

# MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION



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### Proposed Agenda

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

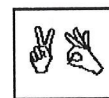
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	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
2:00	1. Call to Order	Hauser	Action
	2. Roll Call	Hauser	Action
<b>"A great library contains the diary of the human race." George Mercer Dawson</b>			
	3. Approval of Agenda	Hauser	Action
	4. Approval of Minutes –March	Hauser	Action
	5. Open Time for Public Expression		
	6. Reading & Correspondence File	Hauser	Information
	7. W. Marin Report/ Literacy/Marin City	Little Taylor/Lopez	Information
	8. Old Business		
	a. Update Slate of Officers	Hauser	Information
	b. Update June Business Mtg	Hauser	Information
	c. Subcommittees Update	Jones/Walker	Information
	d. Budget Update	Jones	Information
	9. President's Report for April	Hauser	Information
	10. Director's Report for April	Jones	Information
	11. Announcements	Hauser	Information
4:00	12. Adjournment	Hauser	Action



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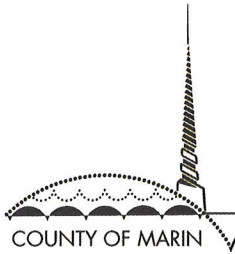
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*Numbered List of attachments:*

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

Unnumbered Attachments:

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# MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION



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--PROPOSED MINUTES--  
Wednesday, April 10, 2019

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### (1) CALL TO ORDER

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

### (2) ROLL CALL

#### Present

Barbara Schoen  
Sue Ream  
Anya Schandler  
Ed Meagher

Linda Ward  
Ann Kaplan  
Craig Kennedy

Ali Iqbal  
Margaret Kathrein  
Loretta Farley

#### Absent with Notification

Nick Javaras  
Tyrone Cannon

John MacLeod

Sally Hauser

#### Also Present

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

### (3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

### (4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

### (5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION— NONE

### (6) READING & CORRESPONDENCE FILE

Reading file circulated for all to read –

(7) STAFF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

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

(8) NEW BUSINESS

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

(9) OLD BUSINESS

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

(10) PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR MARCH  
NONE

(11) DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR MARCH

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

(12) ANNOUNCEMENTS

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





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

**April 2019 Activities**

**OUR MISSION:**

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

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## Library Activities

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### Civic Center



Beloved Marin County District Attorney comfort dog, Vivian, was honored on April 16<sup>th</sup> in the Civic Center Library children's room. From MCFL Facebook page:

"Marin County Free Library staff were honored to pay tribute to Vivian, beloved comfort dog for the Marin County District Attorney's Office, who sadly passed away in 2018. Children's Librarians Kathleen Fitzhugh Remitz and Diana Lopez created comfort care kits in memory of Vivian for children going through tough times in Marin County's court system and care centers.

April 16, 2019 MCFL and the Marin County District Attorney's office staff and especially Vivian's caregiver, Andrea Buccine, met in the Civic Center Library children's room to hand over the donated backpacks along with a cozy comfort blanket and a book about Helper Dogs. Special thanks to the Civic Center Friends of the Library and the Marin City Friends of the Library for their support in making these kits possible and Janice Hughes from the Marin County District Attorney's office for the photographs and coordination."

Pictured: Kathleen Fitzhugh Remitz (Civic Center Library), was joined by Diana Lopez (Marin City Library), Andrea Buccine (Deputy District Attorney), Michael Grogan (Project Director Jeanette Prandi Children's Center), Sara Jones (Marin County Free Library Director), Lori Frugoli (Marin County District Attorney)

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### Civic Center

Natalie delivered

- book talks of new and popular titles to Miller Creek Middle School students
- a Virtual Reality Gaming program for teens with help from teen volunteer Luis Valle. Luis learned to troubleshoot the Oculus Rift and helped his peers during the monthly VR program
- the final Marin County Juvenile Hall Book Club session:
  - discussing Ms. Marvel, Vol. 1
  - watching a segment of Sana Amanat's TEDx Talk about creating Marvel's first Muslim superhero
  - discussing the Christchurch terror attacks, and reflecting on personal experiences with "stereotype threat"

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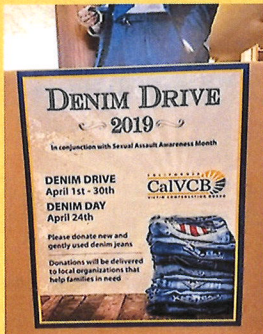
### Civic Center

Linda assisted a patron with downloading her Enki eBook. After working through intermediary issues (e.g., establishing an Adobe ID), the download progressed so slowly that Enki Support was contacted for possible resolution. While there was no response from Enki Support, the patron found after rechecking the title several days later that it had successfully downloaded.



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### Civic Center



Elmer received from a patron with whom he has consistently assisted through postal-mail reference a laminated DIY Certificate of Appreciation reading, "In recognition of valuable contributions to helping [Patron's Name] out with his research on starting his own transportation business so thank you for your time and your effort Elmer."

Linda responded to 42 email ref questions in a remarkably busy month for this service. Of note is the number of people who have signed up for a new card online and then immediately try to use Discover & Go but are unable to log in. A couple of days are needed for the cards to be correctly coded (situssed) for digital use.

Elmer coordinated with the District Attorney's Office's National Denim Day/Sexual Assault Awareness Month denim drive by placing donation boxes at Civic Center and Corte Madera

### Civic Center

#### Brief Additional Update

- Natalie attended Othering & Belonging, a three -day conference in Oakland hosted by UC Berkeley's Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society
- Elmer met with America Velasco, Marin County Jail Program Coordinator to plan next steps in Library outreach to incarcerated patrons

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### Anne T Kent California Room



Bob Wilson, a local researcher who frequents the Anne T. Kent California Room, took the initiative to create for us a comprehensive collection of source materials documenting the history of the Dixie School District from its inception in 1863 to the present day. The materials he's collected fill a 3-inch thick binder and have met a current pressing need. Many community members -on both sides of the Dixie School District name controversy- have sought information about the history of the Dixie School District and the origin of its name. Bob's binder of materials, coupled with materials already in our collection, have been invaluable to community members concerned about this matter.

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### Anne T Kent California Room



Oral historian Marilyn Geary & Librarian Laurie Thompson conducted an oral history with a surviving "Rosie-the-Riveter" currently residing at Bennett House in Fairfax. In the late 1930s, 18-year old Phyllis Gould moved to Richmond with her husband. When the U.S. entered World War II, both trained to be welders and work at the Richmond shipyards. Phyllis was one of the first five women allowed to become a member of the Boilermakers Union and gain work as a shipyard welder. She had to "jump through many hoops" and endure harassment to make this happen. Today, at age 97, she is lobbying to create a permanent "Rosie-the-Riveter" Day where women who supported the war-effort at home, will always be honored. A few years ago, she was invited by President Barak Obama & Vice President Joe Biden to visit the White House & recount her war-time experiences. She has also been invited to the upcoming D-Day celebration in France, where she will represent the United States alongside Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Congresswoman Jackie Speier. Phyllis also told us about her interesting life in Bolinas in the 1960s and 70s where one of her neighbors was Grace Slick of *Jefferson Airplane* fame.



Local historian Mike Moyle gave a fascinating talk on the history & construction of the Waldo Grade and its effect on Marin in light of the eminent opening of the Golden Gate Bridge in 1937. Our local history lecture series has a strong following and regularly attracts new guests. Over 65 people attended our April presentation.



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**Anne T Kent  
California Room**

We invite you to view a new video which Digital Archivist Carol Acquaviva recently posted to the Library's YouTube channel: [Sim Van der Ryn at Highland House](#)

California Room Volunteer Owen Gump, in collaboration with the California Room and generous funding by philanthropist Jeff Craemer, created a six-minute video highlighting architect, author, educator, and West Marin resident Sim Van der Ryn. Van der Ryn initiated a collaborative building seminar with UC students on his Inverness property in 1971-1972. These experiences led to the construction of Van der Ryn's family home, Highland House, a 40-year collaborative building project between the architect, his colleagues, artists, and friends. This short film captures Van der Ryn's reflections on building the home and showcases its unique construction and edifices.

Producers: Owen Gump & the Anne T. Kent California Room; Director & Cinematographer: Richard Neill; Editor: Nick Farago



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## Corte Madera



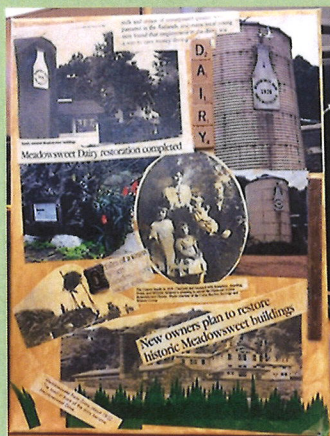
A dynamic exhibit of mixed media art by Islamic Art Exhibit is on display in the Community Room from April 6 – May 16, 2019. The Friends of Corte Madera Library have generously sponsored a two-hour workshop for 24 participants to learn Arabic Calligraphy and have supported an illustrated lecture given by a docent from the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco entitled: Facing Mecca: Reflections of Islam in Art. There is a supporting display of books and materials on our discovery wall. This focus on Islamic art and culture was coordinated by Ana Stanescu, Shereen Ash and Jackie Foster to provide a holistic opportunity to learn about the Muslim experience through art and expressions of culture.

Ana shares: A whole Muslim family, two parents with teenage kids, came in expressly for the purpose of looking at the art exhibit. They went slowly around the room as a group talking about the pieces. It sounded like the parents were using it as an educational opportunity, trying to instill an appreciation of this art and culture in their kids. There was a sense of awe and joy in the mother's comments as she talked about Islamic art traditions and artists taking something basic and turning it into high art. I handed them flyers for our related events, and when they were on their way out, they thanked us for hosting the exhibit.

Also, a woman signed up her Syrian husband and their son for the calligraphy workshop, talking about what a good opportunity this will be for the two of them to bond and share this aspect of their culture.

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## Corte Madera



3rd grader Ryan Byrnes, from Neil Cummins School, created a fantastic project on the Meadowsweet Dairy and shared his project board with us. Each year, students are assigned various local institutions, buildings and happenings so that they can learn about their local history and community. His Mom came in and showed us the project and thanked all the librarians who helped him gather research for this project.

Marilyn Wronsky relates: As Jackie, Judi and I wrapped up our April Fools Workshop with lots of tricks and shenanigans, Lynn rushed into the room and announced that a **200 LB man-eating plant** had been spotted in the library. She said that the kids should exit the room by the side door instead of the main door. The kids gathered. The door shook. Growling sounds were heard. Then the door flew open and Shane barged into the room as he devoured a huge head of curly green lettuce. Great messy show - and the kids learned many tips and tricks for April Fools!





Sarah Butts helped arranged a visit with Redwood High School Special Education Teacher, Laura Leones, who brought her students to the library on April 24. She thanked the library:

Thank you so much for showing us around the library today and getting all my students set up with library cards. And thank your other staff members for me as well. Everyone was so nice and helpful. The students had a great time and were so happy to do something outside of school. My para-educators also really enjoyed our visit.

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### Corte Madera



Our initial series of "All Things Apple" has filled a needed gap in tech support for many of our patrons. Our volunteer instructor, Beryn, heard this from a grateful student:

Hello Beryn

Just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the Apple CM classes these past 8 weeks! I am a former technology phobe and I now have the confidence to play around with my devices without fear of setting off an atomic bomb.

Greatly appreciate you sharing your knowledge, enthusiasm and time!

Your photos are amazing.

I look forward to the next class session.

Enjoy your break!

Many thanks

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### Corte Madera



Poet Laureate Celebration: Corte Madera hosted the event for MCFL. Sara Jones gave a wonderful introduction in which she cited a nationwide increase in adults who read poetry, among other things. Terry Lucas, the new poet laureate read his works, eliciting sighs and laughter. He then described his plans for his two-year term as Marin Poet Laureate and received many helpful ideas from the audience. Thanks go to Shereen Ash for coordinating the celebration. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed cake and conversation.

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### Fairfax



Using funds donated by Fairfax Friends of the Library, Iris Meinolf, Children's Librarian, purchased clay to be used at the weekly Afterschool storytime & crafts program. Kids and their parents were very excited to mold the clay! Their projects air-dried, and the next week they were able to use tempura paints to decorate their creations. Rather than giving them a model to copy, Iris encouraged the children to make whatever they wanted. In addition to building fine motor skills required for writing, clay modeling allows children to make choices, communicate ideas, learn from their mistakes and express creativity. In some cases it was an opportunity to let off steam as some children took as much joy in un-making while pounding the clay.

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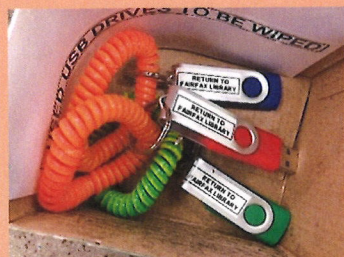
Bay Area Discovery Museum presented an amazing STEAM program on April 19 "Stretch it, Shape it, Grow it!" This program provided hands-on bilingual activities about brain development to engage children and their parents. While children were problem-solving and discussing ideas with their parents and each other, parents were also learning how practice, taking risks and making mistakes are important for learning to tackle new challenges. Iris was able to book this program thanks to STEAM funds from Marin County Friends of the Library.

In honor of Poetry Month, John Elison, Library Assistant II, scheduled Free Verse and Voice for Teens on April 16. Only one extremely shy young teen showed up, and because she was the only one, she and John talked. She felt comfortable enough with John to read aloud a poem she'd written, and she asked him to read some of his. They then took turns reading aloud from *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein. The girl's mom commented "this was the perfect opportunity for her."



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### Fairfax



Angela Wawrzynek, Librarian I, encountered a problem helping a patron save a document to the T: drive on a public computer. Thanks to her suggestion, we now have 3 USB flash drives (red, blue and green) which are stored at the Info desk. The flash drive can be loaned to a patron for use in the library, and is returned to the desk when the patron is done. This will allow them to create or download a document and then email it to themselves. Once a patron has returned a flash drive, Aaron Fong, Library Assistant II, has agreed to erase it and return it to use.

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### Fairfax



Earlier this month, Anthony Puga, Circulation Supervisor, spoke up when San Anselmo library offered a CD spinner. He and Aaron Fong, Library Assistant II, rearranged the existing cd cabinets to make room for the spinner, and then used it to better showcase our Spanish language music cds, which had been languishing on several bottom shelves. The spinner has created more browsing space within the cd collection, and we have already seen cds on the spinner circulate. Moving the Spanish cds also created more room for the rest of the Spanish collection, making it more attractive. This change has motivated us to interfile the Spanish dvds with the Foreign Language dvd collection which we hold will make them more visible.

Yesterday Anthony, assisted a woman at the desk. They started their conversation in English, and when Anthony engaged with her in Spanish, she switched also. After helping her with a circulation issue, the woman told Anthony that she really likes our Spanish collection and finds it better than Larkspur library's.

### Fairfax

#### Brief Additional Updates

- John, Margaret & Iris attended Othering & Belonging April 8-10, and reported their experiences on Backstage and at the branch staff meeting.
- Iris attended "Talking with Children About Race" at SFPL April 6. She is utilizing this information as chair of the sub-committee on Raising Race Conscious Kids, which is developing kits to check out to parents.
- John provided an interview to the Point Reyes Light about the Teen Honor Book collection (which was his brainchild), and they published a wonderful article promoting this service. The article has gone viral among California Librarians on Facebook, and John has already received two phone calls from other libraries asking how they can implement this service. <https://www.ptreyeslight.com/article/honor-system-allows-library-patrons-borrow-sensitive-topic-books>



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### Marin City



On Friday, April 11, we had a mother with her two kids come into our branch from Milwaukee who expressed deep gratitude for our branch. The mother, who is white, took Danny aside to tell him how much she appreciated seeing the photos we had up on our walls and the diversity it reflected. Her children are of color, toddlers, who were sweet and asked questions about books. Danny showed them our Friends of the Library Shelf where the kids' collection is all free and they each took a book and darted to AWE Stations. The mother then told him a bit about herself... she identifies as an activist and ally for racial justice and they spoke about the history of Marin City and she shared some parallels with her home town of Milwaukee. Danny said that what he took from this exchange was "the acknowledgement our community, even from visiting community members, who are in search for a sense of belonging at a community hub. Coming right out of the Othering & Belonging Conference makes me proud and grateful that we are already doing the necessary ground work to make folks feel seen and included here. The mother remarked on not just our photos and posters but our display of 1st grade students' books on the Civil Rights Movement."

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On Friday, April 12, we received a compliment via the web comment form. This was most likely from a patron who clicked on the link from Jen Robin's Savannah email regarding Library Week. The patron said, "Happy 'Library Week' - I've been going to the Marin City Library with my little sister for the past few months and the crew there are very friendly and helpful. Thank you for all you do to keep the community strong with books and other great tools!"

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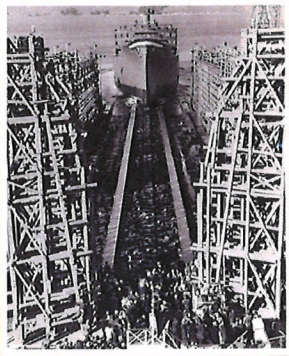


Kayla Thompson, Community Library Specialist based at Bayside Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy library hosted a group of students who had the opportunity to learn about robots with our Cubelets.



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### Marin City



On Thursday, April 25, a young woman who is a student at Stanford came in to look for resources regarding Marin City history. She mentioned working on an oral history project. Danny found some resources for her in our local history collection. We had a couple of copies, so Diana said we could override Sierra and let her check them out so she could use them at home. Diana also mentioned that Felecia Gaston would be a great resource for her as well as the California Room and asked her to leave her contact information so we could put them in touch.

### Marin City

#### Brief Additional Updates

- Etienne Douglas, Danny Khuu, and Diana Lopez attended the Othering and Belonging Conference by the Haas Institute.
- We had 14 patrons at our screening of *The Brainwashing of My Dad*, several of whom had come to our branch for the first time.
- We cleaned out our storage cabinets and gave the Marin City Empowerment Clubhouse some of our gently-used board games and some adult coloring books and colored pencils. They were thrilled to have them. One of the members had recently been asking about coloring books!
- Diana had found out about the San Francisco Public Library's program "Talking with Kids about Race: Reading Between the Lines" and shared it with the Children's Services Committee. She and Iris from our Fairfax branch attended. It was very informative and engaging.
- Diana spoke on a panel of Marin Latinas at the Civic Center Cafeteria on April 17 as part of a Cesar Chavez celebration presented by the Marin County Organization of Latino Employees.
- Along with Raemona Little Taylor and Amy Sonnie, Diana Lopez spoke in front of the Board of Supervisors on April 22. They all spoke about the educational equity work they and their teams have been doing at their branches.

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There were 15 children's programs in April with a total of 598 participants. Over Spring Break Shani Boyd hosted a "Minute to Win It" program for school-age children. It was a series of team challenges that incorporated coordination, speed, problem-solving and a whole lot of humor.

Ranger Mike Warner visited the library on April 26 and did an amazing job engaging the audience with his knowledge of fire safety. He even brought his truck and let the participants have a hands-on experience with firefighting equipment. This is part of an ongoing series for children and parents to learn more about the ways their community works.

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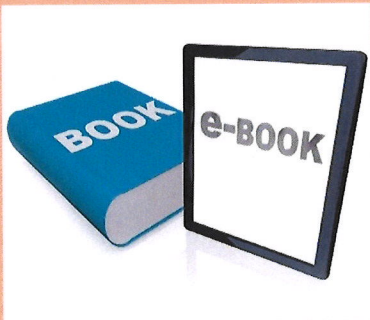
Spring Break week Teens had several options at the library to keep them busy. April 9 Shani Boyd hosted a Candy Sushi program where teens learned how to make sushi out of delicious candies like Swedish Fish and gummi worms and Rice Krispies treats and sprinkles. Friends, family and library staff were impressed!

April 13 teens were able to advance their origami skills by learning how to make intricate designs like a 12-piece Sonobe module, a 6-piece cube and/or a 3-piece diamond.

Bara Sapir, Founder & CEO of City Test Prep, presented "Taking the Stress Out of Taking Tests" for teens, parents and teachers on April 17. She discussed techniques to eliminate test anxiety, enhance retention, boost recall and strengthen concentration and confidence while taking tests like the SAT and ACT.

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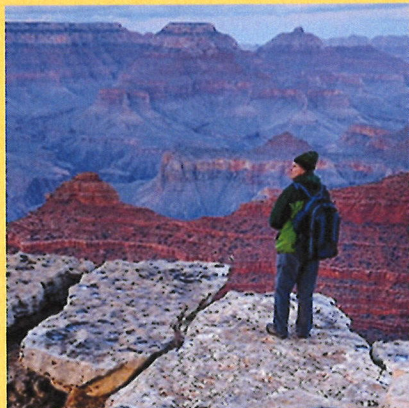


Staff reported that they assisted several patrons this month who said "I've never done that before," after learning the only available copy of a book they were interested in was a digital copy, in downloading their first ever eBook.



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## Novato



Thirty patrons attended Ona Rotenberg's April 20 presentation on Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel), a not-for-profit organization which offers hundreds of educational trips worldwide, usually for travelers over the age of 50.

We're into the second week of round two of "A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls," an 8-week workshop for adults aged 60+, sponsored by Marin General Hospital and Marin's Area Agency on Aging.

Bette Gundersheim, Business and Community Outreach Coordinator, discussed the YWCA's Fifty+ Employment Support Program on April 10. The YWCA offers free training workshops, including nominal fee-based computer training and one-on-one assistance to women over the age of 50.

Claire Cohn, M.A. Weight Management Coach, presented mindful practices to change poor eating habits, love healthy food and achieve a healthy weight for life.

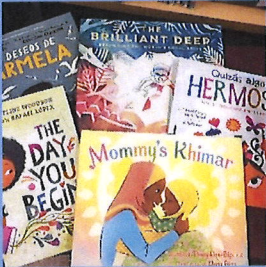
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### Brief Additional Updates

- Miguel Sanchez and Silvia Molina attended the Othering & Belonging Conference in Oakland.
- Adult Services Committee presented a workshop for staff on April 26: "Become Senior Savvy: Enhancing Services" led by Chloe Cook from Marin Aging & Adult Services, Andrea Korsinsky from the Center for Dementia at Home, and Shelly Dombroski from North Bay Alzheimer's Association of Northern CA.

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### South Novato



Summer is almost here! This month, Ezra and Amy attended two Parent Information Nights for Camp University, NUSD's academic camp for English-Learners. We gave families a preview of all the special programs we have planned for summer, including free books for every home (*see some of the titles we chose on the left*), Spanish Storytime, Family Nights in the Courtyard and weekly family maker programs.

We invited families to get library cards and — no surprise — the room buzzed with excitement and cheers when we offered parents a “fresh start” waiving any overdue fines and fees. We love making people happy! We made **18 new library cards** and dozens of new friends. We can't wait for summer!

Many thanks to Ruth Itzun for bringing fresh ideas to our Friday Fun Day for families. Ruth planned some awesome Spring activities this month using cups and other found materials to make chicks and bunnies.

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We huff, we puff, and we get creative! On April 19 we welcomed **69 kindergarteners** from Hamilton Meadow Park for a “Three Little Pigs” field trip. Librarian Nikki introduced students to the library and read *The Three Little Pigs* and *the Somewhat Bad Wolf*.

After storytime students used paper, pipe cleaners and Keva planks to build houses for their little pigs. Then, we experimented to see which structures could withstand the big bad wolf.

Makerspace coordinator Sara Bolduc designed the activity using a hair drying to blow the house down. The activity was a big hit, with one notable lesson learned: The students who worked collaboratively built stronger houses! Even the straw withstood the wolf!

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Our XRStars program is going strong. In April we welcomed guest trainer **Andrea Guzman** who provided an **Introduction to Digital Security**, including an overview of library values like intellectual freedom and privacy. Andrea works for Oakland Public Library, where she manages social media, runs public workshops on digital safety, and coordinates Ready Set Connect, a program like WebStars.

Our team loved learning together about everything from creating strong passwords to conducting “mini risk assessments” to inform the computer help we offer. We also learned how recent policy changes at the federal level effect our personal privacy on platforms like Tumblr, Facebook and Snapchat. At the end, XRStars made a long list of topics they want to learn more about. This will most certainly be a Part 1 to an important topic.



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Our patrons show so much appreciation for staff. Almost every day, we hear words of thanks and encouragement – and we are grateful. This month, we got an especially heartfelt note: “**Ezra and Shani** have shown remarkable skills and professionalism at such an early stage in their careers by raising the library proficiency levels of older patrons like myself.”

We also partnered with Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) to host a book club at end of March. 17 attendees discussed Robin diAngelo’s *White Fragility* and had a great conversation.

#### South Novato Library Brief Additional Updates

- Sara Bolduc and her team of youth makers are headed to the **Bay Area Maker Faire** in May and they are getting some attention. *Make magazine* has sponsored their booth and wants to replicate their marvelous maker creations in New York and beyond! Stay tuned next month for more...
- Ezra Herdocia attended Othering and Belonging in April, and branch manager Amy Sonnie will soon join the County’s team providing Cultural Intelligence training for all county employees.



<p>Be the <b>preferred place</b> for children, families, and caregivers to connect, learn, and grow together.</p> <p><b>Technical Services, eServices and Marketing</b></p>	<p>Keith completed Summer Learning Program materials, incorporating feedback the Children's Services Team and Jen Robinson. He did a lot of great work with our partners to get their logos and other assets.</p> <p>Clara is selecting \$4,000 worth of children's nonfiction titles for the Bayside/ MLK School library.</p>
<p>Support <b>youth</b> in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.</p> <p><b>Technical Services, eServices and Marketing</b></p>	<p>Clara has completed ordering Summer Challenge prize books, a collection of paperback books to be given away as prizes to children and teens participating in the Summer Reading Program at MCFL.</p>
<p>Be a positive environment for <b>mobile and digital literacy</b>.</p> <p><b>Technical Services, eServices and Marketing</b></p>	<p>80 new NUC computer kits have been assembled. Tech Support staff are working on standard configurations for Public PC and Staff PC builds. Tech Support staff are having difficulty in saving and restoring the configurations using Acronis True Backup 2019 and we are working on a solution.</p> <p>Tech Support staff have been testing new wireless access points from Ubiquiti at TEC with favorable results. The new wireless access points are much less expensive to purchase and to operate than Cisco products. There is no annual maintenance support fee for the Ubiquiti products. There is also a range of security camera options designed to work with them.</p>
<p>Support <b>adults</b> through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning</p> <p><b>Technical Services, eServices and Marketing</b></p>	<p>Partnership with the Spahr Center supplied with withdrawn health, cooking, self-help and popular fiction.</p> <p>Damon collaborated with Community Development Agency to provide public programs on Just Cause Evictions with Keith providing promotional support.</p>

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

- Mildred Arencibia and Jennifer Robinson attended the Othering & Belonging Conference in Oakland in early April.
- Sharon Ho attended the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) in Cleveland, OH in support of MCFL's partnership with XR Libraries.
- We moved our website to a new webhost that offers more flexibility, 24/7 chat support, and a lower cost. It went seamlessly with the expert help of Jim Stephens and Jen Robinson.
- Chantel Walker provided a well-received presentation to TEC Lead Worker staff
- Damon worked with building management at Los Gatos on the installation of an electric charger for the new (soon to be renamed) FLAGship. He also worked with Department of Public Works and library staff on other facility projects.



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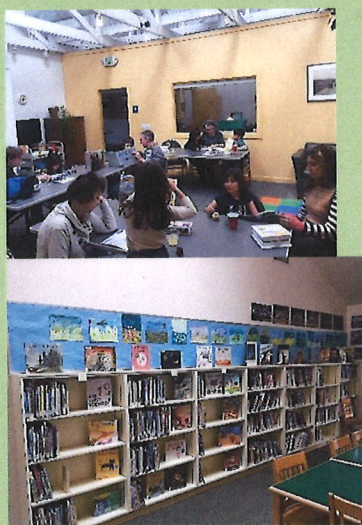
West Marin libraries celebrated El día de los niños/Day of the Child all month long with special bilingual storytelling and music performances with Cascada de Flores! Children at Papermill Creek Children's Corner, Tomales Elementary, and Inverness school all enjoyed a bilingual participatory story/performance of Mexican music and dance by Cascada de Flores "El Abuelo / The Tree & The Donkey Who Loved to Sing".

Tomales Bay Library Association partnered with Point Reyes National Seashore Association to offer Bird Beak Café as an after-school program at the Point Reyes Library, where children learned how different bird beaks are designed. Led by Sam Chiriboga, Environmental Education Manager, and Jazzy Dingler, Summer Camp director, children practiced eating snacks using different tools that closely resemble bird beaks. Jennifer Livingston, Community Library Specialist, coordinated this program with Raemona Little Taylor, which was extremely popular and also connected youth with the West Marin Birding Festival.

Our FLAGship mobile preschool is asking children and their caregivers for help naming the new mobile vehicle. So far, we have received over 90 submissions! Alejandra Cruz, FLAGship Coordinator, reports that children were excited to contribute new ideas while talking, reading, and singing on our beloved bus!

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Annemarie Russo, West Marin Literacy coordinator, officially launched the Reading Buddies pilot program to support students meeting third grade reading milestones. Reading Buddies is an after-school tutoring program for K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Students meet with an adult volunteer tutor to practice reading in a fun, informal learning environment. The first few sessions have been very popular with families seeking out additional reading support at the library.

Tomales Bay Library Association offered generous support for new book club sets aimed at emerging/brand new readers launched at Point Reyes. The books are targeted to our earliest readers and include diverse, multi-cultural fiction and non-fiction stories and a tip sheet for parents helping their children learn to read.

Sara Jones, library director, distributed new library cards to students at the Nicasio School Library Open House on April 4th. Parents, teachers, and children were thrilled to see their updated and enhanced library with new books, custom READ posters with pictures of students holding their favorite books, and a new dedicated tween/teen room. Point Reyes staff were also in attendance leading 21<sup>st</sup> century STEAM activities with Virtual Reality, Cubelets, and Ozobots. A seven year old student approached Raemona Little Taylor, branch manager, and stated "Thank you so much for helping our library. I really love it." We love school libraries and our educational partnerships and we're excited to continue working with Nicasio principal, Barbara Snekkevick, in the upcoming 2019-2020 school year.



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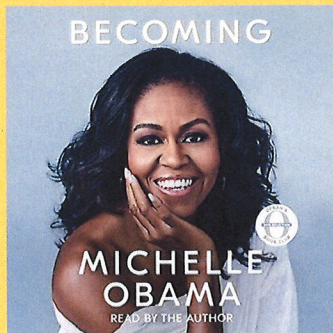
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Point Reyes library continues to offer weekly drop-in technology help to West Marin residents. Patrons can bring their personal devices to receive one on one help and assistance from skilled staff.

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Jane Silvia, Kerry Livingston, Ann Bertucci, and Jennifer Livingston attended the training "Becoming Senior Savvy" hosted by the Adult Services Committee. The training was an introduction to who our seniors are and offered an opportunity to learn from experts' skills to better serve them.

To celebrate National Poetry month, Bolinas library hosted a Poetry Reading featuring local West Marin poets.

Stinson Beach Library book group discussed former First Lady, Michelle Obama's bestseller, *Becoming*.

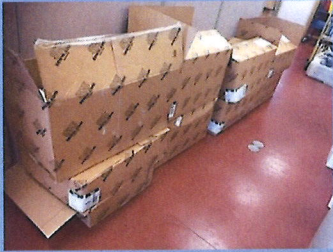
#### **West Marin**

##### **Brief Additional Updates**

- Ann Bertucci, Kerry Livingston, Jennifer Livingston, Alejandra Cruz, and Raemona Little Taylor attending the Haas Institute's Othering and Belonging Conference in Oakland.
- Raemona Little Taylor, branch manager/education initiatives coordinator, presented to the Board of Supervisors about educational equity with fellow MCFL education initiatives coordinators, Amy Sonnie and Diana Lopez.
- The Inverness library has a brand new ADA accessible entry button for the back entrance. Huge thanks to Kathy Hartzell of the Inverness Foundation and Inverness community members who helped make this happen!

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### Bookmobile



Lots of planning goes into making a successful Summer Challenge for kids and families. This year's theme will be Tales to Trails and partners the library with National Parks, county parks and water district lands. The programs we provide will have a nature learning basis and the summer prizes will also follow that theme. So, drum roll, the prizes have been ordered and are now arriving in a sea of boxes. The Bookmobile staff have placed the orders and are now checking them in and repacking to get to all of our branches. If you notice lots of boxes in the admin lobby, that's what's happening!

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The prizes chosen for the Summer Challenge are as varied as nature itself. Make your own chocolate kits, 3D models of dinos and deer, bug viewers, and rock mosaics are just a few of the choices that were made. This proves to be a wonderful year of reading and experiences for kids. The end results make all of the unpacking, repacking and shipping worthwhile. Let the summer begin!

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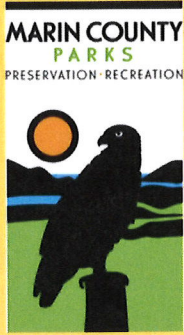
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We serve remote areas of the county and don't always have computer or cell phone access. There are improvements in some of our areas so that customers can at least have computer access by cell phone but some have to travel 20 or 30 minutes for that access. The digital divide is still a big problem for a lot of our ranch families who can't have access without expensive satellite dish hookups. As a result, we bring materials to students and families whenever we can to help supplement the gaps. It is unfortunate that there is still such inequity for our students.



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The Summer Challenge is not just for kids. This year will be the fourth year that the Bookmobile will partner with various parks to plan a bus trip to one of our park locations, still to be determined. Last year's trip to Stafford Lake was a wonderful experience with activities for the whole family. Previous trips included Alcatraz, Muir Woods and Muir Beach. These are great examples of creating welcoming adventures for entire families and introducing them to the possibilities in their own backyards. We're ready for summer!


## Fairfax

### Library Director Activities – April 2019 Activity

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attended Othering &amp; Belonging Conference in Oakland, April 8, 9 &amp; 10.</li><li>• Attended Valerie Jarrett presentation, April 11. MCFL and the Library Foundation provided sponsorship for this part of Dominican and Book Passage author series.</li><li>• Visited with Senator McGuire, Friday April 12 with Sonoma County Library staff and Commission members.</li><li>• Attended MCFL Friends, Saturday, April 13</li><li>• Introduced and participated in celebrating new Poet Laureate at BOS, April 16 and at Corte Madera Library, April 17 and at Falkirk, April 25.</li><li>• April 22 Budget Hearing with Board of Supervisors, our education equity work was also presented by Diana Lopez, Raemona Little Taylor and Amy Sonnie.</li><li>• Attended Public Library Directors Forum in Sacramento, April 23 &amp; 24.</li><li>• Foundation Strategic Planning session April 26</li><li>• Read to Lead, <b>White Fragility</b> by Robin DeAngelo, Led by Dr. Matt Willis, April 26</li><li>• Attended 10,000 degrees fundraiser representing Marin County.</li></ul>
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### Personnel – April 2019 Activity

	<p>During April 2019, MCFL welcomed Giao Nguyen to her new <b>Library Technical Assistant II</b> role with MARINet. In addition, a cross-section of staff worked to prepare for the upcoming <b>Librarian II (2 full-time and 2 part-time positions)</b> and <b>Media Technician</b> interviews.</p> <p>The following full-time and part-time vacancies are under review, or are in the early recruitment preparation phase as of April 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Administrative Services Technician (Admin)</li><li>➤ Community Library Specialist (Bookmobile)</li><li>➤ Library Aides, (Civic; Novato; Tech Services; Fairfax; Marin City)</li><li>➤ Library Assistant I, (Fairfax; Stinson; Bolinas)</li><li>➤ Mobile Library Assistant (Flagship)</li><li>➤ Vacancies in Technical Services (Supervising Library Technical Assistant and LTAI/II)</li></ul>
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