and Open Space to create an event for 3 classes of second graders from Venetia Valley School to participate in. The kids planted trees and took home books and bags from the library as well as scavenger hunts to learn more about nature in our area. Biscuit, Sara Jones' well-loved dog, was available for kids to read to and he was a mellow and appreciative audience! Our Marin County Poet Laureate spoke at the event and trees were dedicated.

The Veterans Resource Center did outreach to the Marin City Library and Civic Center Libraries during April. Volunteer Mark Seeley continued to serve Veterans with pop-ups at the Libraries. Norman Nayfach has taken the Veterans Book Club to the College of Marin for the first time in April and planned to try every other month through the Summer. The reading come from *Standing Down* and encourage participants to bring their experiences up through poignant pieces of literature throughout history.

Civic Center (Eva Patterson)

Kathleen enjoyed returning as a guest reader for Mary E. Silveira School's annual Guest Reader Day. Miss Kitty is well known to many Mary E. Silveria families. The kids were delighted to show her their classroom art and school library, and provide enthusiastic escorts around the school campus. This year Kathleen read to multiple first grade classes.

Kathleen was delighted to attend Javaka Steptoe's author/illustrator talk at the Marin City Library. Author & illustrator of the juvenile biography *Radiant Child*, Steptoe deftly handled a full room of active kids to show them how he wrote and illustrated his radiant book about the short but brilliant life of artist Jean Michel Basquiat.

Progress continues on the Mind in the Making Taskforce as Kathleen, Margaret Miles (FAI) and the talented taskforce continue to sift through the massive amounts of ideas generated by the MITM trainings and come up with a list of suggestions of the best ideas to move forward. Amy Sonnie (SNO) & Diana Lopez (MCI) are doing a fabulous job steering the Summer Challenge Evolution Team. We decided on several self-directed engaged learning projects for kids to do in the library this summer as part of the Summer Challenge. Team members brought excellent ideas and examples and next steps will consist of creating these "kits" or "projects" for this summer.

Great gratitude to Teresa, Tricia and all the circulation staff for taking on the big project of weeding dusty J Fiction. We were able to review all the CCE J dusty fiction this month to help with the chronic overcrowding of our small collection. With the Distribution Center suffering its own overcrowding, Kathleen will participate regularly in J collection weeding at the Distribution Center beginning next month. Gratitude also to Denise for her constantly growing Movement & Music programming, and to Victor for his lively Afterschool Lego Club. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)*

Caroline brought an idea to the branch Circulation Staff Meeting: why not keep the Sunday newspapers (SF Chronicle, NYT, Marin IJ and Santa Rosa Press Democrat), available for patrons all week instead of filing away after a couple of days? The circ team liked the idea decided to update our newspaper shelf labels at the same time. Denise created new newspaper labels using Elmer's template for magazine display labels (FLW font and colors). Now our newspaper rack looks quite spiffy, matches the nearby magazine displays, and has Sunday papers available all week. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)*

Linda recently stepped up her partnership with San Quentin Prison Library. She agreed to handle, through email, any reference questions the prison librarians do not have the resources to answer. She and Elmer are gathering popular fiction books from library donations, the MCFL Friends Book Place, and discards from the Tech Distribution Center. At this point, they have collected four boxes of books for the prison library. Linda is awaiting information about how to get the books to the library.

Elmer and Linda provided 60 Craig's List postings by phone to disabled patron in San Rafael. Elmer updated the Mental Wellness book list to include more recently published titles; posted it as a BiblioCore list and printed it for in-branch distribution. He processed one interlibrary loan request and responded to one postal mail information request. Linda responded to 20 email reference questions.

Linda hosted the Marin Master Gardeners' "Talking Tomatoes", and the Marin Chapter – California Native Plant Society's "Bee Friends in Your Garden". She also hosted a Peeps Diorama craft project leading up to the Fourth Annual Peeps Diorama Contest. There were 20 entries this year, a huge increase over the 12 entries last year.



Our Brown Bag Book Club read and discussed *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys. Mark Seely held his monthly open hours for the Veterans Resource Center. We had material displays for "Spring in the Garden", National Poetry Month, and Jack Nicholson DVDs. (*Goal 4 – Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning*)

Natalie compiled reading lists: *If You Liked "Love, Simon The Movie"* and *If You Liked the "Ready Player One" Film* for BiblioCommons and the MCFL Teen Page. She delivered books to Juvenile Hall, hosted two Marin County Youth Commission meetings, and an all-ages Tabletop Gaming session.



Our Teen Advisory Group (TAG) members Harita Kalvai, Satvik Namburu, Pavee Aswanetmanee, and Ruthwik Challagonda designed and hosted Spring Break Crafts and Games for families. Attendees made slime and string bracelets, and played a giant game of Jenga. Natalie and CCE staff are very proud of the teens' work on this successful program! *(Goal 2 – Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)*

Elmer provided one-on-one tutoring to help patrons download Overdrive books to various devices, print documents via MobilePrint, and use the "Track Changes" feature in Microsoft Word. Elmer coordinated with Peggi Rodgers (IST Systems Support Analyst II) to produce a template for the Wellness Library page, and trained with Cathy Selmi (IST Senior Systems Support Analyst) in using the Sitecore content management system (CMS) to configure the template with current content. Natalie instructed a patron in how to access and use Kanopy. Linda has been promoting digital literacy by finding opportunities to introduce patrons to the Libby Quick Start Guide. *(Goal 3 – Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)*

Other Activities:

Elmer viewed TED Talks:

- Color Blind or Color Brave by Mellody Hobson
- Danger of the Single Story by Chiamamanda Ngozi Adichie
- How to Overcome Our Biases by Verna Myers

Linda and Natalie volunteered to help weed materials for an understaffed Tech Services. Eva and Linda completed the County Cyber Security training. Elmer completed the County Cultural Competency training. Linda attended MARINet Decision Center training to learn how to use Sierra data to determine which material formats circulate the best and how circulation patterns change over time. Natalie joined the MARINet planning committee for the Marin Comics Fest. She attended Spring Fling 2018 - Youth Services Institute: Lead, Rise, Resist, and attended the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom and ACLU webinar covering Student Rights, Protests, and Free Speech. Tricia attended an all day workshop, Institute on Emotional Intelligence, presented by Calix. Linda is re-writing the catalog section of the SPOS manual. She posted her PLA Conference notes to Backstage. Eva attended the PolicyLink Equity Summit and called it "powerful, empowering, inspiring, intense, master class education, unifying, awakening, and exhausting." She shared her experience with the Equity Alliance Team and will share with other staff at the branch meeting, committees, and Backstage.

Oh rats, was a more literal than figurative statement this month. We kept finding evidence of these unwanted visitors. We embarked on a cleaning and organizing spree in our staffing areas and in the perimeter. Snacks were tossed or placed in metal, glass, or heavy plastic containers. We even curtailed bringing in treats. We bought various sizes of plastic storage boxes our Halloween costume exchange, stuffed animals, and books and papers stacked on and under our desks. The idea was to contain any food or possible nesting materials. We unearthed many

entry holes, and we worked with DPW to seal them. We are thankful for the diligent work of the No-Snacks-for-Rodents-Club – Carol Acquaviva, Trish Cummings and Carmen Yataco. The presence of the rodents called for the deep cleaning of the library kitchenette. Sara Jones decided this provided the perfect opportunity to give the kitchenette a much-needed makeover. Carmen, Carol and Trish volunteered for the project. They did not realize their work would also extend to cajoling staff into rodent proofing the library. To date, the staff lockers and storage-shelving unit were removed; the cupboards emptied; and old dishes, eating & drinking utensils were tossed. And any rodent holes sealed. Next month we will see the deep cleaning, new paint, new appliances, new furniture and décor. Before and after photos will be posted on Backstage.

The view from our windows and the quiet under the dome have undergone a change because of the resurfacing of the Civic Center Building roof. The scaffolding went up in March but the removal of the existing roofing material began this month. The sound created was described as thunder, bowling, and on a couple of occasions, like a chainsaw. We purchased disposable earplugs for patrons and staff who are disturbed by the noise but, surprisingly, have had few takers.



Elmer submitted an entry to the Peeps Diorama Contest highlighting MCFL staff participating in the 2017 Heart Walk coordinated by County Wellness.



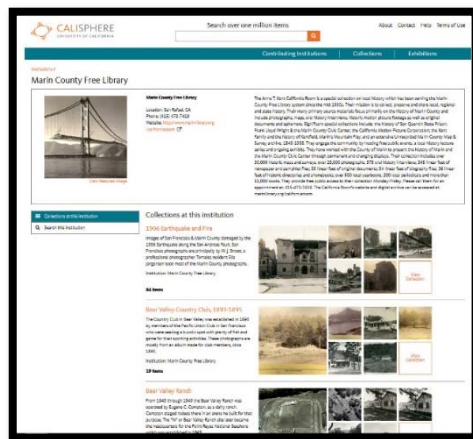
Anne T. Kent California Room (Laurie Thompson)

You can now “time travel” to the Marin City Flea Market via the [California Room Digital Archive](#). Digital Archivist Carol Acquaviva has posted a compelling collection of images profiling vendors at the Marin City Flea Market taken by local photographer Nancy Kittle in the early 1990s. Thanks to a grant from *California Revealed*, these oversize color photographs were professionally digitized for us. The collection can also be accessed on the [Internet Archive](#). **(Goal 3- Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy).**

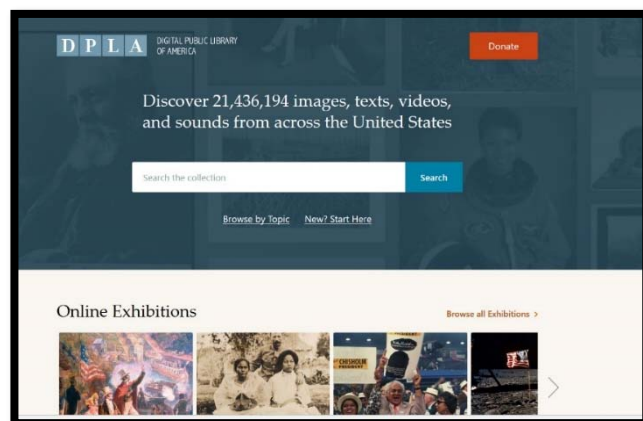


On April 23rd Sausalito Historian Mike Moyle presented an engaging talk on the Portuguese dairies of Southern Marin. Mike told the story of immigrants from the Azores beginning in the early 1800s, and the importance of dairies as a local industry for over 150 years. Among our record crowd of nearly 100 attendees were members of the local Portuguese community, who deemed Mike an “Honorary Azorean” due to his work to preserve & disseminate the heritage of the Portuguese immigrants to Marin.

(Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together).

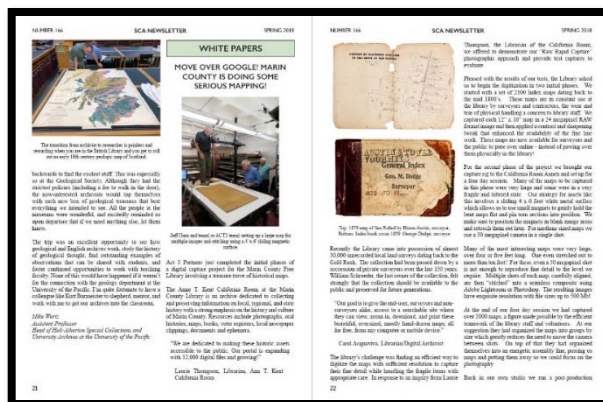


Nearly 2,000 California Room images are now discoverable via [Calisphere](#) and [Digital Public Library of America](#) (DPLA). We have shared nearly 2,000 metadata records from our digital archive with



Calisphere – which represents UC libraries and over 120 other libraries, archives and museums in California. Visitors to the DPLA website will now also be able to discover our digital collections amidst a large and growing national aggregation. DPLA provides access to over 10 million items contributed by 1,600 institutions nationwide. When visitors discover an image on Calisphere and DPLA, they are directed back to our local digital archive. We are honored to be part of these two prominent repositories! **(Goal 3- Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy).**

The latest Society of California Archivists (SAA) newsletter features a profile of the California Room's map digitization project with Act3 Partners. The article featured background on the acquisition of the Schroeder Collection of Unrecorded Survey Maps, and explanation of Act 3's "Raw Rapid Capture" photographic approach, which has allowed the California Room to archive full-resolution digital files, and make the maps accessible via the web. [Over 120 of the digitized maps are currently available on our digital archive.](#)



In other exciting map news, a descriptive index created by Volunteer Cataloger Brian Crawford [is now online](#). This index is a central tool which allows researchers to search for available maps before they visit the collection. Brian continues to diligently add to this index, which will be updated online. (*Goal 3- Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy*).

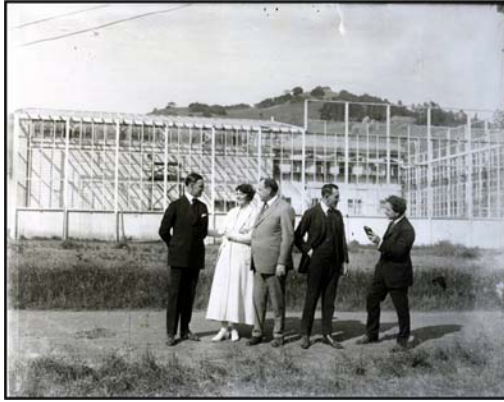


Although we said farewell to the long-running and widely-viewed exhibit featuring Jim Berger's Frank Lloyd Wright-designed doghouse, two new exhibits are currently on display. The first is a bench designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1951 for the Unitarian Meeting House in Madison, Wisconsin. We are grateful to Robert & Carole Nicholas for donating the bench to us. Because we wanted to preserve the original cushions which came with the bench for posterity, Volunteer Drusilla Miller fabricated facsimile cushions in a similar shade of blue so that the bench could be used by patrons of the Civic Center Library. We wish to thank the Friends of the Civic Center Library for underwriting the cost of the facsimile cushions.

You may have read the exciting news that several local historical societies cast the winning bid on the Heisler Locomotive No. 9 which once formed part of the Mt. Tamalpais Scenic Railway. We congratulate the [Friends of Mt. Tam](#), [The Mill Valley Historical Society](#) and the [Marin History Museum](#) for making this long-time dream a reality. According to author & expert Fred Runner the No. 9 engine was built at Heisler Locomotive Works in Erie, Pennsylvania, in March of 1921 and was shipped shortly thereafter to Mill Valley where it worked the Mt. Tamalpais Scenic Railway until 1924.

To celebrate this accomplishment, currently on display at the Civic Center Library is a scale model of the No. 9 meticulously crafted by the late Michael Murray of Corte Madera, accompanied by some associated historical ephemera from our collections. (*Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together*).





On April 17th, Librarian Laurie Thompson presented the history of a silent film studio once located in the Sun Valley neighborhood of San Rafael to the [San Rafael Heritage](#) Board and their guests at the Elks Club. The audience –who share a passion for San Rafael history and the preservation of historic structures- was fascinated by the history of the California Motion Picture Company whose premises once occupied a 10-acre site, now subdivided into a housing development off of San Rafael's Center Street. (4- Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning).



Katherine Rinehart -Archivist in charge of the Sonoma County Library's History & Genealogy Annex- visited our Map & Special Collections archive with five colleagues and stakeholders to gain inspiration as they seek to set-up a similar facility in Sonoma County. Katherine posted a great series of images from her tour on [Facebook](#). Librarian Laurie Thompson, Map Archivist Dewey Livingston & surveyor Bill Schroeder gave the group a comprehensive tour and shared some of the treasures in the Schroeder Unrecorded Marin County Map collection. Pictured L-R: Katherine Rinehart,

Laurie Thompson, Jeremy Nichols, Russ Pinto, Bill Schroeder Carol Eber & Ray Johnson. (4- Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning).

Corte Madera (Julie Magnus)



In honor of poetry month, Library Assistant Jenna Selzler worked with Librarian Shereen Ash to provide materials for people to create their own poems and art by recycling pages from damaged books to make "black out" poetry on our discovery wall. It takes a different kind of skill to scan a page and eliminate the unwanted words and come up with a poem – kind of like freeing the sculpture within a block of marble. We've spotted dads and sons working together to share their poems, and it has been really interesting to see the patterns and the visual components to the

poems. (Goal 1 - Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.

Sarah Butts, Youth Services Librarian, spent a good part of April doing teen and children's committee work: training a new children's extra hire, purchasing and sorting teen summer challenge prizes, training other teen services members on the use of the shared molecular gastronomy kit, replenishing the shared teen programming kits for use during the summer, training on and planning uses for the shared Oculus VR system, and weeding at tech

for both teen and children's collections. All of the back-end work will ensure better patron experiences this summer! (*Goal 2 - Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

Baby Bounce has entered its peak season, with over 90 attendees some weeks! The library comes alive with the joyful sounds of children singing along to their favorite tunes. (*Goal 1 - Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

On one Saturday a patron called the library for an unrelated reason and after asking my name she went "Oh, Ana, you're the one who sends out the emails!" meaning the monthly event emails for happenings in the library. She thanked me profusely for that service, saying that whenever the email comes she forwards it to all her friends so they can all plan to attend together. She also said "you're doing a great job, and really benefiting a lot of people." It was quite a treat to hear! (*Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

Library Assistant Kim Tuold shares: "Watched a great interaction between Jackie and our young patron--Grayson Mayne. Jackie had recommended a book on CD that he enjoyed and he wanted to thank her for the suggestion. Sounded like they were chatting about what they each liked about it." (*Goal 1 - Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together. Goal 2 - Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

Lynn Fabian, Library Desk Supervisor, shared these comments from our patrons, the first received through our online catalog: Your crew is fantastic. No complaints. To the only experience in Marin that is not negative in any way!!!! You gals and guys rock!!!! The next, received in person: One of our regular patrons commented on how much she loves our discovery wall displays. She always finds something good that she had never heard of before. And finally, another in-person comment: a regular patron just noticed the Welcome poster and said he really likes it! (*Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

Library Assistant Jenna Selzler related: I had a gentleman come in to get a library card today. After finishing entering his information and explaining the library rules, etc., he asked "How much does the membership cost?" while trying to hand me his credit card. I told him it was free to join the library - the only costs we have are related to overdue charges, etc. He was shocked! He had just moved from the East Coast and stated that some of the libraries charge up to \$30 for a library membership! He was so appreciative that he gave us a \$10 donation! Woo hoo! (*Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)



Heading out on their Saturday walk after work, Library Assistants Kim Tuold and Jackie Foster spotted a young man having his picture taken in front of the Corte Madera Library sign. We asked what brought him to this tourist destination? Story is: He and his family had lived next door in the apartments when he was very young. They moved to Chicago when he was only 4 years old, but he remembers walking over with his family to the library all the time. Visiting his old stomping grounds... he asked his friends to take his picture in front of the library... where he had such good memories! (*Goal 1*

- Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together. Goal 2 - Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.)

A patron commented this month, after printing documents from the public computers and getting tax forms and booklets for her son and herself, “This is great—one stop shopping”. And overall, patrons were very appreciative to pick up tax booklets and print out tax documents for free, either independently or with staff help. This service is an important offering to our patrons who many not have a computer or be comfortable using one. Thank you to Anna Jonsson of the e-services and Marketing department for ensuring that all of the tax information and web links on our Webpacs and website are accurate. *(Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

Jackie Foster, Library Assistant, shares this anecdote about the important role libraries have in supporting our community members through social interaction: a long-time patron came up happy to see me. Commented that it had been awhile. I asked if she had been hiding from me or the other way around. She said she'd been staying home because she's losing her teeth and embarrassed to be seen. That she's also been depressed and needed to get out. Told her that I hadn't noticed her dental issues until she pointed it out. Then recounted a learning experience that pointed out that others seldom notice the things you fear and that we should worry less about those things. Immediately an old friend of hers recognized her voice, told her she was looking great and they had a happy reunion. She came back to thank me for the encouragement. I gave her a hug and told her to get out more and smile. The end. *(Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

This month's talk on Native American Basketry from the San Francisco Bay Area was interesting and engaging on many levels. The images were beautiful and it was fascinating to learn about basket making techniques of local tribes. Two Ohlone women were in the audience and grateful to learn more about their heritage. Two other patrons brought in antique baskets for the speaker to identify. *(Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

Albert Flynn DeSilver offered a program including writing and meditation exercises that focused on the concepts in his new book, *Writing as a Path to Awakening*. Patrons appreciated the program and the author commented how much he enjoyed offering it at the library. Mr. DeSilver was the first Marin County Poet Laureate. *(Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

Hospice by the Bay and Marin General Hospital's Center for Integrative Health and Wellness gave an excellent presentation on understanding Advanced Care Directives and POLSTs (Physician order for life-sustaining treatment). The speakers answered many questions from the audience about this important topic. It took some time to coordinate this program but it was well worth it as we are building on this partnership to offer more programs featuring speakers from Marin General Hospital in the near future. *(Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

Children's Librarian, Marilyn Wronsky, attended two children's author events in April, displaying the books in the library and sharing information about them both. Kate DiCamillo, two-time Newbery medalist (*Tale of Despereaux* and *Flora & Ulysses*), and former National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, spoke at Edna Maguire School on Friday evening April 20. She

was wonderfully engaging, roving the packed auditorium with a mic, taking questions from kids and adults alike, connecting with one and all. There was much laughter as she told stories behind her many stories. For example, Ulysses, the superhero squirrel saved by CPR, was inspired by the miraculous recovery of a half-dead squirrel on her doorstep. At one point, DiCamillo led a round of applause for all the teachers in the audience who read aloud to their students. She reminded us all of the importance of books in our lives. Judi Evans, Librarian (contingency) included a beautiful letter by Kate DiCamillo in her MCFL kids blog post in January. Australian author Aaron Blabey entertained a crowd at Book Passage on April 8. His six-volume *Bad Guys* series featuring Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake and Mr. Piranha is wildly popular. As an actor, his readings were over the top: loud, goofy, and hilarious. And his Australian accent didn't hurt a bit. We've posted a handsome 2' X 3' original drawing of the Bad Guys on our bulletin board, a gift from the author. Kudos to Book Passage for bringing both authors to Marin. *(Goal 1 - Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together. Goal 2 - Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.)*

On April 18, with hoops and loops and all sorts of gadgets and junk but mostly with his hands, Sterling Johnson, Bubblesmith, encouraged experimentation as he created bubbles. From awe-inspiring square bubbles to bubbles within bubbles he had the crowd's full attention. No one looked at their phones. Then everyone, including adults, had the chance to be put inside a giant bubble. The Bubblesmith show, a S.T.E.A.M. event, was a perfect mix of science and fun. *(Goal 1 - Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together. Goal 2 - Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.)*



In observance of [Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#), Corte Madera Library, along with other Marin County Free Library branches and several County departments, participated in a statewide denim clothing drive during the month of April, asking co-workers and the public to join in. The [Denim Day clothing drive](#) raises awareness about the misconceptions of sexual assault while helping families. All donations will be distributed to local community shelters or organizations that help families with clothing needs. California established the first Denim Day in the United States in 1999, and it has since grown nationally.

Fairfax (Margaret Miles)

Fairfax's big news for the month: we moved a lot of books and the place looks terrific! Margaret Miles (Branch Manager), Raemona Little Taylor (Adult & Teen Services Librarian II), Anthony Puga (Circulation Supervisor), Erin Williams (LA2), John Elison (LA2) and Iris Meinolf (Children's Librarian I) planned a collection reorganization which had the goal of creating a more welcoming and accessible separate section for the J non-fiction, and expanding space for the Teen area and J fiction. In order to accomplish these goals, staff:

- Weeded overstocked areas of adult non-fiction
- Weeded non- and little-used reference books
- pulled all J non-fiction
- shifted the entire adult non-fiction collection, an estimated 14,000 items
- shelved the J non-fiction in its new aisle (almost 7,000 books, which all had to be moved twice)

- placed the J biographies at the end of the J non-fiction
- shifted the J fiction into the ranges vacated by J bios
- shifted the teen books into additional ranges

This project took several months of planning and weeding, but once we were ready to start shifting, the entire shift was completed in a little over a week! Everyone on the staff helped and remained enthusiastic. Most amazingly, everything fit in the areas determined by the spreadsheet Margaret created, thanks to data generated by Anthony. The areas affected by the shift look much cleaner, and every area has room for front-faced materials. We have already heard positive comments from several patrons who love the new children's non-fiction aisle, and we expect our circulation to increase as a result of this change. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)*
(Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)



Before: J and adult non-fiction interfiled



After: J non-fiction section!



Before: J fiction, very cramped



After: J fiction with lots of front-faced titles!

For the second year, Cascade Canyon School and Friends of the Library sponsored "Darkness to Light: Sexual Abuse Prevention Training," put on by Stewards of Children. 10 people attended. Michelle Hinrichs, the principal commented, "the people who were there were engaged and appreciative. Everyone I've spoken to was deeply moved and called to action. What I heard most was that people appreciated how this very sensitive and emotional topic was approached in a calm, practical manner." *(Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning)*

April 16 was the last day this year the AARP volunteers provided tax assistance. Starting in February on Mondays and Wednesdays we've seen lines outside the door before we open, and the community room has been filled with seniors and lower-income folks waiting to receive assistance filing their taxes. Although the posted hours have been M&W 10-2, volunteers have frequently stayed longer to complete electronic filing of state and federal returns. Fairfax is the only MCFL branch offering this service. *(Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)*

Janet Hughes' (LA1) Fabric & Fiber Art club met twice in April. On the 5th, 8 attendees were working on knitting, quilting and sewing projects when Margaret checked on them. One woman showed Margaret her quilt, not much bigger than one large quilt square, made up of tiny crazy squares. She said "I learned about this technique from a library book." She showed a second quilt that looked like an abstract of birds flying over the sea, and said "I learned these irregular lines from another library book. Thank you, library!" *(Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning)*

Raemona is a member of the "In The Margins" committee which formed under the umbrella of ALA's Library Services for Youth in Custody Group. ITM is committed to promoting and highlighting diverse books for teens: those living in poverty, on the streets, or in custody. On April 20 she visited Marin Juvenile Hall with 10 pre-pub titles which she booktalked and then left for the incarcerated teens to read. They were excited to be asked to rate the titles, and Raemona will be bringing their feedback about the books to the ITM committee. *(Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)*

Raemona and John have hosted two more Teen Tech Takeovers this month, and are building rapport with teen volunteers who are interested in learning to help tweens with VR, ozobots and cubelets. In this way, teens will be building leadership and communication skills and tweens will be learning STEAM-related skills. *(Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)*

John created an attractive display for Earth day, and Angela Wawryznek (Librarian I) refreshed her annual Poetry display. Many patrons have taken a poem for their pocket and spent time rearranging the poetry blocks. *(Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning)*



Iris used her craft cart, funded by Friends of the Library, for the Wednesday Kids Club and asked the kids to help decorate the bulletin board. Parents and children were very enthusiastic about creating butterflies, birds, nests and trees, and the final product is now enhancing the welcoming environment of the children's room. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)*

Raemona screened the film "A Road Not Taken," about the path of the solar panels installed on the White House roof by Carter and removed by Regan, on Thursday April 25. Producer Barbara McVeigh was there to introduce the film and lead discussion afterwards. Those who attended stayed for the lively discussion, and were still discussing outside when the library closed. *(Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning)*

All chairs were filled for Age Friendly Fairfax's program "Are My Ducks in a Row? Getting Started on end of Life Planning." Many of those who attend these monthly programs on senior topics now take the opportunity to visit the library and check out books while they're here. *(Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning)*

Raemona, John and Ezra Herdocia (Library Aide) planned and presented a Poetry Open Mic on Saturday, April 28. Ezra suggested the idea for this program months ago, and offered to serve as the MC, since he is a poet, rapper, and has MC'd other poetry open mics around the county in the past. In attendance were several poets who've appeared on Neshama's "Marin Poets Live!" show, as well as Neshama Franklin (LA1) herself and Rebecca Foust, Marin Poet Laureate. Each poet got the opportunity to read twice in a supportive and engaged environment. This program was definitely a success, and we will host a repeat in the future. *(Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning)*

Based on a suggestion from a patron, Margaret requested a green waste can through Leching and Leslie in Accounting. Leslie approved the green can, and now Fairfax is composting not only its kitchen waste, but all its paper towels. Our custodians have been happy to adapt in order to help us "go green" and serve as a role model for the community. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)*



A patron came in to pay his fine and at the end of the transaction he thanked Raemona and the library for all that we represent and provide for the community. As a child, he utilized libraries as a place to read or study, but he said as an adult his mind has been opened to all that we have to offer beyond those traditional services for his family. He ended by saying that we are a valuable resource for our community and he's thankful for all that we do. *(Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning)*

In the "other" category: One of our regular patrons, who visited regularly in a wheelchair with his sister, passed away on April 6 after being in hospice. His sister told us that even when he was dealing with a lot of pain, he was still asking when he would be coming back to the library. She is requesting donations to the library be made in his memory.

Marin City Library (Diana Lopez)

Marin County Sheriff Deputy Brennan Collins came by to drop off flowers for Librarian Appreciation Day on April 4. (*Goal 1 - Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)



On Saturday, April 7, with the financial support from the Marin Community Foundation, Marin City Library was honored to host award-winning author and illustrator Javaka Steptoe. At last count, we had 127 attendees! Steptoe won the 2017 Caldecott Medal for his picture book biography, *Radiant Child, The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat*. The book was the recipient of the 2017 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award as well. Steptoe's debut picture book, *In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers* earned him a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award in addition to a nomination for Outstanding Children's Literature Work at the 1998 NAACP Image Awards. MCFL purchased 40 copies of *Radiant Child* and the Friends of the Marin City Library purchased a dozen copies of *In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers* for men in Marin City's Father's Group. MCFL colleagues and loved ones including Sara Jones, Bonny White and her partner Anita Collison, Terry Jones and her granddaughter, Raemona Little Taylor and her daughter, and Kathleen Fitzhugh all came for the program. Raemona is the Teen Librarian at Fairfax. She mentioned that during the event, another African American mom turned to her and said that she was so happy that we had this event and how important it was for her children to see black authors. All of the Friends of the Marin City Library Board came to the event as did Lewis Jordan, Executive Director of Marin Housing Authority. Felecia Gaston, Founder and Executive Director of Performing Stars and strong Marin City Library partner was also there. She drove the Performing Stars van around Marin City to shuttle kids to the library and gave them rides home!!

Javaka was really amazing. He spoke about Basquiat and how he was inspired to write the book. He then read from his book and answered questions. He was talented, funny, engaging, intelligent, and the audience was charmed by him. He adeptly handled even the most rambunctious of children! He signed every single book, even though the line was long (some had purchased their own books and brought them), and he spent time with patrons answering questions. He also signed several copies of *Radiant Child* that Sara purchased for a library in Puerto Rico. One of our Foundation members had suggested we do so since Basquiat was of black and Puerto Rican descent. One of the things that stood out in *Radiant Child* for Diana is a passage called "A Note from Javaka" at the end of the book in which Javaka talks about representation. He mentions what it meant to him to see Basquiat, a young, black artist be successful. It inspired him to pursue his own dream of becoming an artist. It is so important for kids of color to see themselves reflected back to them from positive role models.

This is top of mind for all the work that we do in Marin City, and everything that we do is very intentional when it comes to supporting equity, diversity, and inclusion. Marin City probably serves the most diverse population in our County, and we are so proud to have been able to share Javaka Steptoe with our beloved community. #RepresentationMatters(Goal 1 - *Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (Goal 2 - *Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)



The Marin County Civil Grand Jury had contacted us to see if we would be willing to host a presentation about how it works and how to become a member. The hope was that those in attendance would be inspired to apply for a position in this important institution. They came to our branch on April 10 and spoke with five participants (Goal 4 - *Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

On Wednesday, April 11, Bay Area Discovery Museum came to our branch to do their Fairytale Engineering program. We only had nine participants, but everyone learned and had a great time. They had a challenge of getting the Three Billy Goats Gruff across the river using different materials for transportation. (Goal 1 - *Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

From April 11 through April 13, Diana attended the PolicyLink Equity Summit 2018 as part of the Marin delegation. It was an incredible experience. She learned a lot about organizations she was unaware of as well as the work that they were doing. She was very impressed by the inclusion of many different cultures but did feel that sessions regarding people with disabilities and work to support them should have been included. The drums, music, and dancing to get things going in the morning were wonderful and diverse. The speakers were very knowledgeable and inspiring. Diana felt very reaffirmed about the work that she and her team do at Marin City Library and ways in which they can do more. (Goal 1 - *Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (Goal 2 - *Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*) (Goal 3 - *Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*) (Goal 4 - *Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

On April 17, Veteran volunteer Marc Seely offered his knowledge and expertise to veterans seeking assistance. Turnout was low, so he was able to help one individual for an extended time. That person was very appreciative of his being here, and thanked Becky on his way out.

As of April, the Marin City Library now houses the Veterans Resource Collection that was formerly at the South Novato Branch. *(Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

On Tuesday, April 24, Etienne showed the movie *The Great Debaters* for our movie night. We had seven people in attendance. The movie is about professor Melvin B. Tolson (Denzel Washington) who teaches at the predominately black Wiley College in 1935 Texas where he decides to start a debate team--something nearly unheard of at a black college. *(Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

4-28-18 Brother Malcom Kelly is the founder and president of the National Build Your Enlightenment Society. He came to talk about his latest book and how to remove roadblocks to success. We had 12 attendees. *(Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*



Saturday, April 28 was Park Rx Day in Marin City as well as National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Diana, Faheem, and Kayla gathered materials to take to the community event at Rocky Graham Park. This included brochures and pamphlets in English and Spanish from the National Institute of Health as well as library books and media for kids and adults. We also purchased giveaway items like bubbles and hackey sacks. Terry Jones loaned us hula hoops, sports balls, and other fun stuff that were all very popular. We took our giant Jenga game as well. We connected with many community partners throughout Marin County. Elaini Negussie from HHS was there with the blender bike, and kids loved making healthy smoothies. Faheem Bassa, Library Assistant I, and Mobeen Angalia, Webstar, staffed the booth and talked to people about library collections and materials that support healthy lifestyles—including our Park Passes. We also took the pre-paid, mail-in envelopes for medications that are no longer wanted. Patrons were shocked that the library has these, and we gave out about a dozen of them. We also connected with Marin City Health and Wellness about these and gave them brochures to give to their clients. *(Goal 1 - Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.) (Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*



Novato (Janet Doerge)

National Library Week April 8-14 was Awesome! So many activities! In Novato It was also Spring Break!

There were several programs and pop-up programs: Craft supplies in the Kids Room - people made animals, flowers, superheroes and more (over 50 people served), Kid's Yoga (18 people), Save the Redwoods came and did a Storytime (80 people), Preschool Storytime (85 people), Park Ranger Jasmine Storytime (30 people), Baby Storytime (28 people) and Legos (30 people). *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

LEGO & Duplo





The Novato Preschool Co-op came for a storytime and tour (26 people). *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*



St Frances Preschool displayed their art during *The Week of the Child* - April 16th. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

The Spanish Services Working Group (SSWG) developed and launched a survey for MCFL's Spanish-speaking patrons. The survey was distributed via email and was available to complete at all MCFL locations. We received over 100 responses. Daniel Avalos has been working with representatives from Savannah/OrangeBoy to organize and input the data so that the team can analyze the results. The SSWG will use the data to evaluate our materials, programming and services. The following MCFL staff are on SSWG: Mildred Arencibia, Daniel Avalos, Victor Avalos, Alejandra Cruz, Janet Doerge, Camilla Ford, Jackie Foster, Tamara Gonzalez, Alfredo Limeta, Silvia Molina, Anthony Puga, Annemarie Russo, Miguel Sanchez, Bonny White from MCFL and Alejandra Barrios and Joshua Alperin from the City of San Rafael Library. *(Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

Each month Novato staff come up with clever themes for our slat wall display area in our lobby. For April Fool's Day/Month, we decided to find out if anyone really ever pays attention to



our themes and book choices by posting a display on "Procrastination: Coming Soon," complete with absolutely no books at all! Turns out our patrons do care; we got several concerned patrons looking for assurance that this was a joke, and several others who laughed at our good sense of humor. Staff recently voted to make an ongoing display of "Recently Returned: Check Us Out," as people are endlessly curious about what other people are reading. Silvia Molina had another patron compliment the "Staff Pick" selections on that same wall and said she

always gets great stuff from there! (*Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

Silvia Molina brought in Fratello Marionettes to perform "Carnival of Animals" to celebrate Dia de los ninos/Children's Day! We had 59 people attend. Carol from Novato Friends opened the show and asked parents to join the Friends Group, who paid for the performance. After such a great show, they were more than willing to give money and/or join the Friends Group. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

We received a lovely biblio_compliment from the BiblioCommons User Feedback: "On-line resource for renewal is just great. I appreciate the reminders when items are due & being able



to check due dates of items. This is especially helpful when multiple items are checked out on multiple days. Additionally, I truly appreciate the helpfulness & friendly staff at the Novato branch library." (*Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

Silvia Molina attended the California Library Association's Youth Services Institute Spring Fling in Oakland. The theme this year was "Lead, Rise, Resist" and offered discussions on ways to be a champion for the children and teens in your community and offer them the tools they need to succeed and thrive. Topics covered were: How to stand up for your department and the customers you serve, How to be a leader in your organization, How

to work with your community, How to address hot button topics such as social justice in your community. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)(*Goal 2 – Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

Laura Kennett attended the California Library Association's Leadership Institute at San Francisco Public Library on Friday April 27. The workshop featured a mix of presentation and interactive activities designed to help participants understand their level of emotional intelligence and how it applies in the workplace when building teams, leading change or shepherding through a strategy or vision. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

17 people came to hear Marin County Chief Park Ranger and Project Coyote volunteer, Rob Ruiz, discuss coyote ecology/biology, and ways to mitigate negative encounters with coyotes in Marin and to foster co-existence on April 12. (*Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)



South Novato (Amy Sonnie)

In honor of Earth Day, this month's maker theme was "environment." During the month of April, the Makerspace served 172 youth through afterschool programming, including 6 new members, and nearly 250 students through field trips and class visits!

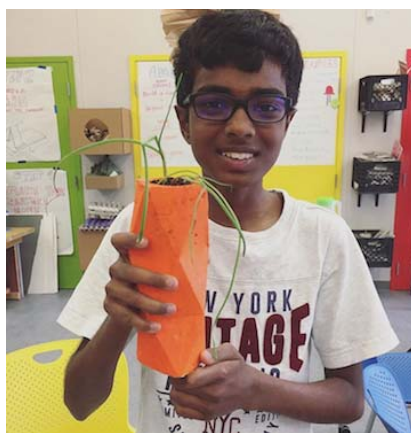


Our outstanding makers built a reclaimed wood garden table, solar-powered projects and completed science experiments. Sara Bolduc also secured a donation of herbs and vegetables from Sloat Nursery in Novato so students could create their own planters out of plaster and upcycled materials. (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)Registration is now underway for Summer Maker Camps, www.cecmake.com/programs/summer/

We hosted 3 field trips for NUSD this month and 4 in-class maker workshops at Novato schools. Second graders from Loma Verde explored building concepts with Legos and Strawbees. Third graders from Hamilton explored natural disasters and weather by experimenting with water and food coloring to illustrate the water cycle. Sixth graders from St. Thomas Moore School got to construct their own seismograph. And at Rancho Elementary, we visited 4 classes teaching geometry, engineering principles and 3D design with Strawbee Engineering Kits. (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression. Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)



Our Full STEAM Ahead and monthly family workshops continued this Earth Day-friendly theme, as well, with seed starters and paper chromatography experiments with Almas, a parent volunteer. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)



Our wonderful teen volunteer Satvik was profiled in this month's Marin County Volunteer Newsletter. Satvik volunteers at several library branches who coordinated to honor him. Look for his profile in the April newsletter once posted: www.marincounty.org/depts/hr/divisions/talent-acquisition/volunteers-and-internships/volunteers-newsletter (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

South Novato's Knitfest is also going strong with 8 regulars meeting biweekly, hosted by expert knitter and SNO Library Assistant Tamara Gonzalez. More than just a craft program, Knitfest is a chance for community-building, collaboration and lively discussions about art, civics and Novato life. Knitters help each other with projects and have built lasting friendships. (*Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

Coming in June ... South Novato is happy to launch a new book club with the Novato Multicultural Advisory Commission (NMAC). The first book club will take place June 19th at 6pm with a discussion of [Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi](#). Book club copies are available for pick up at South Novato Library. Just ask at the desk. (*Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

Technical Services, eServices & Marketing (Jen Robinson)

eServices & Marketing

We launched the Kanopy streaming movie service in mid-April. The vendor started out in academic libraries but has recently spread into the Public Libraries landscape. They offer the LARGEST streaming collection available - 5 times the size of Netflix! They focus on documentaries but also offer a huge catalog of Classic (including the Criterion Collection), Independent, and World Cinema. There's also a focus on instructional films with many PBS and BBC titles as well as a large collection of The Great Courses videos to choose from. Promotions on Facebook were very well received with a high level of patron engagement (questions, comments, and sharing). This is in partnership with San Rafael Public Library - since the service is pay by use, we put \$10K in the pot and San Rafael added another \$5K. We were lucky to get an unexpected reimbursement from NorthNet that almost exactly covered our contribution so no new funds were needed. Patrons can check out up to 8 films a month and we only pay Kanopy for films that people actually watched (Hoopla charges us for each film someone checks out and we find that often times people didn't go back and watch things they'd checked out). *(Goal 3- Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy; Goal 4- Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning)*

Jennifer, Anna, and Keith are reviewing potential Wordpress themes to use in a website update. Our current theme is 2 years old and we are running into issues keeping it working with the latest version of Wordpress. This will be a largely cosmetic change that will hopefully make things even easier to find on our public website. The only goal we have in terms of added content or features is the ability to drill down into events - specifically family events and storytimes to make them easier to understand and share. We are in the discovery phase of things and will be sharing the plan and timeline for the update once we've got one. *(Goal 1- Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow; Goal 3- Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)*

In Marketing news, Keith created a great set of promotional materials for Mobile Print, including tabletop tents. Keith also created several digital materials for the Kanopy launch and will be making shelftalkers for Kanopy soon. Keith finalized the print orders for Teen and Children's Summer Learning Program. *(Goal 1- Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow; Goal 3- Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)*

Acquisitions

Vanessa Walden traveled to Florida for the Annual Innovative Users Group conference. San Rafael Public Library is moving forward with a switch from in-house materials processing to receiving "shelf ready" materials from Baker & Taylor. They've kindly invited us to into meetings with Baker & Taylor and their staff so we can see how the process works for them. It's something MCFL is interested in and would be a big time and staff commitment to get right, but being able to see someone else be the "guinea pig" is super helpful!

After many conversations with the Collections group and other stakeholders, we've decided to discontinue a year-old service of automatically placing holds on items that a patron requests for purchase. The staff time and effort involved in this service was untenable. Instead, if the library purchases a book or other item, the patron will be sent an email saying that a) we purchased it and b) look for the item to show up in our catalog [with a link to our newest items]. We've also streamlined the process internally and think it will save us a lot of staff time, freeing up Selection & Acquisitions staff to do more impactful work.

Selection & Cataloging

Clara and Mildred are now a month into sharing the duties of the departed Selection Librarian for adult materials. They implemented several efficiencies to the suggestions process that maximized the time they spend doing selection versus tracking and responding to requests. This has allowed them to keep up with the patrons requests at a much faster rate. Whereas before these requests were reviewed on a monthly basis, Clara and Mildred are now doing so on an almost daily basis. Also, since they can now spend more time on selection, the library is acquiring materials sooner than usual and patrons are able to see the order records in the catalog and start placing holds at least 1 month in advance of release. In turn this has considerably diminished the number of incoming requests for soon-to-be-published titles. *(Goal 4- Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning)*

In April Mildred completed a training webinar about Diversity and Cultural Competency in Collections. The course aimed to re-imagine library collections ensuring that they are diverse, equitable, inclusive, and well-read. She is excited to implement some of the planning and assessment tools as well as advice on how to diversify MCFL's collections and address gap areas. One area she hopes to tackle first is the bilingual children's books collection since she had already purchased many titles with the help of a \$7,500 grant from the California State Library. *(Goal 1- Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow)*

Clara and Mildred continue to select digital materials for MARINET/OverDrive. Mildred has also been creating several curated reading lists on a monthly basis in OverDrive. Patrons really enjoy these recommendations which has increased the circulation of many titles, some of which don't circulate well historically. For the month of April, the curated lists included April is Mental Health Awareness Month (68% checked out/waitlisted), If you Liked Hillbilly Elegy (93% checked out/waitlisted), Man Booker Prize Winners (75% checked out/waitlisted), Spring Cleaning (47% checked out/waitlisted), Must-read Magical Realism (65% checked out/waitlisted), A Gentleman in Moscow Read Alikes (60% checked out/waitlisted), 2017 National Book Award (86% checked out/waitlisted), and Travelogues and Armchair Explorers (67% checked out/waitlisted). *(Goal 3- Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)*

Mildred's reclassification as a Librarian II was approved by the Board of Supervisors. She is considered the subject matter expert in the areas of cataloging and Spanish selection and her work cannot be objectively checked by anyone else. Her specialty of original cataloging allows the library to create and add a variety of records for self-published, archival, and foreign materials to the catalog. This expands the breadth of records that we can offer our patrons. Since she is the only trained cataloger in the consortium she also does this for city libraries under contract with MCFL. Recent original catalog records she has created include Dominican University's electronic theses, children's Spanish materials for the San Rafael Public Library, local author self-published books for the Sausalito Library, and several bins of historical documents for the Anne T. Kent California Room. By creating and entering these records in the catalog Mildred is effectively supporting every MCFL goal. *(Goal 1- Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow; Goal 2 - Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression; Goal 3- Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy; Goal 4- Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning)*

With Mildred's reclassification, came another staff change. Sharon has transitioned from the Acquisitions team to supporting copy cataloging and electronic services efforts under Mildred's

supervision. Once fully trained, Sharon will be in charge of copy cataloging, virtual reality support, collection of Orange Boys statistics, as well as other digital initiatives. This will free up some of Mildred's time to do more original cataloging, selection, and electronic services support. For example, she is aiming to create records in BiblioCommons for the new Marin County map collection recently donated to the Anne T. Kent California Room. *(Goal 3- Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)*

West Marin (Bonny White)

Young people, adults, and families all came together to celebrate Cesar Chavez Day at the Point Reyes Library the weekend of April 1. There were books for children, tamales, salad, and other potluck goodies to share, and music by the inimitable Francisco Herrera, joined by other local musicians including Jacob Leyva, pictured below. People who knew Chavez also shared stories and photos. This was our second Cesar Chavez celebration in what is becoming a local tradition. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.) (Goal 4 – Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*



Bonny shared many of the Marin County Free Library's Equity initiatives at the GARE Annual Membership Meeting in Chicago on April 9. Attendees were interested in our work with school districts and HUD, our Reading on the Ranches program, and the Marin County Cultural Intelligence Training that all employees are now taking. Afterwards, Bonny attended the PolicyLink Equity Summit, along with a highly engaged group of MCFL staff and community members, including representatives from Marin Promise. Bonny, Sara, and Diana stayed an extra day to visit the Chinatown branch of the Chicago Public Library. We particularly wanted to see their teen maker space, but it was closed for the day because of a teen literature festival, taking place at Columbia College, so we quickly decided to attend the festival, too. Pictured below is teen poet, Rasa Braswell who was writing poetry on demand, using a manual portable typewriter. We were all inspired to think about a teen lit festival for Marin County. *(Goal 2 - Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.)*

At the Point Reyes Library, staff has been making big changes to help us serve children better. In the past, our Juvenile non-fiction has been interfiled with adult material and therefore a little hard to find. Jennifer led the way with a major weed of the collection and then moved it front and center in the non-fiction section of the library. Vanessa Walden has been her partner in this whole effort, including helping her with the shift. Then Point Reyes added a new Parenting Shelf, also with great help from Vanessa and Tech Services. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*



In early March, library patron Creta Pullen offered to present a series of programs called *The Wildlife in our Surrounds*, at our West Marin libraries. The programs were all presented during April. The series included an art show, currently on display at the Point Reyes Library, a talk about wildlife with retired park ranger, Loretta Farley at the Bolinas Library, and a program of soundscapes from the natural world by local resident, Gina Farr at the Point Reyes and Stinson Beach libraries. Given West Marin's interest in the natural world, these programs were right on point. (*Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (*Goal 4 – Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

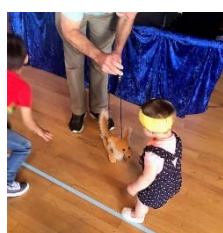


On April 16, in conjunction with their 9th annual Point Reyes Birding and Nature Festival, the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin collaborated with West Marin's Annemarie Russo to provide a bilingual bird story time for children. This was our first year of this collaboration but given the popularity of the program, it definitely won't be our last. (*Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)



For our third consecutive year, El día de los niños/El día de los libros was celebrated in West Marin as a collaboration between our libraries and Papermill Creek Children's Corner on April 21. The program this year included a bilingual puppet show put on by the amazing Magical Moonshine Theater. FLAGship also made an appearance, and West Marin Literacy gave at least one book to every child who attended. The excellent tostadas and piñatas rounded out a

spectacular spring celebration of children and reading. The next day, on April 22, FLAGship visited McNears beach in collaboration with Marin County Parks, proving that our outreach season has truly arrived. (*Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)



The Stinson Beach Library hosted a unique and beautiful art show in April presented by art students from the California College of the Arts. Each student started with 40 pounds of raw wool, provided by the Fibreshed network of ranchers, and then created whatever they wanted. Some of the resulting work is pictured below. (*Goal 4 – Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)



Library Director Activities

- Attended several meetings of newly formed executive Leadership Team, a group of Marin County department heads moving forward on creating a High Performing Organization based on the training county leaders attended in Charlottesville, VA.
- Attended Policy Link conference in Chicago as part of the Marin County delegation. April 10-13.
- Partnership Counsel meeting for Marin Promise, April 18
- One Book One Marin (OBOM) culminating event at Dominican University with Arlie Russell Hochschild discussing her book: *Strangers in their Own Land*.
- Led County Read to Lead session with OBOM book, *Strangers in their Own Land*, April 27
- Primary activities this month have been working on the recruitment for the Assistant Director and Deputy Director positions.
- Attended MCL Equity Alliance team meeting , April 27
- Poetry reading, April 24th by Marin County Poet Laureate, Becky Foust, for National Poetry month.

MARINet Board Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2018
Boardroom – MARINet/MCFL Tech Services
1600 Los Gatos Dr., Suite 180, San Rafael
9:00am – 12:00pm

Attendees: Linda Kenton (Chair, San Anselmo), Janice Akel (Vice Chair, Larkspur), Sarah Houghton (San Rafael), Abbot Chambers (Sausalito), Sarah Frye (College of Marin); Sara Jones (MCFL) Dan McMahon (MARINet), Anji Bremmer (Mill valley)

Linda Kenton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

II. Introduction of guests

No guests attended.

III. Approval of minutes from January 18, 2018

M/S: Chambers/Jones

IV. Old Business

- a. Cenic Update:** Not a lot happened this month. Work started work on wireless portal. The County will be attended to first, then the other libraries. Should be completed within 1-2 months. First two bills paid and another to come. Dan confident CENIC bills for 2018 are all covered.
- b. Overdrive Digital Bookmobile – Report**

The bookmobile visit to Civic Center went very well. About 89 visitors. Averaged about 30 minutes minimum per person. Questions were about all levels of technology – devices, apps. Dan “plugged” the van – well designed and well equipped, a good training vehicle. Those who attended reported a positive experience and recommended future visits.
- c. Net Neutrality – Statement from the Board**

Sara Jones reported MCFL ready to go to Marin County with statement. MARINet still needs to complete. The collective statement will begin, “On behalf of Marin County libraries and MARINET...” The Board discussed joining the Santa Clara legal challenge but no decision made.

V. New Business:

a. DRWG report from Chair

DRWG reps, Augie Webb and Ali Birmbauck, presented written report. DRWG proposes \$306,493 budget for FY 2018-2019. Brainfuse subscription reduced (good for this year). Savings to go towards increased NY Times Online Academic

subscription and e-books. Board discussed DR content – Kanopy, Hoopla. Should the consortium carry these rather than individual libraries? Board agreed that content issues should be topic at another meeting.

The Board discussed ebook collections; print v. digital collections. Should the consortium have a joint ebook collection policy? It was agreed to carry this forward to another meeting.

b. FY 2018-2019 Proposed Budget Discussion

Budget to be signed off at next meeting. 95% same as last budget. This will be first year CENIC charges are added in.

c. NorthNet Report

Sara Houghton reported on recent NorthNet meeting. It was not well organized nor productive. Leadership presentation not good. Plugged Link+. MARINet mandated to attend.

d. Joint Library Amnesty Program Proposal

Linda Kenton questioned if the Board should have one amnesty program across the consortium. Board agreed it would be a good idea. Agreed that Houghton, Kenton and Jones would form a small working group to come up with a draft policy for the Board to consider.

e. Other non-action items

Abbott brought up choice of title for One Book One Marin for 2019. Board discussed the status of the program which had changed in the last couple of years. Possibly put program on hiatus next year. Board agreed to review and carry over item for further discussion.

VI. Standing Items:

a. System Administrator's Report

Sierra 3.4 out. Dan doesn't think it will fundamentally solve current issues.

b. Correspondence:

None

c. Topics for next agenda:

One Book One Marin

Budget FY 2018/2019 – approval

Joint Amnesty Program

Digital Content – Hoopla, Kanopy – consortium issues

CENIC update

VII. Roundtable/ announcements:

Sausalito – March 1st removing fines except for best sellers, adult books. Has Trustee approval. Will make no formal announcement

MCFL – Reopening conversation about future of Corte Madera library, building issues. Will be opening recruitment for several positions soon. Staff restructuring approved

COM – Needs support from Board on Bond Measure B to raise priority of LRC

San Anselmo – Consultant retained by City for library space planning and re-design

Mill Valley – Has a number of vacancies. Involved with a reorganizational classification review

Larkspur – Involved with reorganizational review (same as MV). Rebuilding FOL. City politics re “new” library continue

San Rafael – will be joining Zipbooks

Motion to adjourn: M/S Jones/Houghton

Meeting adjourned: 12:30pm

Minutes submitted by Janice Akel – Larkspur.

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March 15, 2018
MCFL Tech Services
1600 Los Gamos Dr., Suite 180, San Rafael CA
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Attendees: Linda Kenton (Chair, San Anselmo), Janice Akel (Vice Chair, Larkspur), Sarah Houghton (San Rafael), Abbot Chambers (Sausalito), Sarah Frye (College of Marin), Sara Jones (MCFL), Dan McMahon (MARINet), Anji Brenner (Mill Valley), Jacki Dunn (Belvedere-Tiburon), Gary Gorka (Dominican University)

Linda Kenton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- I. Public Comment Period:** There was no public comment.
- II. Introduction of guests:** There were no guests.
- III. Approval of minutes February 15, 2018:** The minutes were approved with minor revisions (AC/SJ)
- IV. Old Business**
 - A. Cenic – progress report:** McMahon reported that they are still working on wireless access at various locations. We are reliant on David Cooper of Marin IT to do the work on the routers. Marin IT is still really busy, and not providing a lot of support.
 - B. Joint Library Amnesty Program proposal:** Kenton discussed the idea of coordinating across MARIN libraries on a fine amnesty. Coordinating will reduce patron confusion. Houghton says that across the state, amnesties are most common in November or December. Brenner says Mill Valley amnesties aren't always at the end of the year, typically when tied to a special event. Looking forward, one risk of MARINet doing the amnesty at the same time of the year every year is that patrons will expect it.

Board consensus was to plan to agree on a month toward the end of the year to give us all plenty of time to get the approvals we need. Consensus was a straight fine amnesty, not food-for-fines. The target month will be November, possibly over a one or two week period. Kenton will create a small fine amnesty committee to work together to create a proposal to present at a future Board meeting. The Board is in favor of publicizing the amnesty event.
- V. New Business**
 - A. FY 2018-19 Proposed Budget – resolution to approve:** McMahon distributed the 2018-19 budget resolution for signature. The numbers have not changed since the Board reviewed the proposal last month.
 - B. One Book One Marin:** The Board discussed of the future of the annual One Book One Marin event. The general consensus was that we should work together to make OBOM more library and community directed, with more input from the MARINet Board. OBOM will be added to the agenda for next month's Board meeting, with the goal of setting more definite

plans for 2019. Directors will talk to their library committee reps to get their feedback and bring them up to speed on these discussions.

- C. Marin Comics Fest:** The first Marin Comics Fest was held in September 2017. Houghton would like to do the event again, this time as an official MARINet event. In 2017, it was a one-week event; the thinking for this year is to spread it over two weeks and three weekends and improve the coordination of event timing. September 8 to 22, 2018, is the time frame that Houghton is currently looking at. There was general agreement among the Board that MARINet libraries would work together this year on the Marin Comics Fest.
- D. Ebooks/Kanopy/Hoopla:** DRWG presented last month to the Board and raised the question as to whether MARINet wanted to buy into Kanopy and Hoopla together as a MARINet purchase. MCFL and San Rafael are going to team up on Kanopy and see how a shared cost-per-use model works and whether it would extend to MARINet. After six months, MCFL and San Rafael will reevaluate the program and possibly consider expanding the pool to other libraries.

McMahon reported that Trenary is proposing changing the way we handle expiring content. She feels it should be looked at by a DRWG librarian to do a selection. We are currently looking at 240,000 as total OverDrive circulation for FY 2017-18.

- E. Other non-action items:** McMahon reported that CWG has a request that we reduce number of max holds from 500 to 200. People who are creating the high numbers of holds are using them as a reading list, i.e. placing the holds and then freezing them. This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

VI. Standing Items for the agenda

- A. System Administrator's report:** McMahon reported on items from his printed report. Audit is currently underway by our auditor. Problem with volume holds persists, fix should arrive in Sierra version 4.0, which will arrive sometime around the beginning of May 2018.
- B. Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.
- C. Topics for future agenda:** Holds, OBOM, CENIC, fine amnesty.

VII. Announcements

- **Belvedere-Tiburon:** Library remodel project is still consuming a lot of time. Will soon be going to Belvedere and Tiburon councils to seek additional funding. Plan is to break ground early next year. Gently-Used Art Auction is currently underway. 150 people attended the opening.
- **Mill Valley:** In the middle of a new 2-year budget process. Hope to start recruiting next week for new head of adult services and new head of children's services. Positions have been classified as management. Teen Poetry Slam and Gay Men's Chorus programs are two of the special programs coming up in the main reading room.
- **Larkspur:** Pulling together budget for next fiscal year, process will continue for the next couple of months. There will be a retirement from the library staff in May, currently figuring

out whether or not they can fill the position when it opens. A City of Larkspur job classification study is currently underway. Their Friends group is increasingly active. Citizen's working group is meeting to talk about the future of the library.

- **Sausalito:** Sausalito launched "no-fines on most adult books" on March 1, 2018. Water leak in staff workroom on Tuesday. Will be moving YA materials from mezzanine to main floor, which will require some reconfiguration of shelving. "Sausalito Goes to the Movies" program on Friday, 3/16.
- **MCFL:** Budget process underway. Will be posting soon for job openings in library administration.
- **College of Marin:** Spring break begins next week, and the library will be closed. Frye met with the project architect for the new library.
- **San Anselmo:** TAM is proposing to cut school librarians, among other positions. Looks like their board is going to take a couple of more months to make a decision. TAM is expected to be going for a parcel tax in November. Kenton is also working on the next budget, which looks to be mostly static relative to this year. Irish tunes program on St. Patrick's Day.
- **Dominican University:** "In the grind" for finishing up spring semester. Their construction process is moving very slowly. Library has been prepared for imminent construction, but now looks like it won't be happening any earlier than the fall.
- **San Rafael:** SR moving to more preprocessing with Baker & Taylor; currently doing ½ of items, now extending to more. Facilities project is rolling along. They are in the midst of a 6-month process evaluating potential sites. Project architects like the idea of using the existing site and building around the old Carnegie library.

Meeting adjourned: 11:05 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Abbot Chambers, Sausalito