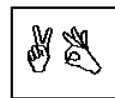


**MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION**  
**Proposed Agenda**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Fairfax Library**  
**2097 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Fairfax, CA 94930**

**DIRECTIONS:** Take the Sir Francis Drake Blvd to Fairfax; continue past the town center, the Library is on left side of the road, past Azalea Street. St. Rita's church is across the rd from Library. If you reach Olema Rd, you have gone too far. **NOTICE:** In order to assure a quorum, please let Administration know if you are unable to attend the meeting **(415-473-3222)**.

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENTER</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
7:00	1. Call to Order	Hauser Action
	2. Roll Call	Hauser Action
<b>"Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future." Ray Bradbury</b>		
	3. Approval of Agenda	Hauser Action
	4. Approval of August Minutes	Hauser Action
	5. Open Time for Public Expression	
	6. Reading & Correspondence File	Hauser Information
	7. CMA/Digital Svcs/Tech Repts Magnus/Walker/Stephens FAI/Youth Svcs Reports Miles	Information
	8. New Business	
	a. New "Learning Bus" Cruz, Little-Taylor	Information
	b. December meeting time	Hauser Information
	9. Old Business	
	10. President's Report for August/Sept	Hauser Information
	11. Director's Report for August/Sept	Jones Information
	12. Announcements	Hauser Information
8:50	13. Adjournment	Hauser Action



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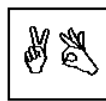
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*Numbered List of attachments:*

4. Minutes for August 14, 2019
12. Library Director's Report for August/September

Unnumbered Attachments:

MARINet Board minutes of July 19, 2018 held at MCFL Tech Services  
1600 Los Gatos Dr., Suite 180, San Rafael CA



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MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY  
Novato Library  
--PROPOSED MINUTES--  
Wednesday, August 14, 2019

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

Present

Barbara Schoen	Sue Ream	Ann Kaplan
Sally Hauser	Linda Ward	Loretta Farley
Margaret Kathrein	Nick Javaras	Ali Iqbal
Any Schandler		

Absent with Notification

Tyrone Cannon	John MacLeod	Ed Meagher
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Also Present

Chantel Walker, Assistant Director of County Library Services  
Bonny White, Deputy Director of County Library Services  
Edna Guadiana, Administrative Assistant II  
MCFL Staff: Eva Patterson, Janet Doerge

(3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

(4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M/S/C – Kathrein/Schandler minutes of June 12 approved with the following correction on page 2, paragraph 3 should read President Kaplan, not President Kathrein

(5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION—

Commissioner Javaras suggested adding charging stations to the MCFL Branches. Chantel Walker, Assistant Director will add to Facilities subcommittee meeting agenda, so this item can have a path forward.

(6) READING & CORRESPONDENCE FILE

Reading file circulated for all to read – President Kaplan read a letter from a library patron commending the library for being fine free. Bonny White, distributed flyers seeking volunteers for Reading Buddies Program, and gave a brief update on the program.

- (7) NOVATO/TEEN SERVICES REPORTS – Janet Doerge, Novato Branch Manager, and Eva Patterson, Civic Center Branch Manager gave updates. Donna began her presentation by showing a short film created by Adrienne Graham, Librarian at the Novato Library.



KIDS & FAMILIES!!!!

TEENAGE

ADULTS!!

FIND YOUR FUN

Programming this summer highlighted people and agencies within the community that relate to how Marin connects to the wider world.





## Our Community

- \*Mike Warner, Marin Park Ranger~ Compass Navigation
- \*Sally Bolger, author & conservationist working with National Parks~Build Fairy Homes
- \*Eric Engh, Education Coordinator for Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control ~ Bug & Tick Safety
- \*Marin Humane Society ~ Dog Math
- \*Ken George, local teacher and Telescope expert ~ Stargazing
- \*Marin Bee Keepers ~ Save the Bees!



## More Community

- \*Space Station Museum
- \*Native Bird Connections
- \*Fern Repke, Local Author
- \*Muir Woods National Park
- \*Sara Boldue, Maker Space
- \*City of Novato
- \*Novato Fire Protection District
- \*United States Postal Service
- \*Ghalotti Construction Company



## Programs by the Numbers!

- \* Eight Weeks 6/15 – 8/10
- \*44 Programs and 2,726 participants
- \*1 Outreach Program, 90 participants
- \*TOTAL numbers are: 45 programs and 2,816 participants



## Summer Challenge~ Tales to Trails

- \*2,886 Sign-Ups
- \*1,415 Tales to Trails Book Buck interactions at the desk in 8 weeks.
- \*294 participating for the first time, earning at least one book buck.
- \*322 Gold Medal Readers (at least 800 hours of learning).
- \*10,034 Book Bucks were given out.



## Novato Friends /Whole Foods Donations

\*5 BookBucks Prizes - 139 were from Whole Foods donations

\*10 BB Prizes - 97 were from Whole Foods donations

\*11 out of the 15 raffle options (5 options per month) were toys from Whole Foods. There were 23 winners out of 951 tickets entered. Raffle tickets = 100 minutes of reading so 951 tickets = 95,100 minutes/1,585 hours of reading!



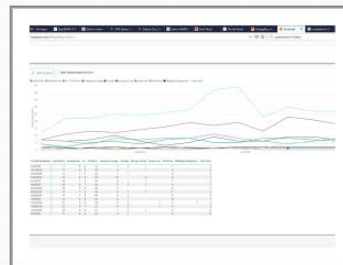
## Rave Reviews

"I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you. Novato librarians go above and beyond every time we visit. They are your best assets! They are simply amazing human beings! Also wanted to give a shout out to the summer reading program. My children love it and are avid summer readers because of the incentives. You rock this program every year!"



## I want to be a librarian...

"I want to be a librarian when I'm older. How old do I have to be to work here? And do you think you could add a junior librarian thing in the library? Thank you"

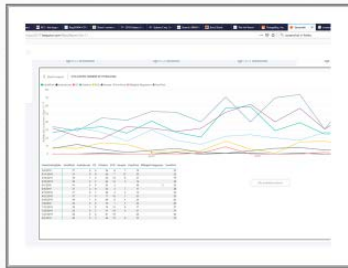


## Orange Boy Data

\*Of the 1,368 New Cardholders in Marin County this Summer, 382 of them are in Novato

\*Children's Material is getting the most activity among those 382 Cardholders





## Orange Boy Data

- \* In June, Children's Materials accounted for almost 50% of Novato's overall circulation: 13,599 out of 27,525

FAMILIES!!!

## Plaza Nights Under the Summer Stars / Noche de Plaza Bajo las Estrellas

- \*Modeled after a tradition in Mexico whereby families gather in their town squares for music and festivities



## Plaza Nights Under the Summer Stars / Noche de Plaza Bajo las Estrellas

- \*Harry Potter's Birthday Wands





Plaza Nights Under the  
Summer Stars / Noche de  
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- Fairy Houses
- Friendship Bracelets



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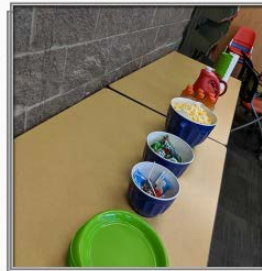
- Spoony/Forky/Sporky
- Glow in the Dark  
Aquariums



TEEN!

TEEN SUMMER  
CHALLENGE

- 105 Participants
- 130 Book Reviews  
Submitted



## TEEN PROGRAMS!

Ukulele Class for Teens—4 Attendees  
90s Fest—12 Attendees  
Bath Bombs—11 Attendees  
Afternoon Movies—22 Attendees  
Level Up Every-Other-Wednesday Game Days—50 Attendees



ADULTS!

## ADULT PROGRAMS



- \*Learn Fall Prevention Tips (Marin General Hospital and Marin's Area Agency on Aging)
- \*Raptors Of Marin (Wild Birds Unlimited in Novato)
- \*Club de Lectura en Español / Spanish Language Book Club
- \*Thursday Morning Mystery Book Club
- \*Docent Talk: Early Robbers (Legion of Honor Museum)

## More Adult Programs



- \*Thursday Afternoon Book Club
- \*Thursday Evening Mystery Book Club
- \*Wednesday Night Book Club
- \*Marin Master Gardeners—Succulents
- \*Open Studio: Zentangle® Inspired Drawing
- \*Marin Poetry Center Summer Traveling Show

## English Conversation Club

\*77 attendees from June 3rd to August 12th



## Spanish Conversation Club

\*141 attendees from June 4th – August 6th



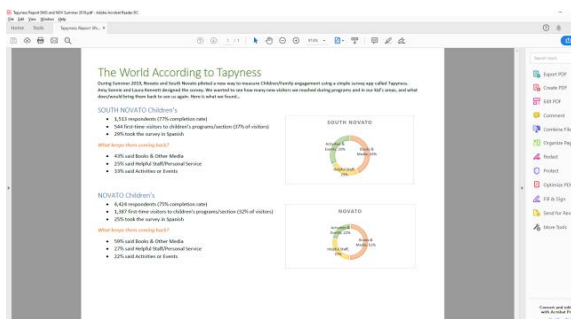
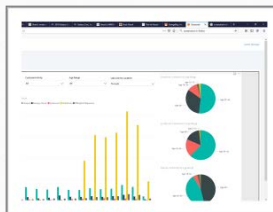
## Active Households

\*Of the 16.2K Households in Novato, 7.7K of them are active users of the Library = 48%



## Novato's Digital Users

- \*Adults ages 35-64 = 5,376
- \*Adult 65+ = 3,408
- \*Adults ages 18-34 = 1,105
- \*Teens 13-17 = 244
- \*Kids 0-12 = 205



Thank You!

**MCFL Teen Services**  
**Report to Library Commissioners**  
**Wednesday, August 14, 2019**

Last year we developed our Statement of Purpose. This year we worked on projects that fit our fundamental values of **Authentic Youth Participation, Social Justice, Literacies, and Intellectual Freedom**.

I tried to separate our programs under each value but many of the projects incorporate more than a single value. From Summer Challenge to branch programs to book clubs, we integrate all our values with our interactions with teens. For instance – all our book clubs work with literacies, but those LGBTQ+ book clubs at STB and FAI combine that with intellectual freedom, and the book club at Juvenile Hall incorporates intellectual freedom and social justice. And an intense conversation about consent during a Dungeons & Dragons club also incorporated intellectual freedom and social justice.

At Juvenile Hall Civic Center's Natalie Weber and West Marin's Raemona Little-Taylor facilitated a session of a racial justice-themed book club. Youth read and discussed **The Hate U Give**. Discussion topics included "When was a time you did/did not stand up for someone, or they did/did not stand up for you?" The youth had recently watched the movie and were excited to compare it to the book.

The group discussed **March: Book One**, civil rights history, current racial equity issues, and the youths' personal experiences of race and oppression. The librarians also took the opportunity to introduce the youth to the library's digital resources. The youth watched clips from "Ain't Scared of Your Jails," episode three of PBS' *Eyes on the Prize-America's Civic Rights Movement 1954-1985*, available on Kanopy.

The final Marin County Juvenile Hall Book Club session discussed **Ms. Marvel, Vol. 1**. They watched a segment of Sana Amanat's Tedx Talk about creating Marvel's first Muslim superhero and discussed the Christchurch terror attacks and reflected on personal experiences with "stereotype threat".

WE launched our Honor Books Collections at all branches. This is a collection of books on issues important to teens that they may take as needed and return when they are finished using them. No library account is necessary. Stories about the collection were posted in the Marin IJ and the Point Reyes Light.

Marin City Library is stocking carts of free books in the Teen Area at the Community Center and in a local laundromat.

South Novato has a group of teen XR-Stars based on the Marin City WebStars. The XR-Stars created virtual vacation tours of National Parks that were used for Summer Challenge programs. A couple of XR-Stars and WebStars were able to participate in National Library Legislation Day and the ALA Nation Conference in Washington DC.

The Teen Services Committee provided two programs designed to help other library staff understand and work with teens. Our yearly Literature Review, open to MCFL and MARINet staff, highlights books, genres, formats and subjects of interest to teen readers. For All Staff Day we let staff know **Why Teens Are Better Than Adults** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZmrXFDAEs7M>) and introduced a video made by our teens about what the library means to them.

Upcoming projects for next year:

Teen Literature Review – we want to invite school librarians

Marin Teen Girls Conference – an interactive table in Exhibits Hall

Programming around community read of **HIGH** by David and Nic Sheff

Changes to Summer Challenge

**For all Library Commissioners: South Novato is hosting a Youth vs. Adults Dance Battle tomorrow, Thursday August 15 at 5:30pm! You are all invited to show these teens what you've got!**

President Kaplan thanked Janet and Eva for their presentations.

- (8) NEW BUSINESS – Anya, Ann, Tyrone and Linda were reappointed by the Board of Supervisors to the Library Commission. There are still two vacancies, both in District 5.
- (9) OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Update on NO Fines/Fees: Deputy Director Bonny White gave an update on how we are doing with no more late fees. She apprised the Commission that we are not allowed to waive fees from the other libraries. San Rafael Public Library and the San Anselmo Public Library are also fine free. Other libraries may follow suit soon.
- (10) PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR AUGUST  
President Kaplan asked fellow Commissioners if anything stood out for anyone at this year's annual meeting in June. President Kaplan suggested putting name placards on tables at next year's annual meeting mixing up everyone, so that everyone is seated next to different people, each year.
- (11) DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR AUGUST  
Chantel Walker, Assistant Director presented Sara's monthly report to the Commission in her absence. Chantel reported that:
  - we've added a FAQ section on why we went Fine Free, to the Director's report
  - Facilities subcommittee comprised of: Nick, Sue and Ali will meet soon.
  - 1.5 million dollars moved from our bottom line to go with the usual \$500 thousand dollars that comes from Measure A for a total of \$2 million. Most of these funds will go towards the Corte Madera and Novato roofs, along with some amount used for fire suppression. Commissioner Javaras suggested going solar for the libraries.
  - Went to Board of Supervisors to ask for up to a 3 year Library Manager for Facilities position for the library
- (12) ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Next meeting will be held at the Corte Madera Library @ 7pm. Our Measure A meeting will take place prior to this meeting at 6pm.
- (13) ADJOURNMENT – M/S/C-Schoen/Schandler -Meeting adjourned @ 7:40 p.m.



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

**- August Activities -**  
**September 2019 Commission Report**

**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

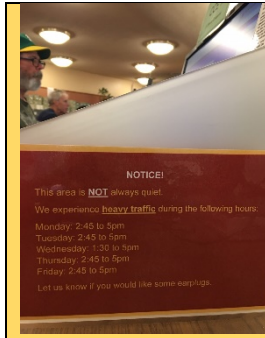


Kathleen supervised a team of 15 youth volunteers who kept the Summer Challenge running for 10 weeks. This summer's team was especially wonderful. The team included a set of 12-year old triplet brothers. One volunteer of note, 17-year old Anna Qui, is heading off to Carnegie Melon University this Fall to major in computer science. Anna's mother brought her to storytime as little girl, she eventually began volunteering with Miss Kitty for a record number of 6 summers, and now is off to Carnegie Melon. Anna will be profiled in an upcoming issue of *The Volunteer View* published by Marin County's Human Resources Department. Emma Northcutt, also 17-years old volunteered along with her 14-year old brother Henry. Commenting on her school's volunteer documentation and evaluation she said of her experience: *[Reflect on how you felt about your service and yourself:] "I really like the environment of the library, and I hope I created a welcoming and quiet environment for the kids I helped so that they will become library lovers, too. I remember doing the summer reading challenge when I was in elementary school, too, so I was glad to give back to the program. Finally, I realized that little kids are actually a lot more curious and intelligent than we give them credit for, and I was happy to see a new side of little kids that I'd never before thought about."* Finally, a special shout-out to the charismatic "12.75" year-old August "Gus" LaFemina. Gus' busy schedule this summer (NASA space camp among other things) only afforded him the opportunity to volunteer twice for Miss Kitty. But those two occasions were awesome. A natural ambassador and highly engaging young man, Gus launched his volunteer day with Miss Kitty by discussing the effect of science education on girls and how it related to global pollution and environmental activism. Homeschooled, Gus is attempting to waive high school and go directly to Stanford University. Miss Kitty just hopes he comes back next summer and considers a presidential bid someday.

Kathleen responded to Supervisor Judy Arnold's call in support for the humanitarian work being done by the Border Angels. Kathleen created 100 MCFL backpacks for children in migrant shelters. Included in the age-specific backpacks were Spanish and bilingual books for babies through 12-year-olds. Kathleen filled the bags with writing materials, MCFL's Steam bilingual activity book, small games, and some previous summer reading game t-shirts for the older children. The books Kathleen donated were purchased several years ago by the Marin County Friends of the Library for outreach purposes. Supervisor Arnold and her team were very happy to receive this gift from the library and

	<p>Kathleen hopes they backpacks get into the hands of the children who badly need them.</p>
<p>Support <b>youth</b> in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.</p> <p><b>Civic Center</b></p> 	<p>Natalie hosted the End of Summer Party for teens, where they made their own smoothies and ice cream, and “Bringing Your Voice to College Application Essays” presented by Ellen White. Natalie refreshed the teen bulletin board and librarian recommendations box for the new school year. Most recently, she worked with Library Accounting and Library Administration on behalf of the Teen Services Committee to clarify and outline the new funding request and reimbursement process. She viewed the recording of the “Social Work in Public Libraries Virtual Forum” presented by PLA and the “Book Club Reboot: Creative Twists on the Reading Groups We Know and Love” presented by Programming Librarian. Linda and Kathleen hosted Board Games Drop-In for All Ages while Natalie was away.</p>
<p>Support <b>adults</b> through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning</p> <p><b>Civic Center</b></p>	<p>Linda hosted “Introduction to Citrus Tree Gardening” presented by Marin Master Gardeners. She guided patrons in DIY Hypertufa Garden Planters. The Brown Bag Book Club read “Don’t Let’s Go to the Dogs Tonight” by Alexandra Fuller.</p> <p>Linda and Elmer produced new computer signage in time to have them placed on August 22, the first day of school. The signs caution that during after school hours the library will not be a bit noisier and patrons can ask at the desk for alternatives means for quiet. On school day one, a patron already asked for a quieter workspace, so we were pleased to</p>





be able to offer her a one-hour computer near the stacks for her to complete her test.

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**Anne T Kent  
California Room**



For the second year in a row, a member of the California Room team has been honored by the Marin History Museum as Historian of the Year. This year, renowned local historian -and our own map archivist- Dewey Livingston became the 2019 Historian of the Year! During the History Museum's event Dewey also received recognition from State Assemblyman Mark Levine. California Room Librarian Laurie Thompson was the Museum's "Historian of the Year" in 2018.

Tim Wood, descendant of Marin County pioneers from both the Cushing and Eldridge families generously donated a rare collection of family portraits depicting –among others- Dr. John J. Cushing who founded the Blithedale Hotel in what is today Mill Valley; John Oscar Eldridge who was the driving force behind the Eldridge Grade on Mt. Tamalpais; and Sidney Barlow Cushing, founding president of the Mill Valley and Mount Tamalpais Railway. This collection spans five generations and covers the period from 1860 to 1912. The collection was originally assembled by Grace Nettleton Cushing (1862-1942), her daughter Eleanor "Dolly" Cushing Jenkins (1889-1981), and her granddaughter Eleanor Jenkins Wood (1918-2017). Tim donated it to the Anne T. Kent California Room in memory of these three women. Before donating the collection, Tim carefully organized and preserved the original photographs in archival sleeves & binder. He also digitized the entire collection (according to our specs) and provided the digital images and metadata to Digital Archivist Carol Acquaviva who added it to our [online digital archive](#).

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**Anne T Kent  
California Room**

We are grateful to our summer intern Indiana Ravenhill for creating a descriptive inventory of posters in our Cultural Services Collection documenting performances at the Marin Center, the Marin County Blues Festival, and the Marin County Fair. Indiana completed her internship this month and has returned to Agnes Scott College in Georgia for her senior year after which she hopes to pursue studies in the conservation of historic materials.

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

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



Digitization dominated the month of August as we dedicated much of our energy to planning and carrying out a week-long digitization project thanks to funding from philanthropist Jeff Craemer and to the expertise of ACT3 Partners Digital Archiving Services. Digital Archivist Carol Acquaviva created customized spreadsheets and metadata; Librarian Laurie Thompson worked with our fantastic volunteers at the Annex to select & organize maps; photograph albums; & documents to be digitized. Map Archivist Dewey Livingston scheduled the volunteers and was the first to arrive early every morning to ensure that the day's digitization process would run seamlessly. This was our third annual "digitization intensive" and this time we digitized some of our most challenging materials including an 8x6-foot map of Marin from 1911; several hundred extra-large "rolled" maps; two official Marin County maps (1873 & 1892), one of which is framed & glazed & both of which have comprehensive information on landowners & important geographic features of the Marin peninsula; 10 rare photograph albums; & a selection of surveyors' field books and job books. Once ACT3 finalizes the post-processing & we receive the digital files, all of the items digitized will be added to our online digital archive for the enjoyment and edification of the community.

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

**Anne T Kent**

The very generous local philanthropist Jeff Craemer (right) has just donated \$29,000. to the California Room. The Library Foundation is kindly managing these funds for us. Jeff's contribution is earmarked for the week-long digitization project (just carried out); the acquisition of a high-definition projector

## California Room



and 8-foot wide pull-down screen to enhance our Monday evening local history presentations; & archival supplies for our maps and special collections.

Steve Haller -on contract with the Federal Government- needed a quiet space to conduct an oral history with a former worker at the U.S. Radar Station, once active on the Point San Pedro Peninsula – just down the road from the Civic Center. We facilitated use of our Annex for this purpose and Steve will deposit a copy of the final oral history transcript with the California Room.

## Anne T. Kent California Room

### Brief Additional Updates

- Carol served on the hiring panel for the position of Librarian of the Lucretia Little History Room at the Mill Valley Library. The library hopes to have a person on board in the next month, and we are looking forward to future collaborations together.

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### Corte Madera



Staff member Jackie Foster, Library Assistant II, kicked off a new project to partner with local laundromats to support literacy. She is coordinating MCFL's new "library corners" in laundromats in Corte Madera and San Anselmo, including providing materials, and working to design a spot with the laundromat owner, Michael Gralnick, who is generously providing support with space and furniture.

After a young patron was welcomed and encouraged to try reading some stories that appealed, Mom shared that "this was the first time her son was excited about reading". The positive conversation really made a difference—and, we were able to help the whole family, as we also recommended our "Read to a dog" program to the sibling who is a reluctant reader, and then helped mom with ideas for fun vacation reads for her, as well.

Thank you so much for providing this program! My children are so engaged, and it makes me so happy to see their love for reading! They are highly motivated by prizes, and anything educational (games, school supplies, puzzles, books) makes sense. The staff is always so helpful, and I feel so pleased with our library!!

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

### Corte Madera



A teenager came into the library, accompanied by a friend who could help translate, to get a library card. It turns out he had only been in the country for three days. We were one of his first stops! After giving him a library card, Shereen Ash showed him the Spanish language materials, explained how to use our public computers and how to borrow Chromebooks, and pulled out some books that might appeal (he ended up checking out one.) Since then, he has come back frequently to use the library.

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

### Corte Madera



In August we saw a lot of people coming to the library for help with downloading ebooks on a variety of devices, from Amazon Fires to iPads to Kindles. Often people have received a device like a Kindle from a family member, and are not quite sure how to go about getting books from the library and setting things up. Knowing that the library can provide a supportive, helpful experience is something people really appreciate. Recently, a mom wanted to know how to use a Kindle so that she could read in bed without disturbing her partner, as she was trying to combat insomnia. Another patron was so excited to learn he could download audiobooks that he exclaimed – wow, this is going to save me a lot of money! And sometimes, people have just not used their device in a long time, and need a few gentle reminders. The library can help!

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

### Corte Madera



In collaboration with Marin Health and Marin General Hospital, and with the support of the Friends of the Corte Madera Library, we are once again hosting the eight-week fall prevention class, "A Matter of Balance." The fear of falling is a major concern for our senior population. Earlier, we collaborated with the California Highway Patrol to offer a 2-hour training on driving safety for seniors. Forty-five people attended, and received a certificate of completion to present to their auto insurance carrier for a reduction in fees.

**MARIN COUNTY**  
**FREE LIBRARY**

**NO MORE LATE FEES!**

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In addition to supporting the health of our community, the library is also a partner in fighting crime! One of our patrons shared that her car was stolen (from their home) and she was contacted by the police to let her know they had found it--the police had done a raid on a home and found her keys. They were able to track her down because she had her library key chain card on her ring!

And finally, branch staff have been happy to explain that there are no more late fees assessed by our system!

### **Corte Madera**

#### **Brief Additional Updates**

- Julie Magnus, Branch Manager, attended the Education Equity forum on Aug.29, 2019.
- New project manager for the County DPW, Michael Shane, has been working on a plan for repairing some of Corte Madera Library's facility issues, with first priority being our roof!



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### Fairfax



Iris Meinolf, Children's Librarian, hosted Circle of Smiles on August 3. The families that attended had a great time learning to sharpen their focus, build their strength, improve their balance and agility, and other skills necessary to become a ninja. This was a terrifically engaging program that lasted a full hour and kept everyone's attention!

The One Tam Roving Ranger came to visit the Fairfax Library on August 16, and distributed temporary tattoos, bookmarks, maps and other information about our State Park. The One Tam volunteer was kept busy answering questions from kids and adults, many who also stayed to admire the photos of animals found on Mt. Tam.

A young boy who's been coming to the library since he was in arms asked Janet Hughes, Library Asst. 1, what she likes best about her job. She said "helping kids like you!" which made him blush, and she added "and helping people find the right book. That's really fun." His eyes lit up, and he said "like finding the last piece in a jigsaw puzzle!" This kid gets it.

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### Fairfax



April Hayley, Adult/Teen Librarian 2, held a Candy Sushi program for teens August 20, and the (mostly) boys got very creative designing sushi using rice crispy treats, fruit roll-ups, gummies and other candy. One attendee built a sushi narwhal based on a tiny stuffy (see photo).

John Elison, Library Asst. 2 and April Hayley, Adult/Teen Services Librarian 2, hosted a teen program featuring Scott Gifford teaching ukulele to teens. This was a great interactive program; Scott has people playing a song after they learned their first chord. Several teens attended, and three adults were also extremely interested. Staff members also dropped in to strum along. Scott brought 15 tuned ukuleles for the class, and John donated a ukulele to be raffled which was won by the first teen who showed up. Scott passed out magnets with his contact info and declared "I am now your ukulele teacher for LIFE!" Any attendees who emailed him received a reply with chord charts and other helpful handouts.



<p>Be a positive environment for <b>mobile and digital literacy</b>.</p> <p><b>Fairfax</b></p>	<p>A patron who is visually impaired has come to the library several times to receive technical assistance using Overdrive to download e-audiobooks to her phone. We have discovered that Overdrive is not user-friendly with the screen-reader app on her phone, and turning off the screen-reader allows her to download more easily. Staff have now helped her multiple times, and she's very appreciative.</p>
<p>Support <b>adults</b> through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning</p> 	<p>April worked this month to expand the Age Friendly Friday series to include all Fridays. She offered Books &amp; Bagels on August 9, and held our first VR program for seniors on August 23. Aaron Fong, Library Assistant 2, came to the rescue and loaded content on the Oculus Go that was borrowed from Point Reyes. The adults who attended were intrigued and interested in trying other VR programs. April reports she will definitely hold this program again.</p> <p>When was the last time someone received a real letter from you? Iris Meinolf, Children's Librarian, and Janet Hughes, Library Asst. 1, provided stamps, stationery, collage materials, and two typewriters on Saturday August 24. Two women stayed almost the entire time using the typewriters; Janet showed folks how to make their own envelopes, and a mom with two children wrote a letter to their dad. This was a very sweet family event which we decided would make a great drop-in program. Complementing this idea was a wonderful display by April featuring books with an epistolary theme.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fairfax</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Additional Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mildred Arencibia, Metadata Librarian at TEC, posted an illustrated essay by Neil Gaiman/Chris Riddell on Backstage. Inspired by an idea from Iris, John laminated all the pages and posted them around the library. Every page is a tiny testimony to the importance of libraries, and it's a treasure hunt for anyone who wants to read the whole thing.</li> <li>➤ John Elison, Library Asst. 2, completed his MLIS with North Texas University on August 10.</li> <li>➤ Margaret Miles, Branch Manager, took April Hayley on a visit to the 4 West Marin branches on August 27. April got to meet the staff and tour all four locations.</li> </ul>
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### Marin City



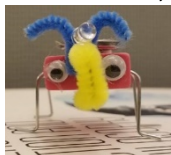
On Saturday, August 10, Point Reyes National Seashore Association provided a group of Marin City kids and caregivers with a trip to West Marin. This was offered to us by Raemona Little Taylor's husband Isaac and his colleagues. Diana worked with Felecia Gaston of Performing Stars to get participants for the trip, and the Friends of the Marin City Library purchased boxed lunches for the group. Danny Khuu attended on behalf of the branch. They got to see Tule Elk!

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We did our weekly STEAM activities at Bayside MLK as part of the community partner SumMERSION program. The kids made flicker bugs. Each used their creativity to design and create their own light-up "bug" with materials like pipe cleaners, different colored LEDs, feathers, and more.



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Etienne has resumed digital literacy classes on Wednesday afternoons. It is a collaboration with Performing Stars of Marin and the Marin City Community Services District. Etienne has a community volunteer named Dave who is very knowledgeable and helpful. On August 28, kids learned to program circuit boards.



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### Marin City



On Tuesday, August 27, Etienne held our monthly movie night. He showed “On the Basis of Sex,” a film based on Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Members of SURJ Marin were in attendance. We had about 12 attendees.

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- Diana reached out to the Oakland A’s, and they provided us with 300 View Level tickets and some Field Level tickets. We shared the View Level tickets with our West Marin Branches, Pickleweed, and other community partners.
- We supported the Marin County Sheriff’s Office in coordinating National Night Out held at Rocky Graham Park on Tuesday, August 6.
- We had a table with book and school supply giveaways and a prize wheel at the Bounce Back to School Event in the 100 lot at Golden Gate Village. The event was coordinated by Bridget the Gap, and many community partners contributed.
- We continue to staff a table at the Tuesday Farmers’ Market by the Senior Center.
- Diana created a free book station at a local laundromat. Books from our work with the Book Rich Environment (our partnership with Marin Housing Authority) are used to fill the cart. It has proven to be very popular.

<p>Be the <b>preferred place</b> for children, families, and caregivers to connect, learn, and grow together.</p> <p><b>Novato</b></p>	<p>Novato kids have gone back to school and the library is much quieter minus our incredible numbers of 50+ kids and families in attendance for all our story times and programs! Last week letters went out to all elementary schools highlighting the services the Novato Library staff can offer; requests for school visits have already started coming in. Spanish Services Library Assistant II Silvia Molina and Children's Services Supervisor Laura Kennett went out to meet the new principal at Rancho Elementary on the first Friday of school and participated in their morning movement activity. Silvia and Laura also went to Lynwood Elementary for a Newcomers event and signed up six people for library cards. Most families spoke Spanish and had no idea where the public library was located.</p> <p>This year Silvia will be doing a bilingual reading circle geared towards 2nd to 4<sup>th</sup> graders. She has already started reaching out to the schools and parents and is getting valuable feedback on the time of her program along with some sign-ups!</p>
<p>Support <b>youth</b> in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.</p> <p><b>Novato</b></p>	<p>High school student Ray, our resident Boy Scout, has worked out further details for his Eagle Scout project to benefit Novato Library this fall. Ray plans to call his program series "Scout Lessons" and will teach 8-12 year olds how to identify and treat first aid scenarios like dehydration and other heat related ailments, cuts and scrapes, etc.</p>
<p>Be a positive environment for <b>mobile and digital literacy</b>.</p> <p><b>Novato</b></p>	<p>Martha, the Library Clerk at Rancho Elementary, contacted Novato Children's Services Supervisor Laura Kennett to let her know the kids are back in school and that this year, all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4th and 5th graders now have access to a Chrome book. Martha wants to help them gain access to e-Audi books with their MCFL library cards. Laura put together some detailed information for Martha about using the Overdrive/Libby app and Hoopla and encouraged her to share it with other teachers and schools.</p>
<p>Support <b>adults</b> through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning</p>	<p>Jack Gedney returned to Novato Library and attracted another big crowd (47) for his 8/21 presentation on Backyard Birds of Marin. Jack is a local bird guide, Marin IJ nature columnist, and co-owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Novato. His</p>

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presentation included information on how to identify, attract and enjoy the twenty most common backyard birds of Marin.

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### **Brief Additional Updates**

- Shani Boyd, a contingent extra hire Library Assistant I and frequent teen and kids program presenter, attended her first day graduate school this month! She is pursuing her Masters in Library and Information Science at San Jose State University.

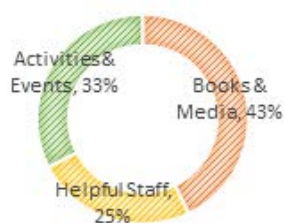


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### South Novato



#### SOUTH NOVATO



This Summer, South Novato and Novato piloted a new way to measure **Children/Family engagement** using a simple survey app called Tapyness. Here is what we found...

- \* We reached 544 first-time patrons in the children's area (37% of visitors!).
- \* 29% took the survey in Spanish!
- \* 43% said Books & Media brought them to the library
- \* 33% said Activities or Events
- \* 25% said Helpful Staff/Personal Service

Seeing so many new users at the library was exciting! South Novato also partnered again with **NUSD's Camp University** to reach students and families. We provided maker workshops and summer challenge opportunities for 178 students. We created 32 library cards for parents, and gave away 242 bilingual books for families to keep at home (*on left*: family plays with marble maze at Camp U Family Day).

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### South Novato



Summer was fun for everyone, with 300 participants in our reading program onsite, plus 178 at Camp U, and 47 in our teen challenge.

One highlight: We hosted **field trips for 80 middle schoolers** from Hamilton's Skyhawk Camp. *Wow do those young adults love the library!* We did tons of Reader's Advisory during the visit and found out 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders' top request: cooking programs! We also created new/duplicate cards for every student. Many had lost their previous card. We can see that **88% of students are using their cards** with 56% having used it since the field trip – that's 25 students using it for the first time! Thanks to John Elison (Fairfax), Sara Bolduc, Ezra and our XR Stars for the last minute help! (*on left*: 6<sup>th</sup> graders during the field trip)

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Ezra's amazing **Kids vs Adults Dance Battle** wowed us all! Dozens of kids, parents and library staff competed for the honor. In the end, the kids won! Library staff Ezra, Amy and Ruth did pretty well though!

Our campus also hosted the California Film Institute's **My Place My Story** program Aug 5th-9th. Ten high school students attended this five-day program where they learned the basics of filmmaking and storytelling. Each participant completed their own 3-5 minute digital story. The films will premier at the Rafael Theater on Sept 4th at 6pm. This is a free screening open to the public, RSVP required here: <https://rafaelfilm.cafilm.org/my-place-premiere/>

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Virtual Vacations continued to be a huge hit with our adult (and teen) patrons. Many nights we had a waiting list (see photo *on left* for one standing-room only event).



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We will be partnering with XRLibraries again in October to host new VR vacations. This time we'll explore earth and the impacts of climate change.

### **South Novato**

#### **Brief Additional Updates**

- We are still accepting volunteer applicants for our Reading Buddies program serving K-5 students in Marin City and South Novato. Apply here: <https://forms.gle/UGjgxoHZ4TXHLEfn6>

<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>Clara McFadden introduced Wonderbook, a new product line, to the Children Services Team.</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>Developed promotional plan and materials for September Brainfuse promotion.</p>
<p>Be a positive environment for <b>mobile and digital literacy</b>.</p> <p><b>Technical Services, eServices and Marketing</b></p>	<p>Mildred also met with Giao/MARINet to develop a yearly marketing schedule for the curated lists that we create in OverDrive (I do Adult and she does J/Teen). We noted official holidays, popular celebrations, and major literature prizes. These will guide our future curated lists. The calendar will also allows us to record the lists we have already done to avoid repetition and keep things fresh. According to MARINet, OverDrive is now the highest circulation “branch” and the numbers go up every month. Every month I create 10-12 new lists and they all checkout almost immediately.</p> <p>Mildred edited/posted a Spanish blog post related to going back to school and replied to a dozen OverDrive and BiblioCommons patron troubleshooting requests.</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>Suella Kennedy is supporting working in managing the Adult Collection of the Distribution Center.</p> <p>Mildred liaised several times with MARINet to test and troubleshoot loader profiles including answering OCLC questions related to San Rafael’s pre-processing with Baker &amp; Taylor and Ingram’s EDI ordering for MCFL/Bel-Tib.</p> <p>Mildred cataloged a cart with 55 oversize items (maps, newspapers, old county resolutions, broadsides, etc.) for the California Room.</p>

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

Tech Support staff are in the process of replacing older wireless networking access points (AP) with 802.11AC Wave 2 Ubiquiti APs. The new Ubiquiti products boast a throughput of up to 2,533 Mbps; which is much better than the 300 Mbps that the older Aerohive 802.11n products were capable of providing. So far, new APs have been deployed at FAI, MCI and TEC (TEC was the testing location).

MCTUG Meeting was held on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- How to remotely access Express Lane or Bibliotheca selfcheck systems with TightVNC
- Using Skype Interviews for one-on-one online meetings (Very brief discussion, as Skype is discontinuing this product as on 8/31/19)
- Status of License for Novelist Select for 3m self checks systems (Corte Madera)--expired?
- Print job releasing issues from Library Document Stations
- Windows 10 Updates and issues with Public PCs
- Second Chance email link from KnowBe4 to give staff one last chance before opening a link that may be related to malware.

The Tech Support staff tested a new remote access solution from ConnectWise called Access. This product allows Tech Support staff to remotely connect to staff or public computers to help with computing issues. Access shows key information about the remote computer including the operating system version and build, processor type, amount of memory in use and total memory, IP address, MAC address, processes running and many more. This all helps in diagnosing and solving issues. Below is screen capture of some of that information for a system at the Bolinas Library:

The screenshot displays the ConnectWise Access interface for a remote session titled "BOL-PRINT". At the top, there is a blue header with the session name and a toolbar with various icons. Below the header is a small video window showing the remote desktop, with a timestamp "Last updated 4m ago" and a link "Update Guest Info". The main content area is divided into three sections: "Session", "Device", and "Network".

Session	
Name:	BOL-PRINT
Company:	Marin Library
Site:	14 Wharf Rd
Department:	BOL
Device Type:	
Hosts Connected:	
Guests Connected:	Guest (5h 45m) [X]
Guest Last Connected:	0m
Logged On User:	BOL-PRINT\exec
Idle Time:	13d 5h 26m
Pending Activity:	

Device	
Machine:	BOLLIB\BOL-PRINT
Operating System:	Microsoft Corporation, Windows 10 Pro (10.0.18362) (en-US)
Processor(s):	Intel(R) Core(TM) i3-6100U CPU @ 2.30GHz (4 virtual) (X64)
Available Memory:	4597 MB / 8081 MB
Manufacturer & Model:	
Machine Product/Serial:	/
Machine Description:	

Network	
Network Address:	209.129.65.66
Private Network Address:	10.212.38.91
MAC Address:	F4:4D:3D:65:C3:0A

- Damon and Jim attended the CALIFA Fair to get overview of new services and products.
- Decided not to renew Lynda.com
- Began meeting with contractors to do immediate repairs on roofs of Corte Madera and Novato in preparation for rainy season with longer term plans for more long-term solution with design work at Corte Madera.
- Began process of collaborating design work on Fairfax Community Garden.

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West Marin Literacy Services delivered another successful year of our Reading on the Ranches summer reading program. Jo Ann Kempf and her team of teen aides delivered 711 books to 98 children living on remote ranches from Inverness to Tomales. We offered families additional support with two new lending programs: Wi-Fi hot spots and play kits to encourage hands on experiential learning for young children.

Our 2019 Summer Reading “Tales to Trails” program had 175 children and 101 teen participants.

**August Highlights:**

- Marin County Parks trip to Stafford Lake where families learned to make abalone shell jewelry, ziplined, and heard Miwok stories.
- Native Bird Connections live raptor programs at Inverness and Stinson Beach libraries were standing room only! Incoming Kindergarteners from Inverness school joined us as part of their Jumpstart camp.

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Over 90 youth in Point Reyes and Bolinas learned hip-hop dance moves and messages of inclusivity from Samara, the choreographer for Alphabet Rockers, a Grammy-nominated music group that “creates brave spaces to shape a more equitable world through hip-hop”.

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We continue to host our weekly “Drop-In” Tech Help at the Point Reyes library on Friday mornings and Virtual Reality programs are held monthly.

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On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Point Reyes Library hosted a free film screening of *Dolores* at the Dance Palace in support of Dolores Huerta's visit to West Marin School on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Over 40 people were in attendance at the film.

"Dolores Huerta is among the most important, yet least known, activists in American history. An equal partner in co-founding the first farm workers unions with Cesar Chavez, her enormous contributions have gone largely unrecognized. Dolores tirelessly led the fight for racial and labor justice alongside Chavez, becoming one of the most defiant feminists of the twentieth century"

The Marin Queer and Trans support group continues to meet at Stinson Beach Library twice a month. Discussion and support topics are kept confidential, but overall feedback from the community has been positive and participants report feeling supported and safe in this space.

The Point Reyes Library's current exhibit is photography of Dolores Huerta's activism over the years by Bolinas photographer, Ilka Hartmann.

**West Marin Branches**

**Brief Additional Updates**

- Annemarie Russo attended the New American Campaign conference in Santa Ana.
- Raemona Little Taylor attended the Education Equity Forum with Tony Thurmond, CA State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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### Bookmobile



A great trip to the East Peak of Mount Tamalpais happened on August 17<sup>th</sup>! 28 members of our ranch communities participated in the trip which was a joint project of the National Parks (Jasmine Reinhardt), State Parks and the library. Although our families have lived in Marin for many years, this was the first time any had been to Mount Tamalpais. All had a wonderful time even though the cold fog was blowing over the mountain on that particular day. All of the families planned to visit again and Rosanna Petralia (State Park ranger) plans to visit Laguna School and our ranch families and bring more programming to them. The goal to make our families feel that parks are a welcoming place certainly came true that day.

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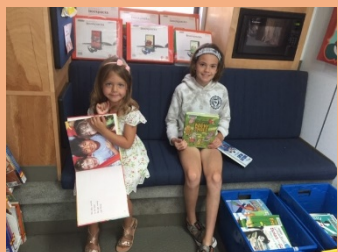
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Our trip to Mount Tamalpais was a great success. The paved trail circling the peak was perfectly accessible for our wheelchair users and gave us dramatic views of San Francisco and the bay between drifts of rolling fog. The opportunity to see our bay from the highest point in Marin was a new vantage point for all of our families. Santiago, a volunteer with the State Parks, translated the Ranger Rosanna's informational talk for all of our Spanish speakers. The views were great, the lunch was enjoyed and all of our families left with reusable water bottles from the One Tam group and plans to come again.

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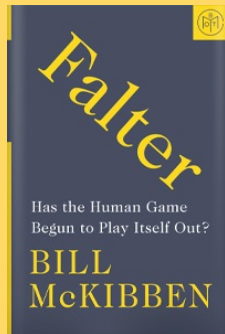


We welcome 2 new students to Lincoln School this year. Along with their new library cards comes an introduction to the many materials available through the library. Here are 2 brand new users of our Playaways!

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In addition to their many book clubs, The Redwoods has started a group to learn more about climate change and its effects. One of their many selections is the new book by Bill McKibben called Falter: Has the Human Game Begun to Play Itself Out? This book

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by one of the earliest authors to warn against climate change is a timely reminder of the realities the world faces.

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### Brief Additional Updates

- Congratulations to Neil Vickers for his new position as Community Library Specialist! Well deserved.



## Library Director Activities – August 2019

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Took a wonderful vacation from July 26- August 21. Visited 5 National Parks and appreciate Chantel Walker and Bonny White supporting the library while I was away.</li> <li>• Attended Marin Promise, Strive Together team in St. Louis July 22-25 and will attend another in Washington DC, September 9-13 so will miss another Commission meeting.</li> <li>• Met with citizens working towards building a new Larkspur Library on July 12.</li> <li>• Chaired CALIFA board meeting, July 25</li> <li>• Met with Principal of Bayside MLK and new Superintendent of Sausalito Marin City School August 21, about school partnership.</li> <li>• Interviewed by Internet2 for a profile on the VR/AR/XR work.</li> </ul>
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## Personnel – August 2019

	<p><u>August 2019</u></p> <p>During August, the Librarian II and Media Technician recruitment and interviews were completed. The <b>Administrative Services Technician</b> recruitment completed its first round of interviews with an outstanding group of candidates. The second round of interview will occur in early September.</p> <p>The following full-time and part-time vacancies are under review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Library Aides:</b> Civic Center; Marin City; Novato; Technical Services; Fairfax;</li> <li>• <b>Library Assistant I:</b> Fairfax; Stinson; Bolinas; South Novato</li> <li>• <b>Library Assistant II:</b> Marin City</li> <li>• <b>Mobile Library Assistant:</b> Flagship; Bookmobile</li> <li>• <b>Senior Librarian:</b> Digital Services and Marketing</li> <li>• <b>Librarian 1:</b> Tech Services - Selector</li> <li>• <b>Library Services Manager:</b> Digital Services and eBranch</li> <li>• <b>Library Technical Assistant:</b> Tech Services</li> <li>• <b>Supervising Library Technical Assistant:</b> Tech Services</li> </ul>
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**Sara Jones, Director of County Library Services**

**September 2019 Activities**

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## Library Activities

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### Civic Center



The moment Summer Challenge 2019 was counted, evaluated, packed up and put away, regular storytime and programming resumed the week school began (August 22, 2020). September saw all of programs; Baby Bounce, Music & Movement, and Lego Club at full capacity. Denise Mattos is by far the rock star of Civic Center Library with her Wednesday 10:30 Music & Movement. Denise really does major brain building with her loyal, enthusiastic crowd as they “dance, read, and sing.”

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Natalie hosted the first session of the monthly Venetia Valley Middle School Book Club where the students are reading *Scythe*; we had a lively discussion about the relationship between utopian and dystopian societies.

She also hosted an author talk and drawing demonstration, a part of the Marin Comics Fest, presented by Scott Morse, creator of the *Magic Pickle* series and the newly released *Dugout: The Zombie Steals Home*

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A patron wanted to sync her audiobook to her Microsoft desktop computer because she wanted to listen to her book through headphones. You can download an OverDrive App to your Microsoft computer, but it was hard to install and set up. The easiest way to sync your device to your computer is to use libbyapp.com.

Start at the Libby App on your device:

Tap on the Libby icon → Tap set up Libby → Tap Show setup code.

On Libbyapp.com, the home screen is a set-up screen. Say yes to having a library card; yes, if you have Libby on another device copy card across.

Tap "Show set up code," and use the code number from your device.

type it into the libbyapp.com

and then you are synced. Not sure if this will work with a Mac computer and it still wouldn't solve the initial download issue.

Elmer instructed a patron in changing settings for automatic checkout in both Libby and OverDrive. He helped a patron in finalizing a PowerPoint slide show, saving it to her flash drive, and attaching it to an email message to the recipient, and explored with a patron work-arounds that would allow him to continue downloading eAudiobooks to his portable device given that OverDrive eAudiobooks are no longer downloadable to a Mac computer.

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Tricia organized the tribute to missing and POW veterans. It was very powerful in its simplicity. While the commemoration was for just one day, we've left it up for the week so that it will be available to the Vets who meet with the VA volunteer the last Wednesday of the month.

Here's the key to the table:

The small table is set for one, representing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressors. The table is usually set close to, or within sight of, the entrance to the dining room.

- The table is round showing our everlasting concern for our POW/MIA's.
- The cloth is white symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.
- The single red rose signifying the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of American. This rose, reminding us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep the faith, while awaiting their return.
- The yellow ribbon stands for the yellow ribbons worn on the lapels of the thousands who demand with unyielding determination a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us tonight.
- A slice of lemon reminding us of the bitter fate of those missing, captured and held as prisoners in foreign lands.

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- A pinch of salt denoting the tears of our missing and their families who long for answers after decades of uncertainty.
- The Holy Bible represents the strength gained through faith in our country, founded as one nation under God, to sustain those lost from our midst.
- The lighted candle reflects the light of hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.
- The glass is inverted symbolizing their inability to share the evening's toast.

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



In celebration of the Centennial of the completion of Alpine Dam in 1919, the Anne T. Kent California Room in partnership with the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD), has put together a special exhibit in the California Room's display cases at the Civic Center Library, co-curated by Librarian Laurie Thompson & MMWD's Donna Lahey.

The exhibit showcases enlargements documenting the construction of the Alpine Dam and includes some rare artifacts and 100-year old tools from the MMWD's collection.

Digital Archivist Carol Acquaviva has also put together a wonderful [online display](#).

We receive positive feedback about our exhibit on a daily basis, as this is the first time the public has had an opportunity to see some of the rare photos and artifacts from MMWD's collection.

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



We are happy to report that some of the items digitized last month by ACT 3 partners are now live and available to the public. Digital Archivist Carol Acquaviva has added the following items: The 1873 Map of Marin County, California, Compiled by H. Austin, County Surveyor, from Official Surveys and Records; and The 1892 Official Map of Marin County, California, Compiled from Records and Surveys by Geo. M. Dodge. Carol also did an outstanding job of digital restoration on the 1892 map, a part of which was damaged and affected by water stains. Also live online are several of our spectacular large framed views documenting the era of the Mt. Tamalpais & Muir Woods Railway.

Carol has also been working with our newest volunteer -Dayle Reilly-the former head of Special Collections at Sonoma State University. Dayle was conversant with CONTENTdm from her previous job experience and Carol has provided her with additional training which Dayle has quickly mastered . In fact, Dayle has already added twelve new oral histories to our online collection for the public to enjoy.



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**Anne T Kent  
California Room**



75 people joined us for the launch of our fall local history lecture series on September 16<sup>th</sup> when author & historian **Lynn Downey** presented the history of Marin's **Arequipa Sanatorium: Life in California's Lung Resort for Women**. The event was followed by a book-signing and an animated Q & A. Lynn's interesting talk discussed how this pioneering sanatorium came to be founded in Marin County and what life was like for the working-class women who went there to recover from tuberculosis. Both Lynn's talk & book are especially poignant because Lynn's own grandmother recovered from tuberculosis at Arequipa and because Lynn had the opportunity to interview others connected with the sanatorium.

Today, the site of Arequipa is a girl scout camp and many from the local girl scout community attended our event.

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Our new Spanish storytimes with Lexi have been an engaging and fun time for kids and their caregivers! All ages are welcome for this storytime, and Lexi mixes it up with a variety of books, drawings and music. We've also put the word out about this new offering in our Library Corners in two local laundromats, as we hope to spread the news of all the services available through the library. We've been able to add this series due to the generosity of our Friends of the Corte Madera Library, and we are finding it has a devoted following.

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Corte Madera staff members Sarah Butts and Kim Tuold came in extra bright and early on Saturday, Sept.21, to help prepare the Friends of the Corte Madera Library Community Room for the practice SAT test we offered to teens. This simulated SAT experience was provided totally free to students in collaboration with C2 Education, and each student will get their results and feedback about how they performed, in order to help them when they end up taking the actual SAT. Sophomores facing the PSATs in October found it provided insight into the question formats and timing.

This month was also Marin Comics Fest, and Corte Madera hosted local artist/illustrator Eda Kaban, who shared her creative process and books "What Makes A Hero", "Even Superheroes Have Bad Days" and "Pirates don't go to Kindergarten." Her presentation appealed to a range of ages. Staffer Jenna Selzler coordinated the program and created a display for our discovery wall for all ages—and our Children's Librarian, Marilyn Wronsky, highlighted comics in the Children's Room. Staffer Kim Tuold contributed a creative banner to hang over our returns slot.

Youth Services Librarian Sarah Butts attended Kent Middle School's Community Outreach Fair aimed at 8<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers and other community members; she was able to share information about how kids can volunteer at the library.

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Libraries are all about providing access and resources to people, and in September we celebrate Banned Books week to highlight the chilling effect censorship has on freedom, democracy, creativity and imagination. Our display provides info on what books have been banned over the past year in the U.S., as well as over time.

Censorship is also a problem in the virtual, digital environment, as recent moves by some publishers to limit library lending of ebooks illustrates (Macmillan Publishers' CEO John Sargent has proposed an embargo which restricts libraries to purchasing only one copy of each ebook title for the first eight weeks after a book's release, set to go into effect November 1, 2019). More information can be found at

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/e-books>

The American Library Association has created a petition to urge the reverse of the embargo. You can read and sign it here:

[ebooksforall.org](http://ebooksforall.org).

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### Corte Madera



This month we were very fortunate to host two programs that enabled patrons to better understand the history and culture of the Coast Miwok, and the people of China. Local author and honorary member of the Coast Miwok, Betty Goerke, gave a presentation about the Coast Miwok who lived in and around Corte Madera to an overflow crowd of 67. The audience was engaged, asking many questions and the enthusiasm for the subject and the speaker was evident. Two members of the tribe also attended. And, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Corte Madera, we were able to offer a talk in honor of Miriam Cooper, a longtime "Friend" and library volunteer by a docent from the Asian Art Museum who shared insights about the hidden meanings to be found in Chinese Art. To commemorate "Never Forgotten – Their Sacrifice, Our Mission - POW/MIA Recognition Day", we created a display highlighting the experience and sacrifice of those who gave their all, and the families that feel their loss the most keenly.

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### Fairfax



Friends of the Fairfax Library are again sponsoring Dani for music programs during the school year on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays. Still wanting to utilize her talents as a former children's librarian, April Hayley, Adult/Teen Services Librarian II, is filling in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays with Music & Movement. She held the first one Sept. 16 and had a very enthusiastic crowd of kids and parents.

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Tuesday September 17 April Hayley, Adult/Teen Services Librarian II, held her first Teen Book Club. We had five 7th graders, one 8<sup>th</sup> grader, and a little sister who is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The group engaged in a great discussion of ***The 57 Bus*** and talked a lot about pronouns. Everyone wore a pronoun button and some kids left wearing theirs. April created a safe space where the teens felt comfortable discussing delicate issues like sexuality and gender. Our next book is ***Simon Vs. The Homo Sapien Agenda***, another LGBTQ-positive read.



John Elison, Library Assistant II and dungeon master extraordinaire, held his monthly D&D club on Tuesday, September 24, and 13 teens showed up. This is a huge number for an interactive game; John used impressive storytelling and facilitation skills to wrangle many different personalities, forming a cohesive campaign that kept everyone engaged. He ended the afternoon's session on a cliffhanger and everyone is excited to return for next month's adventure!

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Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, an unlocked bicycle was stolen from in front of the library. Due to a previous bike theft, Margaret Miles worked with Jim Stephens in Tech Support to have a video camera installed viewing the bike area. Aaron Fong, Library Asst. II, was able to access footage from our new camera and retrieve photos of the perpetrator which we shared with Fairfax Police. Later this same month an unlocked kid's scooter also disappeared. April and Aaron were able to retrieve footage of this incident also and share it with Fairfax Police.

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### Fairfax



April held our first craft program for seniors, iris folding, on August 30, and it was a huge success! (photo) She is now planning craft programs for November and December.

April, working with SURJ-Marin, held a Film and Conversation program about dismantling the school to prison pipeline on Saturday, September 21. 25 attendees viewed a short film about the Restorative Justice program at the Oakland Unified School District and a second film about the Marin County Youth Court. Then SURJ-Marin members posed questions to the three panelists: Lori Frugoli (DA), John Wallace (Marin City Native and formerly incarcerated at San Quentin, who went on to found an organization called Surviving the Odds Project), and Don Carney, the founder and leader of the Marin Youth Court.

The audience also asked some great hard-hitting questions, like who is the Marin County Sheriff office accountable to and how can we get them to start referring their kids to Youth Court rather than Probation. John Wallace spoke about barriers to re-entry after being incarcerated, laws and practices that make it difficult to start a new life after prison, and his non-profit organization which empowers youth through musical self-expression. He got very emotional during his talk; he was thankful to have an audience hear his painful personal story and it was moving to hear him speak. Lori Frugoli talked about her work to change the culture inside her department to encourage restorative justice rather than punishment. Partnering with SURJ-Marin on our Film & Conversation series, the Fairfax library is working to change perceptions and culture in our community around equity issues.

### Fairfax

#### Brief Additional Updates

- Margaret, Anthony and Aaron attended the AccessABILITY training offered by SacPublic Library on Sept. 25.
- Online Comment: "Really easy to renew. No hassle....just a click and I can continue reading! Thank You Fairfax Library....As usual, Fairfax is my "go to" for so many things. Great parking.....great convenient hours.....Wonderful, helpful librarians ... &.. it's just fun to be in Fairfax!"



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On Wednesday, September 4, Bayside MLK had its Back to School Night. Kayla had the school library open to welcome parents and students. There was a good turnout, and everyone was happy to see the continued positive changes that Kayla has made in the library. Over the summer she continued to weed and update the library collection and genrefied the fiction collection to make it easier for kids and teachers to find materials.

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Shayla Davis continues to run our Smarty Ants program at Bayside MLK. The kids are progressing well. Bettie Hodges, Founder and Executive Director of the Hannah Project who runs Freedom School and serves as our main point of community partner contact during our SumMERSION program released a report about Summer 2019. Of the 49 scholars who regularly participated in Smarty Ants, 24 achieved grade level standards while another 15 completed the entire learning sequence.

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Etienne and Faheem attended the Oculus 6 conference with John MacLeod from XR Libraries. They learned about new Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality software and upcoming changes.

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The Marin City Library staff supported Elaini Negussie who coordinated a Job and Resource Fair with community partners, other County departments, and lots of companies who are hiring—including the Census Office. Etienne had the Webstars record the event and supplied wi-fi hotspots and chromebooks for participants to fill out job applications on-the-spot. Sherrell was in the Kids' Zone along with the One Tam vehicle and other entertainment for kids. She helped kids make bracelets and necklaces. There were well over 200 people in attendance.

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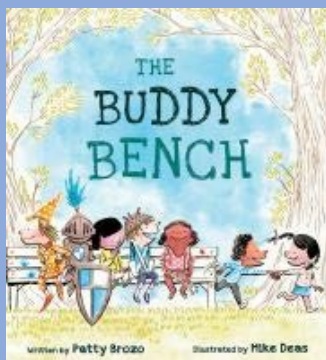
#### Brief Additional Updates

- The Floating Homes Association tour was held on Saturday, September 14. The FHA always gives a generous donation to the Friends of the Marin City Library. Sara Jones, Bonny White, Julie Magnus, and Janet Doerge each volunteered for a position to support the tour. Marin City Library is grateful for everyone's support.
- On Tuesday, September 24 we showed the movie *The Public*.
- Diana attended the AccessABILITY training offered by Sacramento Public Library on September 25.



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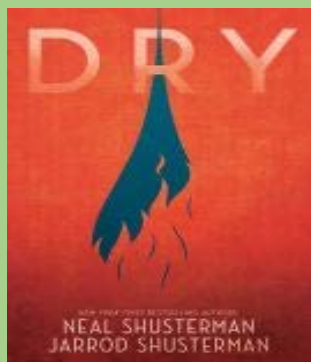
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Recently Librarian Adrienne Graham had a family come in looking for books on how to make new friends. They were new to the area and wanted to help their boys with their new school. I recommended a book that was just released called "*The Buddy Bench*" by Patty Brozo which talks about a elementary class creating a spot outside for anyone who is looking for a friend or someone to play with (so that no one has to spend their recess alone). This family came in at a later date and the Dad told Adrienne that the boys loved the story so much that they wanted to take it to school and share it with their teacher. They did and now their class is working on building their own spot or "buddy bench" at Rancho Elementary. This made Adrienne's day and she told the boys they should be proud of themselves for helping create something so special for their own school.

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Librarian Amanda Tomlin met with 22 very excited sixth-graders at San Jose Middle School with the school's Library Aide Molly Brown for a library-led book club.. Molly loves to read and has gotten the kids enthusiastic about reading too and they all are delighted to have the Library leading a program there. Amanda brought two titles: *Dry*, in which author Neal Shusterman takes a what-if scenario about the California drought and morphs it to freaky disaster proportions. The kids love it! The other title is a graphic novel, *Treaties, Trenches, Mud, and Blood* by Nathan Hale, an easy to understand, funny, informative, and lively series to be introduce some of the most well-known battles (and little-known secrets) of the World War I.

Librarian Laura Kennett met with twenty-two seventh graders from Our Lady of Loretto School at the Novato Library for a presentation on MCFL's student resources and eBooks. The class used *Help Now!* to play hangman and to do math flashcard. Overdrive's collection of Banned Books sparked some good conversation. And, the class listened to an article on the Moon Jellyfish. They were a really engaged and remembered the resources and how to get to them during the review at the end of class.

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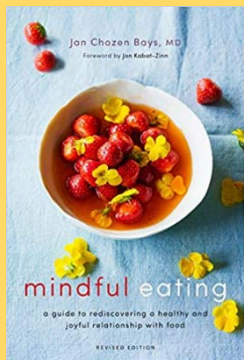
**Novato**



Librarian Laura Kennett visited Pleasant Valley Elementary School's Fifth Grade classes to give them instruction on how to log into Overdrive and Hoopla on the Chromebooks that they have been provided for by the district. It took some doing, but the students now know how to access and log-in to these services.

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## Novato



Librarian Tom McGibney set up a very successful program on Mindful Eating: A Three Part Series with Claire R. Cohn, M.A. Claire is a Weight Management Coach, Movement Educator & Qigong Instructor. These interactive workshops helped participants:

- Understand Their Relationship to Food
- Learn how to combat “all or nothing thinking” concerning diets
- Practice relaxation to avoid compulsive eating
- Learn best practices help curb cravings
- Tame the “hungry self” by slowing down reactions
- Plan ahead for meals and snacks
- Learn tips to handle nighttime eating and get better sleep.
- Assess their personal eating style and distinguish between “gut or head hunger”
- Learn to make better food and meal choices.

Librarian Amanda Tomlin offered her ever popular Open Studio craft session this month. The group tackled the versatile and important monotype using either a small press or the time-honored spoon printing method. They talked about the whys and wherefores of the process while exploring the manifold options an artist has with this method.

## Novato

### Brief Additional Updates

- **Friends of Novato Libraries** held their Member Appreciation Event on Sunday September 22. It featured New York Times best-selling author and journalist, Julia Flynn Siler, who discussed her new book, *The White Devils's Daughters: The Women Who Fought Against Slavery in San Francisco's Chinatown*. Members enjoyed wine, sparkling water and cheese donated by Marin Cheese Company while meeting other library lovers.

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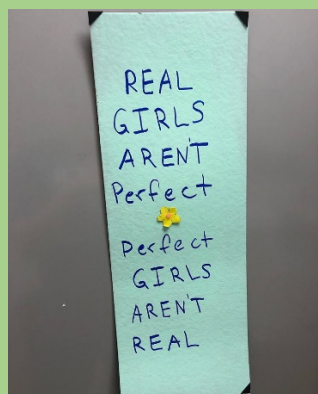


We are back to school with a lot of excitement this year. Although we've had to reduce storytimes, and Friday Fun Days due to staffing shortages, we are happy to say the changes enable us to refocus on exciting new programs. Next month we will launch a Reading Buddies literacy program, with volunteer tutors every day of the week! Baby storytime continues on Thursdays at 12pm, Read to a Dog continues biweekly, and we still have Lego Club on Fridays.

We are also continuing our Craft-n-Create series for families on the fourth Saturday of each month. In October, this will coincide with a special Día de los Muertos program led by guest librarian Serena Makofsky on October 26.

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Our makerspace is a hub for constant creativity, as well as a space for positivity, team work, collaboration and youth-directed projects. This month, while brainstorming projects on the theme "tools that help," our LunaTech students were inspired by the growing trend to decorate girl's bathrooms with inspiring messages. A pair of girls took the lead and created a sign for our restroom: "Real girls aren't perfect. Perfect girls aren't real." (See photo left).

Sometimes, the most important thing we make is a student's day.

We are also seeing record attendance this year (an average of 20 per day, and 397 member visits this month)! About one-third are new members!

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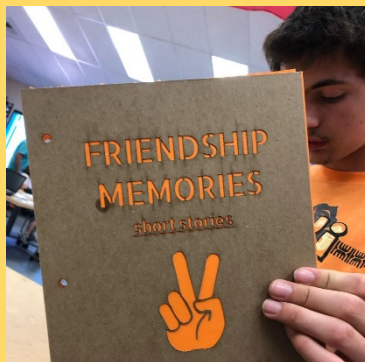


The XRStars continue this school year, working after school to facilitate projects in the Makerspace, hosting monthly family workshops, helping at the Sausalito Art Festival, and serving as teaching assistants for XRMarin's ROP academies.

Soon they will begin shadowing Amy and Ezra as we offer more formal e-Help appointments in our computer lab. On any given day, patrons are working on job applications, enjoying e-Resources, gaming, using social media, searching for housing, and more. Our capable team answers questions helping patrons develop skills for our digital era. We are grateful to have our XRStars on board to help. Stay tuned for e-Help later this fall...

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In case you missed it, South Novato hosts two regular programs for adults and young adults with disabilities. We are happy to be a place for self-exploration, learning, community building and fun.

Young adults from the Cypress School in Petaluma visit the Makerspace weekly. This month, one student created an amazing laser cut book cover to help keep all his memories and short stories in one place (see photo left).

### South Novato Branch Brief Additional Updates

- South Novato thanks the Friends of Novato Libraries for their generous support. With their help we purchased furniture to create a new Literacy Lab, and hosted our annual staff appreciation party with Novato Library staff. We went bowling and food truck hopping at the Eat Real Festival in Oakland. A great time for all!

<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>Designed and developed Family Corner posters for the CMA/FAI early literacy program.</p> <p>In collaboration with the Children's Services Team and the Education Initiatives Coordinators, Clara has ordered 74 Wonderbooks for a pilot project. Wonderbooks are pre-loaded audiobook players permanently attached to hardcover books. They circulate like a print book, are designed for patrons ages 3-13 and are excellent literacy tools. Wonderbooks will help support the Reading Buddies Program at NOV and SNO.</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>Brainfuse promotional materials were developed and promoted.</p>
<p>Be a positive environment for <b>mobile and digital literacy</b>.</p> <p><b>Technical Services, eServices and Marketing</b></p>	<p>Newly developed lists by Mildred for OverDrive and Gao from MARINet assisted with increase circulation of the collections. The top 5 lists were entirely checked out.</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>Conducted MCFL/MARINet accessABILITY inspirational training at Technical Services through a State Grant provided by Sacramento Library Staff with about 30 staff attendees.</p>

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

- Developed Friends Book Sale promotion items
- Distributed eNewsletter promoting National Hispanic Heritage Month, Libraries Transform Book Pick, Brainfuse and the Friends Books Sale.
- Hired Anna Jonsson and Keith Waye as Media Techs
- Hired Clara McFadden as the new Librarian 2 for Selection
- Completed repairs on the Novato Roof and conducted flood testing to ensure sealed
- Sent out RFP for design constructions on Corte Madera Roof
- Conducted minor repairs in the Corte Madera Parking lot
- Damon took lead from Library in COOP and PSPS planning. Held meeting with Emergency Team to assist with emergency preparation planning.
- Met with representatives of Hoopla and Midwest Tapes
- Reviewed the RB Digital holdings and submitted recommendations for purchase
- Did not renew Lynda.com and send communication to users of service to let know last day of use will be Sept 30, 2019
- Developed plan for purchasing materials with Marin City on recent bequest to the Friends.
- Developed procedures for purchasing Juvenile Hall materials for fiscal year with modification of funding source



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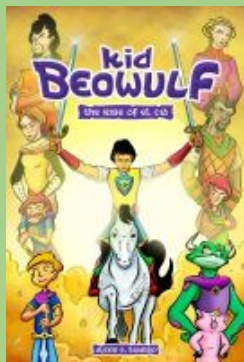
The Bolinas library hosted their first after-school Lego Club. Over 22 participants stopped by the library to build, create, and imagine with Legos. Vanessa Waring and Annemarie Russo have resumed biweekly outreach to pre-schools in West Marin.

Reading Buddies, our after-school reading tutoring program, returned to the Point Reyes Library this month. We are proudly providing over 20 students with volunteer tutor support to inspire a love of reading and advance literacy. In addition, we are training middle school volunteers to provide “near peer” tutoring, similar to our local school program that matches older student readers with young emerging readers.

The Point Reyes library is now providing Parent and Child Yoga. twice a month through generous support from the Tomales Bay Library Association, Coastal Health Alliance, and the Dance Palace. Children and their caregivers learn tips to build a healthy body and mind using yoga poses coupled with a storytime.

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Annemarie Russo, Jennifer Livingston, and Ann Bertucci provided outreach to Tomales and West Marin Elementary “Family Literacy Night”. Staff shared information about library services and programs and highlighted our Launchpads and Bebop Book sets for Early Readers. The Bebop Books are leveled easy readers that highlight diversity and cultural authenticity.

Annemarie Russo coordinated a Graphic Novel workshop with Alexis E. Fajardo, an Eisner-award winning editor and cartoonist, as part of the Marin Comics Fest.



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Simon Woodard, Annemarie Russo, and Jennifer Livingston attended Nicasio School's Back to School Night on September 12th. Students explored the latest library technology tools, including virtual reality with Oculus Go's and building a robot with Little Bits circuits.

Thanks to support from John MacLeod of XR Libraries and Deputy Director, Bonny White, the Point Reyes Library now has an Oculus Rift virtual reality system. Teens "oohed and aahed" about this new VR experience in West Marin and much fun was had playing Beat Saber!

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This month, West Marin Literacy Services launched our 2019-2020 ESL classes for adults in Point Reyes and Tomales. Our weekly citizenship study group also started in September.

Stinson Beach Library's new art exhibit is "Art in the Round: Mandalas and Custom Clocks" by Robin Ahlgren.

Simon Woodard and Jennifer Livingston hosted a joint book club and potluck to discuss *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. A lively discussion was had by all and patrons had many questions about the ins and outs of working in libraries.

All four West Marin libraries honored "Banned Books" week and celebrated the right to read with vibrant book displays of frequently challenged books.

The Marin Queer and Trans support group continues to meet at Stinson Beach Library. The group facilitators note that attendees from throughout the county are deeply appreciative of the library as a safe and supportive space for the community.

**West Marin Point Reyes, Inverness, Stinson and Bolinas**  
**Brief Additional Updates**

- Friends of Bolinas and Stinson Beach Library hosted their annual Donor Appreciation event with a special talk by local historian, Dewey Livingston on September 15th.
- Ann Bertucci and Raemona Little Taylor attended "Belonging in Practice: How to be Anti-Racist" at the Haas Institute at UC Berkeley.
- Jennifer Livingston attended the accessABILITY training by the Sacramento Public Library.
- Raemona Little Taylor attended the Marin Promise "Cradle to Career Educational Equity Summit" at Terra Linda High School.
- Alejandra Cruz and Raemona Little Taylor traveled to Colorado for the new FLAGship/Learning Bus vehicle final inspections.

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### Marin County Mobile Library in Marinwood

Hello neighbors - Consider this either a "reminder" or an "in case you didn't know..."

The Marin County Mobile Library comes to Marinwood every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 2:30 - 3:30 PM. They can be found immediately across from the Marinwood Community Center on the corner of Miller Creek Road and Cedarberry Lane.

The Mobile Library is free to all County residents, all you need to bring is your library card. Don't have a library card? No problem. You can get a new library card in as little as 5 minutes right on the spot!

The Mobile Library has a large selection of books, magazines, movies and more! Additionally, you can return books from the Mobile Library to any any library in the County or return items from any County Library directly to the Mobile Library.

We encourage you to visit this wonderful and free resource. For more information, please visit the Marin County Library website at: <https://marinlibrary.org/>



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Preparing for our North Bay Science Discovery Day! This year we will partner with the Sonoma County Library so both library systems will be represented side by side. We are getting ready for a fun day of outreach and activities. MCFL will have replicas of animal feet and their scat along with animal facts. We will also have an activity for matching rubber stamps of animal tracks with the correct animal. It should be a day of lots of fun seeing people who do not always make it to a library.

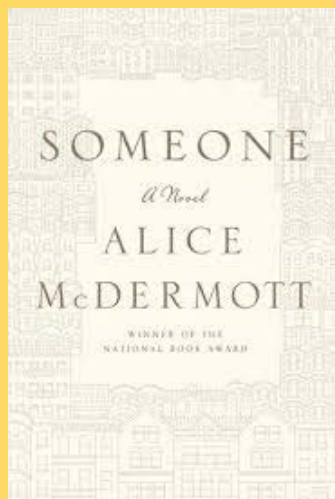
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The Playaways continue to gain ground with our seniors with eyesight issues. They have proven to be easier for visually impaired users than our traditional audiobooks. The audiobooks on cd are more difficult for seniors to keep track of and it's also harder to keep track of where you left off listening with cds. The pause button on the Playaway is an easy solution to this problem and is gaining converts.

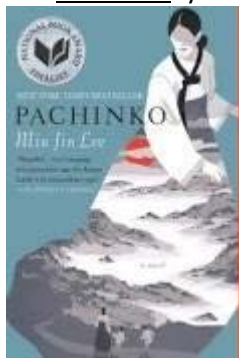
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The Redwoods Book Group is reading Alice McDermott's Someone this month. This book was a finalist for the National Book Award in 2013 "An ordinary life-its sharp pains and unexpected joys, its bursts of clarity and moments of confusion-lived by an ordinary, but unforgettable woman: this is the subject of *Someone*, Alice McDermott's extraordinary *New York Times* bestselling novel."

October's selection is Pachinko by Min Yin Lee and another National Book Award




Finalist for 2017. Set in Korea in the early 1900's the book is " Richly told and profoundly moving, Pachinko is a story of love, sacrifice, ambition, and loyalty. From bustling street markets to the halls of Japan's finest universities to the pachinko parlors of the criminal underworld, Lee's complex and passionate characters--strong, stubborn women, devoted sisters and sons, fathers shaken by moral crisis--survive and thrive against the indifferent arc of history." The discussions should be lively!

### Bookmobile Brief Additional Updates

- North Bay Science Discovery Day coming up soon
- Association of Bookmobiles and Outreach Services next month in Omaha.

## Library Director Activities – September 2019

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue work with Marin Promise Partnership, including attending Session 4 of 5 for the Strive Together Leadership Training. I attended the training and the Strive Together annual conference in Washington, DC. September 9-13.</li> <li>• Volunteered as a docent for the Sausalito Floating Homes tour, some proceeds from the event benefit the Marin City Library.</li> <li>• Met with Ann Hammond, Sonoma County Library Director, with possible partnership and collaboration opportunities including ebooks on the SMART train, library card reciprocity and mutual assistance on Marin/Sonoma border.</li> <li>• Attended MARINet Board meeting</li> <li>• Attended BOS Commendation Resolution for the Friends of the Marin County Free Library 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!</li> <li>• Califa Board meeting, Friday September 27</li> <li>• Organized and attended Department Head lunch for women Department Heads, the number is now 8!</li> </ul>
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## Personnel – September 2019

	<p><u>September 2019</u></p> <p>September 2019 was another very active month for recruitments and interviews. We filled 3 positions this month.</p> <p>Help us welcome <b>Anna Jonnson</b> and <b>Keith Waye</b> to new roles within MCFL as <b>Media Technicians</b>. In addition, <b>Jose Rodas</b> accepted MCFL's offer and will transition to his <b>Administrative Services Technician</b> role in early October.</p> <p>The following full-time and part-time vacancies are under review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Library Aides:</b> Civic Center; Marin City; Novato; Technical Services; Fairfax;</li> <li>• <b>Library Assistant I:</b> Fairfax; Stinson; Bolinas; South Novato</li> <li>• <b>Library Assistant II:</b> Marin City</li> <li>• <b>Mobile Library Assistant:</b> Flagship; Bookmobile</li> <li>• <b>Senior Librarian:</b> Digital Services and Marketing</li> <li>• <b>Librarian 1:</b> Tech Services - Selector</li> <li>• <b>Library Services Manager:</b> Digital Services and eBranch</li> <li>• <b>Library Technical Assistant:</b> Tech Services</li> <li>• <b>Supervising Library Technical Assistant:</b> Tech Services</li> </ul>
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**Commission Members:**

**MCFL and the County of Marin**

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

## **MARINet Board Meeting Minutes**

July 18, 2019

MCFL Tech Services

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

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Present: Janice Akel (Larkspur), Linda Kenton (San Anselmo), Gary Gorka (Dominican), Debbie Mazzolini (Belvedere-Tiburon), Anji Brenner (Mill Valley), Henry Bankhead (San Rafael), Sara Jones (Marin County Free Library). MARINet staff: Dan McMahon, Jessica Trenary

- I. Public Comment Period: no members of the public were present
- II. Introduction of guests
- III. Approval of minutes May 16, 2019 – Kenton moved, Brenner seconded. Passed unanimously.
- IV. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY20 Chair and Vice Chair for FY20 Chambers nominated for Chair, Kenton for Vice-Chair unanimously.
- V. Old Business
  - A. CENIC update McMahon – put off paying last bill. 90,000 budgeted for bandwidth. Will see what arises in terms of state money and billing – state money goes to Califa-then to us. Kenton asked about where the money is going? Jones observed that CALIFA hired new employee. Dan is working with MCFL on Wi-Fi issues and queried whether MCFL IST could take on the work provided by MARIN IT?
  - B. eBook Budgets – Brenner is working on document about the importance of ebooks and observed that use increased by 30% but budget has increased much less. Trenary recounted that keeping up with the hold ratio is challenging and said Overdrive introducing lucky day for ebooks where items that do not accumulate holds. Brenner asked, “how does eBook lucky day work?” Trenary explained that it cuts down the waiting list. Jones suggested that we do all Lucky Day at 7 days and suggested we revisit the issue in the future. Chambers suggested we spend more time talking about ebook budgets. Is 25 the right hold number? Kenton suggested it is time to revisit the print 5 to 1 ratio – possibly going higher? Jones suggested that holds strategy should be equity focused – not preference digital users. Chambers suggested we look at wider coverage - how can we be more efficient? Mazzolini added that we could look at commercial usage, such as bookstores, to inform the way we buy?
  - C. Meeting attendance – Is this meeting time working for everyone? Chambers observed that it is not easy to find another time. Jones added that, not that she has a choice, but County Administrator demanded commitment to participate in ongoing training. Now it will only be quarterly, and she will be able to attend more. Brenner asked if the same person always be the substitute for the director? Jones replied that

both deputies are part of County high performing program. Idea came up of bringing back the executive committee meeting. Chair, Vice chair, MCFL – because county is more than 50%. McMahon stressed the importance of the agenda. Akel asked if we are doing executive committee and monthly meetings? Kenton, Chambers, Brenner asked “can we delegate attendance”? Budgetary decisions have to be unanimous. Policy decisions can be voted by percentages. County plus one other library is required to make a decision. Conclusion: – we are going to keep this meeting time. Chamber and Jones will be gone next meeting. No August meeting.

#### VI. New Business

- A. Census: Bankhead asked, “what are the other libraries doing”? Complete Count Marin is including City of San Rafael in ongoing meetings. Jones says she is also on complete count Marin and on subcommittee in West Marin. Bankhead said he would forward invite to group. Jones mentioned that citizenship question controversy is making count challenging. Chambers said that census worker hiring outreach is happening in our libraries.
- B. Book Drops in Marin County – Brenner – Community Services grant may pay for book drop in county location and the convenience of book drop could help with traffic congestion. Possible locations, Tam Valley, Lucas Valley, Ferry Building. Akel asked if it was funded locally – by local jurisdictions? Jones interested in it. Kenton supports idea doesn’t think San Anselmo needs it. What does a book drop look like, can it be something that costs less said Bankhead? Jones, can we start with the book drop in Tam Valley? Book drop motion passed to spend up to 10,000 for book drop in Tam Valley.
- C. Counting Opinions (product for stats) – Jones proposes to demo a new product to produce a state report from Counting Opinions – as an alternative to Decision Center. McMahon says that if we stop Decision Center we will lose all historical data. Jones will send out doodle poll for the demo.

#### VII. Standing Items for the agenda

- A. System Administrator’s report – McMahon says sinking fund in good shape. 15k in interest this year. He coded a new purchase alerts interface. Wants to expand interface and use for increased efficiency. Patron Incident Tracking system –PITS - there is a product from Quipu group for this purpose. Is there a privacy concern asked Bankhead? Jones expressed concern about labelling problem patrons. Would like a better system.
- B. Correspondence - none
- C. Topics for future agenda – September – Counting Opinions – Kanopy? LinkedIn. Executive Committee- Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### VIII. Non-Action Items

#### IX. Announcements

**Mill Valley:** hosting Eric Kleinenberg tomorrow night, please sign up, free wine reception, recruiting for history room librarian. **MCFL:** County is doing Community Read of *High* by Nic and David Sheff – let Eva Patterson know if your library is interested in participating. Jones reiterated that MCFL is unable to continue original



cataloging for other libraries in MARINet. **Dominican:** Joining Link +, lost librarian archivist to USF. **Larkspur:** busy – doubled programs. Took part in 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, new carpeting. Local art displays, short on PT staff. Two City Council not running for re-election. **Belvedere/Tiburon:** anticipate breaking ground in early September. Will have ground breaking soon. **San Anselmo:** having an AV system installed in our reading room. Upgrading library connection to generator in anticipation of PG&E blackouts. hired new children's librarian. **San Rafael:** Official start of shared Library and Recreation Dept. started July 1, 2019. Bankhead on CLA Zip Books Steering Committee. Launched Ham radio club. **Sausalito:** Union issues, working out of contract, contentious negotiations, 2.5% COLA proposed. Affects all library employees. Three library board members wrote letters in favor. Friends group paying for Kanopy & Hoopla. Mudslide cleanup delayed to September.

Minutes taken by H. Bankhead