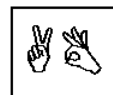


**MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION**  
**Proposed Agenda**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**NOVATO LIBRARY**  
**1720 Novato Boulevard, Novato, CA 94947**

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	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
2:00	1. Call to Order	Kathrein	Action
	2. Roll Call	Kathrein	Action
	3. Approval of Agenda	Kathrein	Action
	4. Approval of Minutes – June	Kathrein	Action
	5. Open Time for Public Expression		
	6. Reading & Correspondence File	Kathrein	Information
	7. Digital Initiatives & Novato Report	Robinson/Bauer/Doerge	Information
	8. Old Business	Kathrein	Information
	9. New Business		
	a. Report resignation of Cliff Jacobs		
	i. Nomination of new vice-chair	Kathrein	Action
	b. All Staff Day 9-23-16		
	10. President's Report for June/July	Kathrein	Information
	11. Director's Report for June/July	Jones	Information
	12. Announcements	Kathrein	Information
8:50	13. Adjournment	Kathrein	Action



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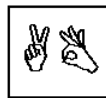
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*Numbered List of attachments:*

4. Minutes for June 8, 2016
12. Library Director's Report for June/July, 2016

Unnumbered Attachments:

Approved MARINet Board minutes of May 19 and June 16, 2016 held at Los Gatos



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## MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

Wednesday, June 8, 2016  
 The Club Restaurant at McInnis Park Golf Center  
 - - PROPOSED MINUTES - -

- (1) CALL TO ORDER  
 Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.
  
- (2) ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS  
  
Present  

Linda Ward	Sally Hauser	Margaret Kathrein
Clifford Jacobs	Barbara Schoen	Joel Fugazzotto
Anya Schandler	Tyrone H. Cannon	Ann Laner Kaplan
Alison Howard		

  
Absent with Notification  

Loretta Farley	Nick Javaras
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Also Present  
 Sara Jones, Director of County Library Services  
 Scott Bauer, Deputy Director of County Library Services  
 Edna Guadiana, Senior Secretary  
 MCFL Staff: Damon Hill, Julie Magnus, Diana Lopez, Eva Patterson,  
 Terry Jones, Margaret Miles, Janet Doerge, Bonny White, & Leslie  
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- (3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA  
 M/S/C – Jacobs/Cannon agenda approved as submitted
  
- (4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES  
 M/S/C – Kathrein/Hauser minutes approved as submitted.
  
- (5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION  
 None
  
- (6) READING AND CORRESPONDENCE FILE –  
 None

(7) INFORMATIONAL REPORTS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

a. Elections of Officers: President Schoen presented the slate of officers for 2016-2017.

The slate is:

- (1) Margaret Kathrein, President
- (2) Cliff Jacobs, Vice-President

The nominating committee also appointed Anya, Linda and Sally as the new Social Committee.

M/S/C Ward/Kaplan--Slate of officers for 2016/2017 and Social Committee accepted as presented.

(8) PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR MAY

President Schoen thanked staff who gave presentations throughout the year along with support staff and her Co-Commissioners who supported her through her presidency. President Schoen thanked Director Jones for her great leadership and many accomplishments since being appointed Library Director 3 years ago! Barbara reminded everyone that we still have vacancies in District 2 and 3.

(9) DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR MAY

Director Jones thanked President Schoen for a job well done, and also thanked staff for all their support and hard work. Director Jones requested that Commissioners read her report for more information. She pointed out that especially interesting is the upcoming Summer Reading Program for this summer. Sara invited all Commissioners to volunteer for the Library at the County Fair. Anyone who volunteers will receive a complimentary ticket to attend the fair. Director Jones announced that we are hoping to move into the Annex space at Los Gatos (which is approaching 3,000 square feet), where our California Room map collection (20,000 maps) and County Fair archives will be kept.

(10) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Marin History Museum Board will be bringing the Sausalito Ferry Boat model to the County Fair.
- No meeting in July. The next scheduled commission meeting will be on Wednesday, August 10 at the South Novato Library

(11) ADJOURNMENT – M/S/C Hauser/Jacobs – Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 pm

(12) Speaker – President Schoen introduced John Macleod

Four new Intern classifications have been created with corresponding pay scales. After discussions with the Marin City library manager and staff, the Webstars (Library Technology Aides) will be moved into the Student Intern – High School classification. Students who graduate from high school can continue in this paid classification for one year, and those who attend college while still interning with MCFL can move into the higher paid Student Intern – Undergraduate classification. The Library Technology Aide classification will be abolished after all students have been moved into the new classification.

It is hoped that TalentQuest, the software purchased to assist in managing all areas of the new Performance Management Program will go live next month. A meeting to discuss next steps and the timeline is being scheduled for next week.

Planning for this year's All Staff Day is going well and the Board of Supervisors approved closing all MCFL branches to allow all staff to attend. ASD will take place on Friday, September 23, 2016, at the Osher Jewish Community Center on North San Pedro Road. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30am with the day's program starting at 9:00am and ending at approximately 3:30pm. **All Library Commissioners are invited and official invitations will be sent out in early September.**

### **One Book One Marin (Shereen Ash)**

One Book One Marin is a county wide reading program supported by Marin County Free Library, in partnership with the Friends of MCFL, the Marin County Library Foundation, Book Passage, Dominican University, College of Marin, and five of the city libraries in Marin. In addition to offering robust adult programming, One Book One Marin enables MCFL to collaborate with colleagues across the county. It puts MCFL out in front of the community and is the main series of events we offer for adults.

***The goal of One Book One Marin is to build a stronger, enriched community through library utilization, community dialogue, and the exploration of literature and culture.***

Two thousand sixteen marks the 10th anniversary of this fruitful collaboration, and it was a great year. Both the One Book One Marin logo and website were redesigned. The website is stunning, mobile friendly, and can accept online donations. Most importantly, readers were very enthusiastic about Andy Weir's science fiction novel *The Martian*, and turned out in large numbers (about 700) to hear him speak at both Book Passage and Dominican University of California. In between those capstone events, from February through mid-April, branches hosted a variety of programs centering on science, space exploration and the art of self-publishing.

Three Bay Area scientists affiliated with NASA, the SETI Institute, and a Marin high school, discussed recent advances being made towards accomplishing the first human mission to Mars, and the current thinking about extraterrestrial life in the Universe. They explained and analyzed the science in the novel, separating fact from fiction. They drew large audiences of enthusiastic patrons, including many high school students.

## Patron and Staff Responses:

*We had several scientists in our audience that were very captivated and engaged. I just had a patron mention today how much they enjoyed his talk, almost seven weeks later!*

*Patrons responded enthusiastically to the program. [The] presenter was very engaging and knowledgeable and after the program five or six people gathered around [the] presenter and asked her more questions.*

*Student comment: I would have come even without the extra credit!*

Star gazing events hosted by the San Francisco Amateur Astronomer's Association brought the stars and planets into view at three branch libraries. Unfortunately, weather conditions forced the cancellation of two more planned events.

## Patron and Staff Responses:

*Yes, the program was a great success. All ages came and it was very informative and a beautiful clear evening. Bolinas*

*The presenter was interesting and we had patrons from all over Marin. Patrons took pictures of themselves with the telescopes. Marin City*

Five presentations by two local authors explained the ins and outs of self-publishing and introduced patrons to our new self-publishing platform, SELF-e.

## Patron and Staff Responses:

*Many people were excited about the topic and arrived 30 minutes early. Several patrons thanked us for putting on the program. One mentioned that they're ready to write their own book now.*

Other events included a potato growing contest, trivia nights, and special children's programming, capitalizing on the opportunity to offer related STEAM (Science, Technology Engineering, Art and Math) programs to our youngest patrons. Point Reyes Library staff organized a film screening of the movie that was very well attended, and the Novato Library held a program streaming a live interview with the author.

As always, libraries are encouraged to host book group discussions. This year we had ten groups, two of them in Spanish. Books to support these discussions were purchased in Spanish and English.

Booklists, in both Spanish and English, were developed by staff to guide patrons of all ages to continue discovering and enjoying materials on Mars and space exploration.

In all, over thirty-one programs and book discussions were presented at our ten branch libraries, attracting 740 patrons, not including the many science based story times and craft programs for children.

We are looking forward to another great year in 2017.

## **Library Activities:**

Below are reports submitted to keep you abreast of library activities are directly related to our three primary goals from the MCFL strategic plan and the mission ***to create connections to explore, imagine and innovate:***

- Goal 1- Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together
- Goal 2 – Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression
- Goal 3-Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy

## **Outreach/ Bookmobile (Damon Hill)**

Summer Learning-to-Go officially launched in June! In the first week staff delivered 28 Programs-in-a Box to classrooms at 7 different child development centers. The boxes are appropriate for 2 year olds and up to 8<sup>th</sup> graders so there's a wide variety of subjects and abilities. There has been such positive feedback from the teachers and students as the kits are being used.

There is quite a bit of work to keep track of who has had what kit and what materials need replenishing, but the end result is certainly worth it. Our giveaway prize books are on order and the grand prize of sports equipment for each center is underway.

Thank you so much to *Copperfield's Books* school resource coordinator Susan Ryan for helping us develop a booklist appropriate for all of our ages and also receiving donated books from publishers to help us keep our costs down-----fantastic job!

This new program is in addition to the 6 ranch stops that the Bookmobile makes during the summer to keep our one room school kids learning, reading and creating with programs we bring. For the first time this year, a majority of my kids are signed up for the Teen Learning Challenge. Luckily we have several new arrivals this summer so our children's program will soon be filling up again! (*Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression*)

The Bookmobile made its way to the Fairfax Festival Parade again this year. With Supervisor Katie Rice, Summer Learning Challenge bookmarks were handed out to the crowd watching. It's so great to be in the parade and hear folks shouting out "Yay libraries!" and "We love libraries!" Thanks to Fairfax staff for marching in the parade and hosting the event!





MCFL participated in the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Marin County Fair- *What a ride!* The Bookmobile was the centerpiece and staff from all parts of the organization, our Library Friends, Foundation, Library Commissioners and staff partners all volunteered to make the five-day event an enormous success. We had 285 hours of staffing time and reached thousands of fair goers (over 100,000 attended the fair). Throughout this report you will read of many successes from participation. This is an important outreach activity that has been led by Diana Lopez, Damon Hill, Terry Jones and Nicole Terry. Below is the Poetree which was filled with art, poems and wishes to make our world a better place.



### **Civic Center (Eva Patterson)**

Kathleen, Sara Hathaway (NOV), Sara Jones, and Scott Bauer participated in a phone conference with Suzanne Flint, the Library Programs Consultant for the California State Library. Happily, our LTSA grant for Mind in the Making (MITM) training was approved and this phone conference with Suzanne was to provide additional information and flesh out details. An enthusiastic supporter, Suzanne will hopefully be participating in our MCFL training. (*Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together*)

Kathleen was recognized by Arleen Uryu, President of the Marin Association for the Education of Young Children, with a lovely certificate of appreciation. In April 2016, Civic Center Library partnered with MAEYC by hosting local children's artwork in celebration of the Week of the Young Child. We will continue this partnership in April 2017. Kathleen provided Coleman School Librarian Sara Sonnet with 200 STEAM booklets to be distributed to Coleman students before school let out for the summer.

Kathleen created 15 backpack kits for the County Counsel's office which expressed a need for reading materials for families in crisis counseling, especially the children who spend long amounts of time in the office while their parents are meeting with legal counsel. Kathleen used nylon backpacks donated to her by Zero Waste Marin. She filled them with STEAM activities booklets, clown noses, pencils, crayons, erasers, paperbacks, coloring sheets and bubbles. The backpacks were so gratefully received that Kathleen approached Sara Jones about purchasing branded MCFL backpacks for the system to use. With Sara's approval, Kathleen would like to take this idea to the Jeanette Prandi center next and create backpacks for varying ages. Denise and Kathleen will shadow Sara Hathaway at the Novato Music and Movement class for toddlers in preparation of the class Denise would like to start at Civic Center. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)*

Kathleen partnered with the San Rafael City children's librarians for Summer Learning Game outreach on at Vallecito School. Of all the Dixie and San Rafael Districts schools Kathleen visits, Vallecito presentations have the highest number of children who use the Civic Center Library regularly and know Miss Kitty personally. Old Gallinas School returned for the annual summer visits to the Civic Center Library. Kathleen provided a special story time and provided STEAM books for the entire school. Puppeteer and ventriloquist Tony Borders launched our Summer Learning Program with animal puppets and fun facts for a very enthusiastic crowd. Michael Ormseth, pitcher with the San Rafael Pacifics Baseball Team, visited the library. Michael was terrific with the kids, giving tips and spending much of the time listening to their detailed discussion of their own baseball highs and lows.

Tuesday night Puzzles and Pajamas nights began. Miss Kitty scheduled an ongoing drop-in night for families to work on jigsaw puzzles, save them, and continue them weekly. The purpose behind the programming was the start intentionally integrating MITM Seven Essential Life Skills into our programming. Working on jigsaw puzzles together promotes focus & self-control, communicating, making connections, and self-directed engaged learning. Attendance numbers have been modest, but Miss Kitty feels the programming was very successful at its intended purpose. Kathleen and Elmer Jan presented the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Fitivities Games at the Civic Center Library. Coach Jan was a great sport as we played in the (very hot) Civic Center hallway on a Saturday afternoon. We had a small number of athletes with their mothers and it turned out the mothers were quite active competitors in the games. Tricia Cummings made two fantastic Faux-Olympic Games torches. All the athletes took victory laps around the Civic Center hallway as witnessed the following day by floating pieces of gold tinsel and orange feathers everywhere. This program was also planned to align with the MITM Seven Essential Life Skills; taking on challenges, focus and self-control, self-directed engaged learning. The Fitivities Game is now available for checkout so families may play at home. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)*

Kathleen met with Digital Initiatives Manager Jen Robinson to receive training and plan for the adaptation and continuation of her Miss Kitty Presents blog, currently hosted on Blogger. Miss Kitty Presents will now be hosted by WordPress, and the appearance will be in line with our newly launched catalog and website. Kathleen is proud of the 21,018 visitors she had to her old blog and looks forward to learning WordPress. *(Goal 3 – Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)*

The Civic Center branch has been especially fortunate this year to have an excellent team of volunteers running the kid's Summer Learning Game. A team of 10 volunteers comprised of 'tweens, teens, and one adult county employee, are doing a fantastic job facilitating the game in the Children's Room. Many of these of young people are return volunteers and kids who have grown up at our library storytimes and have played the summer reading game themselves for many years. Kathleen nominated several of them for recognition by the Board of Supervisors in an upcoming Volunteer Recognition event in August. Two of the high school volunteers have asked Kathleen if they may stay on in the fall and continue assisting her in the library, working around their school schedules. Kathleen will work with them to come up with some projects suitable for these very bright and capable teenagers. *(Goal 2 – Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)*



In the absence of a Teen Librarian, Elmer once again took charge of the Teen Summer Learning Program. He provided branch staff with written procedures and instructions for the program; organized badge prizes; evaluated patron online book reviews, and hosted the two TSL programs – Henna Tattoos, and Learn to make Summer Vegetarian Rolls. Eva helped with the grading of program quizzes and administering the secret codes. *(Goal 2 – Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)*



Elmer, Kathleen and Victor were trained to train Civic Center Library staff on the new MARINET Bibliocommons catalog. In addition to staff, Elmer and Victor held an additional, much appreciated, training session for CCE extra hires. Some responses to the training were: "And thanks again for yesterday's training. Can't wait to try it out for real." "Good workshop; much appreciated." Elmer provided six Librarian I supplementary training sessions. Elmer and Linda were very busy adding items to Bibliocommons and the new MCFL website. Elmer produced four title lists and three reviews for online posting to BiblioCommons (and received a prize for participating in the New Catalog Staff Game)

- Feel the Burn: Selected Exercise DVDs in the MARINET Libraries
- Sweet Soul Music: On DVD
- Sweet Soul Music: All Motown All the Time
- Kick Assphalt! Old-School Tunes to Propel Your Run!

Elmer also added much content to the Civic Center intranet page, including reconfiguring and reorganizing files depicting the branch's remodeling to a photo gallery page to appear in chronological order with improved accessibility. Linda submitted a Summer Music blog post to the new MCFL website and posted the title list, *What to Read While Waiting for The Last Painting of Sara de Vos* on the new catalog. As a BiblioCommons first responder, Linda replied to over 30 patron emailed comments and questions regarding the new catalog. (*Goal 3 – Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy*)

Elmer provided several one-on-one patron assistance sessions in using Microsoft Publisher for business card design, downloading eBooks/eAudiobooks to an iPad, Kindle and Fire. The Brown Bag Book Club met to discuss *Bettyville* by George Hodgman. Our materials displays included:

- Morgan Freeman: Born June 1, 1937 (DVD)
- Let's Eat! (DVD)
- May Is Short Story Month
- Muhammad Ali
- National Pollinator Week
- Sew, Quilt, & Bead!

Linda organized and/or hosted Community-Based Programs "All about Herbs with the Marin Master Gardeners and "Mini-Maker Cat Craft" When Linda called a patron to remind them of the upcoming cat sewing program, the patron said, "I knew there was something I am looking forward to this week." (*Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together*)

Other:

- Trish participated in the Info People Teen Services course
- Victor sat on the interview panel for the Flagship position
- Carolina, Kathleen, Linda, Teressa, and Trish worked shifts for MCFL at the Marin County Fair
- Linda Cullen, president of Friends of the Civic Center Library, is moving out of the area following the death of her husband. Neither our Treasure nor Secretary wants to assume presidential responsibilities so we are actively seeking new board members.
- We are testing a Staff Happy Hour for staff to play, learn, relax and regroup. The idea comes from a program Eva attended at PLA about having a stress-free staff. We set Happy Hour Best Practices to ensure it is successful.

### **Anne T. Kent California Room (Laurie Thompson)**



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Since January, Laurie has been working with Marin County Fair manager Charlie Barboni to design and interpret the history of the Marin County Fair via a large exhibit which was a focal point of the 2016 Marin County Fair. Laurie reached out to community partners at the Novato Historical Guild; the Marin Art & Garden Center;



the Jose Moya del Pino Library -Ross Historical Society; the Jack Mason Museum of West Marin History and the Ken Fineman Collection to assemble a wide array of images, ephemera and artifacts documenting the three key eras of Marin's Fair: Novato (1925-1928); Marin Art & Garden Center (1946-1979) & Marin Civic Center (1971-Present). Thousands of people viewed the exhibit and many connected with us to ask questions or to share their own memories of the Marin County Fair. (Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together).



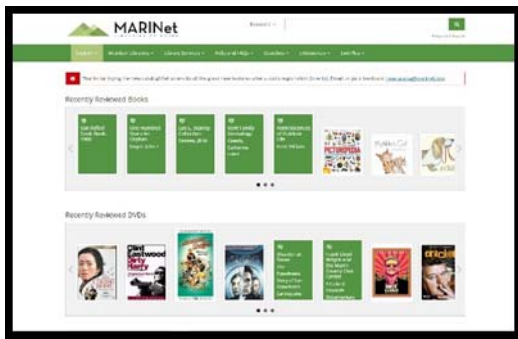
At long last, the remodeling of the future Anne T. Kent California Room Annex at 1600 Los Gatos, Suite 182, is nearly complete. The last elements –some ceiling tiles- are slated to arrive the week of July 18 and if all goes as planned, we should be able to migrate the Schroeder Collection of unrecorded Marin County maps and surveys, c.1849-1988, to the Annex by the end of July. Once that collection is in place and available for public access, we will make plans to move the Marin County Fair & Marin Center collections to the Annex as well. (Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together).



On behalf of the California Room, Laurie applied for and was accepted for Phase I of the "California Revealed" initiative, sponsored by the California State Library. Phase I includes a series of webinars on selecting primary source materials for digitization, including guidelines on copyright issues and digital preservation. It will also include several one-on-one interviews with Project Manager Robin Chandler and her consultants to determine whether source materials in our collection meet the California Revealed criteria for fitting into California State K-12 curriculum goals. The California Room was 1 of 24 institutions chosen out of a pool of 50 applicants for the "California Revealed" initiative. (Goal 3- Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy).



Digital Archivist Carol Acquaviva has posted a 1976 interview with noted oral historian [Willa Klug Baum](#) of UC Berkeley's Regional Oral History Office (ROHO) to our digital archive. Willa Baum was a mentor to Anne T. Kent and Carla Ehat who, in turn, initiated the California Room's oral history program in 1974. (Goal 3- Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy).



Digital Archivist Carol Acquaviva has reviewed, tagged and rated over 300 California Room holdings on the New Bibliocommons catalog. She has also created seven public lists for patrons wishing to explore various facets of Marin County history. Thanks to Carol, the California Room is the winning group account for MARINet's staff game. (Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together).



Philanthropist Jeff Craemer donated \$3,784 to purchase 10 vertical files, cabinets and preservation supplies for the re-housing and preservation of our unrecorded Marin County Map & Survey Collection, soon to be transferred to the new California Room Annex at Marin Commons. (Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together).



Our "cup runneth over" thanks once again to the generosity of Jeff Craemer who has donated two albums consisting of 279 historic postcards of Mt. Tamalpais documenting myriad aspects of that mountain's history including: Mt. Tamalpais State Park; The Tavern on Tam; The Mountain Railroad; Muir Woods & the Muir Woods Inn; The Mountain Theater; Trails & Hiking. (Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together).

**Corte Madera and Marin City (Julie Magnus)**

## June

**Middle School Book Club:** June marked the final session of the book club Youth Services Librarian Sarah Butts has been leading onsite at Hall Middle School in cooperation with the Hall Middle School librarian since January. A loyal and reliable group of 8th graders formed, and since they were graduating they expressed interest in continuing the club next year in some way. They have also turned into in-branch volunteers (several of them have not spent much time at our branch previously, so it's gratifying to have them here!) Sarah reached out to host the group as an experiment to take the book club to where the kids are – at school. This has helped us build stronger ties to our teens, and the results have been very positive. *(Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.)*

Alfredo Limeta, our newest Library Assistant I, attended a conference presented by *Bibliothecas Para La Gente* at the San Leandro Community Library: *RecaLibrar: Reshaping Library Services for the Latino Community*. We hope to reach out to learn what we can do to make the library a welcoming environment with services that are needed by the community, and look forward to using the information provided in the conference to help us move forward in this area. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

Marilyn Wronsky, Children's Librarian, is collecting books for a small library for families at the San Clemente apartments. Working with Alice Franco, from the Cove School, we have been supporting literacy efforts for children who find it difficult to make their way across the freeway to the library in the summer. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

Back by popular demand, we hosted 2 nights of Extended Hours Study Hall (9-11pm) for teens studying for finals in June. Up to 30 kids each night came in and studied, many with hopes of returning for a third evening—we'll do that in the fall. The Friends of the Corte Madera Library generously provided pizza and brain food for the students, and stalwart staff, including Sarah Butts, Youth Services Librarian, Jackie Foster, Library Assistant II, and Jose Avalos, Library Assistant I, extra-hire, made it all possible by agreeing to work the late hours. (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

Teen Summer Learning sign-ups are up this year – after 1.5 weeks we already have 99 teens registered in the online program, which is almost as many as we had in the entire summer last year (113). We also have more registrations for our in-branch programs as well, with a couple of them already near-capacity. (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

School visits and booktalks. Marilyn Wronsky and Sarah Butts visited over 2500 students to promote the summer learning program over the last few weeks. They also did booktalks for grades 3 - 8, since teachers and librarians have repeatedly expressed how much this element of our visits is appreciated by them, the kids, and the kids' parents. We have noticed a huge uptick in the number of holds on the books we presented, with many children showing up with the booklists we gave them. Not surprising really, but still gratifying. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)



18 tweens and 3 teen volunteers and intrepid librarian Sarah Butts, braved the heat to create cute, cuddly LED plushies in the Corte Madera Community Room on June 20. (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

We have recently begun partnering with the Marin Employment Connection to provide more job information in the library, acting in part as a satellite site. As a pilot project, we hosted a job table to share information about job openings with AT&T. Our goal is to create a job resource area, including additional information about job services at the MEC, guides for creating resumes, information about our online job resources, and job postings. We also would like to host a larger job fair, in conjunction with MEC in the fall. (*Mission: Create Connections for our community to Explore, Imagine and Innovate*)





Hands-on storytime on June 21 had a decidedly nautical air. After enjoying stories, engaged participants created boats out of corks and popsicle sticks, decorated sails, and then raced them-- move over, America's Cup! (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

Brooke, a young student and patron, interviewed Children's Librarian Marilyn Wronsky recently for a school project. She brought in a thank you note and container of cookies for all the staff in appreciation for the help. (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

In preparation for the new catalog/discovery platform, BiblioCommons, librarians Tami Fehrenbacher and Ana Stanescu created three booklists to include in the Staff Picks section. One of the great things about BiblioCommons is that readers can share lists with each other, and library staff can create lists to highlight new and interesting materials, giving our community the opportunity to easily follow and find out about their next great read, appropriate age-level books for kids, and more. Check out the *Quirky Travels*, *Recent Immigrant Fiction*, and *Bay Area mysteries* lists to browse some great options for summer reading. (*Mission: Create Connections for our community to Explore, Imagine and Innovate*)

Today a teen reader came in to pick up her prizes after being awarded two badges, and asked about community service opportunities in the library, explaining that she loves reading and libraries. The teen summer learning program got her in the door, and now she wants to do more. (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

Tech Tidbits: A patron called from the east coast today. Her email alerted her to the arrival of an e-book she was eager to read, but she didn't know how to get to it. After lengthy phone support, she succeeded in downloading the app and downloading the book. The same situation occurred with a patron who dropped by and was able to obtain the book he had on hold after downloading Overdrive. Helping with printing questions takes up a good amount of each day and patrons are grateful for the support. And our Chromebooks are circulating very well -- one young teen was very appreciative that they're available, and came in after school to work on them for several days in a row. (*Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)



Interesting displays for June include National Pollinator Week (June 20-26). We have included a variety of materials about bees, butterflies and bats to educate on how you can support the environment by being aware of what plants provide habitat for our pollinators. (*Mission: Create Connections for our community to Explore, Imagine and Innovate*)

### **Corte Madera Community-Based Programming:**

Our new series of programs aimed at seniors and developed in collaboration with the Corte Madera Recreation Center Senior Programmer, began this month, and we are pleased to report that attendance was very good. Two members of the Marin County Financial Abuse Specialist team gave a presentation on how to prevent fraud, scams and identity theft to an attentive crowd. Many patrons commented on the quality of the program as they left, took flyers for upcoming events, and signed up for our monthly email listing all adult programs. We are excited about this partnership and hope we continue to draw new patrons into the library for these programs. (*Mission: Create Connections for our community to Explore, Imagine and Innovate*)

### **Marin City**

**Wi-Fi Hotspots:** The highlight of the month for the Marin City Library is the roll-out of mobile Wi-Fi hotspots for loan to Marin City students who lack Internet access at home. The Library is excited to be the recipient of a generous grant from the Bank of Marin and a private donor for this purpose. The hotspots let the students receive Internet access anywhere that has cellular reception. These days, though many take Internet access for granted, there are lots of inhabitants of Marin City for whom this is not the norm.

The Marin City Library staff members set up the mobile hotspots, and tested them with the assistance of the WebStars, local youth who work at the library to gain technology skills. In coordination with Bayside Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy, Marin City Library staff members were able to offer the hotspots to a dozen students who lack Internet access at home. The hotspots will be on extended loan to the initial group of students through the summer and the first three months of the school year, to allow students to combat the summer slide and take advantage of educational opportunities, including “Read for the Win”, the Library’s Summer Learning Program, and Marin City Reads, a community-wide effort to encourage literacy. The mobile hotspots will be offered on a rotating basis for the life of the grant.

Making the mobile hot-spots available to students is one way the Library can connect the community with knowledge, a major part of the Library’s mission to “create connections for the community to explore, imagine and innovate,” as well as enhancing mobile and digital literacy, critical skills for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. (*Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)

**Marin City Reads collaboration:** The Marin City Library is partnering with the Hannah Project, Bridge the Gap College Prep, Marin City Community Services District and Recreation Center, Marin City Community Development Corporation, and Bayside/MLK Academy on an exciting community program: **Marin City Reads!** Starting June 20, for kids and teens *Marin City Reads* will be running in conjunction with the Marin City Library and Marin County Free Library’s *Read for the Win* summer learning program. Kids and teens will earn prizes from the Marin City Library for the reading that they do. Adults that sign up for *Marin City Reads* will receive a raffle ticket good for a drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card from the Marin City Library for each 180

minutes that they read. Fun, educational and family-oriented programs will be offered at the library and throughout Marin City during the summer. Our goal for the 9-week *Marin City Reads* program is for each person to read 20 minutes per day. That adds up fast, and if we get 300 participants, we would read a total of 270,000 minutes or 4,500 hours! If the Marin City community reaches our goal of 4,500 hours of reading, our community partners will offer an ice-cream social for all at the end of the program. On Saturday, June 25 the Marin City Library will jointly celebrate the *Read for the Win* and *Marin City Reads* launch. We will be playing games and enjoying refreshments, uniting Marin City in a community reading quest! (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

Diana Lopez, Librarian I, received a "pawtographed" advanced reader copy of "Tuesday Takes Me There" from Captain Luis and Tuesday. Ever since they visited the library to talk about his previous books, we have followed their journey and been inspired by all they do to reach out to people and share their message of hope.

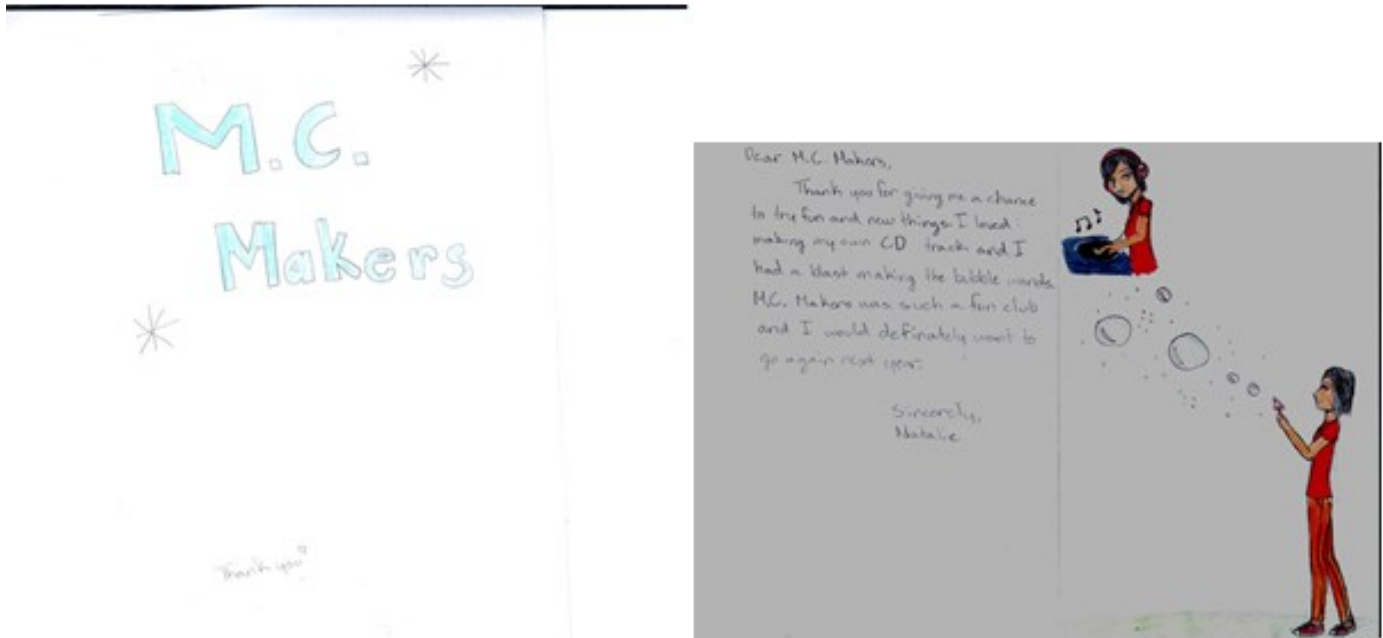
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Diana Lopez visited the Marin City Learning Center (preschool) and did farm animal themed storytime and activities for 50 kids. The activities included sorting plastic zoo animals and plastic farm animals into bins of "who lives on a farm" and "who lives in a zoo" and then "who has two legs" and "who has four legs." Diana also took her rubber stamps and kids made cards. They also used foam boards and foam stickers to make farm scenes with animals and barns, including sheep with heart shapes that [Aneta Radonov](#), Library Assistant I, extra-hire, cut out for them from cardstock (50 sets of heart-shaped heads, noses, ears, etc.), as well as collages of sheep, pigs, cows, and chickens. The kids had so much fun and the teachers loved the stories and activities, too. One little girl said, "I love you so, so much." (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

A patron who was using the 3D printer donated \$20 to the Marin City Library Friends in Etienne Douglas's name. She is so happy using the printer. (*Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)

On the last day of our M.C. Makers Club at Bayside/MLK, student Natalie Nuong made a thank you card and gave it to Adriel Ahern, Library Assistant I. They had studied many STEAM topics over the school year, including designing for the 3D printer and making their own projects. ." (Goal 1: *Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (Goal 2: *Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*) (Goal 3: *Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)



## July 2016 Report Submission – Corte Madera & Marin City

### Corte Madera

**The Library Card Dance:** Mom came in for a new card and when offered, readily agreed to also get one for her young daughter. The daughter was thrilled with her card and colorful key chain card holder. She didn't want to take it off. They discussed where she would keep it so it wouldn't be lost when she took it off at night (in her bedroom on the knob of her dresser drawer). Her excitement at getting a card was impossible to contain. She did a library card dance in the lobby. (Goal 1: *Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

**Gators:** Mother, with young son in tow, needed a medical form which was found online and printed off. While talking to the son about Summer Learning, it turned out that he and his two siblings were already signed up. In fact, had they pooled their book bucks to purchase the "grow alligator" which is getting so big, it is kept outside in a toddler splash pool. From there it was a short leap to suggest the old favorite, *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile* to be found on shelf in the glades (!) --classics section. Everyone left with something from the library. (Goal 1: *Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) 4-year old Nathan Stainbrook, watching the bathtub drain at home, said "That's the vortex." His grandmother was quite astonished with the breadth of Nathan's vocabulary, which she attributed

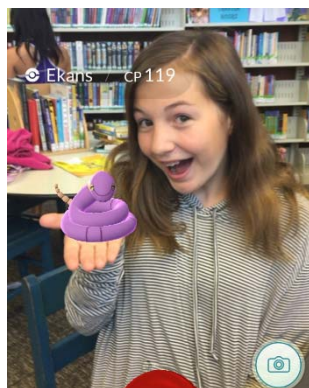
to their use of the library to give Nathan plenty of books, and shared this with children's librarian Marilyn Wronsky, as they were checking out another huge pile of library books. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

Picture this. Wednesday night with a dozen kids spread out on the children's room stairs, parents and siblings nearby, listening in. Kids thumbing through their copies of *The War that Saved my Life* by Kimberly Bradley. Debbie Toizer peppering them with questions, guiding the discussion, including everyone. Enthusiastic, talkative kids, listening to each other. Parents impressed with how thoughtful their kids are. Siblings eyeing the platter of chocolate chip cookies. A book to remember. An evening to remember. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)! (*Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

Days after Ancestry.com was added to branch resources we used it to help a patron find information about a deceased friend so that he could obtain a death certificate to settle an estate issue. The patron was so grateful his wife came in to thank us in person. And if you were wondering, as the patron who called in earlier this week was, if there were pharmacies in France during the 1500s, you will be interested to know that there were apothecaries and source documents cite them in the treatment of injured soldiers. (*Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)

All staff are busy introducing the New Catalog to patrons and that is giving us the opportunity to emphasize our collections and the features of the New Catalog. Staff are diving in, creating lists and rating books. Shane Ebert won the MARINet-wide BiblioCommons staff game for his prolific postings. (*Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)

Wild Pokemon caught in the Children's Room at Corte Madera! (*Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*) (*Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile digital literacy.*)



What's the intersection of surfactants, geometry and fun? Bubbles! Kids were in awe of Sterling the Bubble Man as he created bubbles with all kinds of household objects, created bubble jewelry, and en-bubbled kids whole! (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)





Teens have been enjoying all types of learning experiences at the library this summer. 30 intrepid teens participated in our monster murder mystery evening, when the library was open just for their event, using their analytical and critical reasoning skills to figure out whodunit-- while also having fun and enjoying pizza, of course. *(Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.)*



### **Corte Madera Community-Based Programming:**

Our collaboration with the Corte Madera Recreation Center is generating results. Forty-three people showed up for our second program, a presentation on memory, given by the North Bay Alzheimer's Association. New connections (neural and otherwise) are growing as a result of this series, focusing on topics specific to older patrons. Shereen Ash, Librarian II, Adult Services, is building relationships with members of Age Friendly Corte Madera and a Commissioner on the Area Agency for Aging. And, patrons are pleased. We received many positive remarks about the program and a chuckle or two about memory challenges, including one from the gentleman

attending the program who left his car keys in the lock of his car trunk and had to retrieve them from the library!

The Marin Poetry Center Summer Traveling Show poetry reading, hosted by Prartho Sereno, drew an overflow crowd. Those poets are an enthusiastic, appreciative bunch, thanking us for hosting them in our Community Room.



And, Marin Master Gardeners were back, this time to give a talk and demonstration about succulents. The room was filled with plants and people.

Heard on local KQED NPR radio, an announcement of the current art exhibit on display in the Corte Madera Friends of the Library Community Room, "Golden Gate Artists Presents Commitment to Creativity." This group has been celebrating women in the visual arts since 1972. Members hold meetings, workshops, critiques, and exhibit both locally and nationally. Each year they award a scholarship to a local young woman majoring in art.



*"Goldfinch" by Donna Solin*

## **Marin City**

Diana Lopez, Librarian I, did a "Create Your Own I-Spy Game" program. Kids filled clear binder pouches with rice, sequins, mini zoo and farm animals, and other trinkets to create their own game. The pre-school kids from the Marin City Learning Center came to the library and made them, too. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (*Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

On four successive Wednesdays (6/22, 6/29, 7/6, and 7/13), the Marin City Summer Bridge kids came to the library. These are kids who are going into kindergarten in the fall. They came for Sarah Butts's 10 a.m. storytime and then Adriel Ahern, Library Assistant I, or Diana Lopez, Librarian I, did an activity with them. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (*Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

Etienne Douglas, Community Library Specialist/WebStars Coordinator, was at the Marin County fair the first two days demonstrating 3D printing. Diana Lopez, Librarian I, was at the fair each day. Becky Tuttle, Library Assistant II, was at the fair on 6/30. Becky's brother had made a giant Jenga game for us, and Diana had personally purchased a giant Connect Four. We took both to the fair. Both were a hit, but the giant Jenga was the bigger hit by far. People loved it! It was a huge draw. We connected with a lot of people at the fair. We saw several MCI patrons. Diana spoke with a FLAGship patron who said that they use the FLAGship because they can't afford preschool and that they couldn't have come to the fair without the tickets we made available. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (*Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*) (*Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)

Our press release regarding the Wi-Fi hotspots went out, and the Marin IJ published an article about our Wi-Fi hotspot project. <http://www.marinij.com/social-affairs/20160726/new-marin-city-library-program-helps-kids-learn-on-the-internet> (*Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)



Since we discontinued several of our periodical subscriptions this year, our magazine shelf needed some re-arranging. Kevin Luu, Library Aid, shifted all of the titles so that they are now all on eye-level shelving. We also shifted our *Consumer Reports* to the regular shelving from our reference area, so it's much more visible to patrons. We've noticed an uptick in magazine browsing since the shift! (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

Etienne attended the Marin City ISOJI (*isoji* is Nigerian for rebirth, and is comprised of representatives from nearly a dozen different social service and local government organizations) meeting to talk about our Wi-Fi hotspot project and the digital literacy project that he is doing as well as library programs and services. The meeting was focused on what each organization is



contributing to community equity. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (*Goal 2: Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*) (*Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)

Diana posted on Facebook and tweeted that MCI is a Pokestop and that we'd be dropping lures for an hour. Patrons could come in, show us their library card (or get one) and receive Pokeswag—and they did! A group of Pokemon trainers came to the library (a mom with a group of kids) and picked up some Pokeswag. Everyone played together for a few minutes. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (*Goal 2: Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*) (*Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)



Diana did a "Science of Bouncing Balls/Make Your Own Bouncing Ball" program. She made an accompanying reading list in BiblioCommons that included URLs to TedEd videos and other resources. A new family came to the library for this event and told us they would start coming from San Rafael since the kids enjoyed their time here. "You are doing a great job here" she said. Her little girls spent time playing with our toy collection and finding books. One of our regular patrons who has been bringing her son in since she was a baby (Olga, the lady featured in the lynda.com testimonial that Etienne made) came to the program. She said that we always have a lot of "really great activities". (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (*Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

We received a large donation of 6 boxes of children's books from a Mill Valley Family. Included were 12 beautiful pop-up books that we now have as a browsing collection for our young patrons. Books were also used to give to local children from the Freedom School and will be used to support other local organizations that serve Marin City Youth. (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)



For Teen Summer Learning we offered a candy sushi-making event with sheets of rice crispy treats to roll and candy to decorate. We had 20 adults, teens and children all really enjoy making candy sushi. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

Kids from the Freedom School came and visited the library, and they browsed the collection. They brought their reading logs to the library to get book bucks and choose prizes. Thanks to some large donations of children's and teen books from the community, we were able to let each kid pick out a book to take home and keep. They were very excited. The younger group got to try the Oculus Rift Virtual Reality system, which they were very enthusiastic about. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together and Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)

Through a partnership outreach effort that Julie Magnus, Branch Manager, coordinated with the Marin Employment Connection, we were able to arrange a job table event, initially working with AT&T. Becky Tuttle, Library Assistant II, acted as point person to collaborate with the Marin City Community Development Corporation to have the event at their site, which had more space and could accommodate it better. Three employers eventually participated: AT&T, Bank of Marin, and Fresh Starts Culinary Academy. Marin City residents stopped by for information and to apply for jobs. We all agreed we'd like to hold another event, perhaps in September. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

We hosted a teen event of Henna with Rachel-Anne. It turned out to be mostly mothers and daughters spending time together and giving each other henna designs. Overall we had 12 people, and everyone had a very nice time and loved to share their designs. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

One of our patrons, Amahji, who is nine years old, created a poster entirely on her own. In big letters she wrote "Girl Power" and asked other kids to sign it. Then she wrote on another piece of paper, "Please Sign". She asked Becky Tuttle, Library Assistant II, if we could put it up. We put the poster on the wall next to the kids' computers, with the "please sign" message underneath. She was so happy to see her poster on the wall! And some kids have signed it! It is great to see kids feeling ownership of the library! (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

Diana Lopez, Librarian I, went to the Marin City Learning Center (preschool). The kids were learning about ocean animals. Diana did a storytime featuring ocean animals and a pop-up book that had ocean animal and seaside sounds. She (with John Elison's, Library Assistant II, help) made ocean animal booklets for the kids to practice writing the names of the animals and for them to color. We also did "octopi" with cardstock that was cut into a sem-circle and 8 holes punched at the bottom for kids to string beads on to use for counting (1st leg had 1 bead; 2nd leg had 2 beads, etc.). The kids had a blast, and the preschool head teacher was thrilled with the activities and books. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

One of our regular patrons who's in her 80s had left Diana a note a few weeks ago saying that she wanted to take her to lunch. On Wednesday, July 27, they had lunch together at Subway by the library. She actually lives closer to a couple of other libraries but prefers Marin City **Library**. Today she said that since Diana started working there, there's a lot more activity. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

Sterling Johnson, the Bubblesmith, came to the library as part of our Summer Learning experiences. Diana had invited the Marin City Learning Center kids, so they came over together. We also had a good turnout from regular and new patrons. We had 60 attendees. The preschool teachers that brought the kids had even woken them up a few minutes early from their afternoon nap so they could attend. Everyone had a blast. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)



Library Director, Sara Jones, checks out the virtual reality Oculus Rift project at the Marin City Library. Partnering with the CEC MakerSpace, 3 sites in MCFL will test virtual reality sets as part of a pilot to determine best practices for libraries, with funding from the California State Library and *Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)



Our button-making program had about 15 attendees. Adriel connected with our favorite identical twins and their mom and talked to them about books for our "Your Favorites" glade.

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### **Marin City Community-Based Programming:**

David Johnson, eminent local photographer, and Ansel Adam's first African American student at the California School of Fine Arts, now known as the venerable San Francisco Art Institute, attended our poetry event—the Marin Poetry Center Traveling Show, where local poets read original poems. Etienne Douglas, Community Library Specialist/WebStar Coordinator, informed him that a patron had inquired about purchasing the signed photo that he donated to us. When I told him that he then said that he would bring in a print of the photo and sell it to the patron and donate the proceeds to the library.

### **Fairfax (Margaret Miles)**

We are continuing to see lots of excitement surrounding the children's Summer Learning Game in July, and Fairfax has broken sign-up records for the past 5 years (we currently have 395 children signed up). Staff as well as patrons are enjoying and benefitting from the "financial transactions" surrounding giving out book bucks and trading them for prizes. Overheard near the Summer Reading Store, a little boy said to his mom "I tell you there is this thing called a book buck, and I have to get those to buy these!" Staff stopped and explained the system to the mom, and the boy bought a kazoo with his first book buck. *(Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together and Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression).*

Chanticleer the Rooster Puppet Show drew an audience that filled the meeting room on July 23. Kids and parents interacted with the performers, and learned about renaissance instruments while being entertained. *(Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together).*

Mother Goose on the Loose continues to be the branch's most popular program, with several weeks exceeding 60 attendees. One nanny wanted to know where Carolyn Potter, Children's Librarian, got scarves and music, and she is now doing a version of MGOL at her church on Sundays! *(Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together)*

Making Vegetarian Spring Rolls on July 23 attracted a whopping 14 teens (more we've had for any previous event!). They learned to construct culinary creations that were beautiful as well as delicious. Attendees included three boys; one of their moms told Martha Kassin, Teen Librarian, "he's making dinner tonight, and we're stopping at the grocery store to buy the ingredients!" *(Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression).*

Theresa McGovern, Anthony Puga, LDS, and Margaret Miles attended training on the New Catalog at TEC in early June, and then conducted training for the entire staff at the June staff meeting. Staff felt ready to introduce patrons to the new catalog when it soft launched on June 27, and patrons have been receptive and positive about the new features. *(Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)*

Theresa visited the Ross Valley Seniors Club meeting on Thursday, June 2. Theresa brought giveaway books and cookies and talked about upcoming adult programs and reader's advisory resources. She then introduced our branch's most dynamic reader's advisory resource,

The Summer Learning Challenge started with a bang on June 11, the day of the Fairfax Festival Parade. Supervisor Katie Rice accompanied Anthony, Marcia and Neshama as they marched in the parade ahead of the Bookmobile. They distributed Froggy bookmarks along the route,

and waived to thousands of attendees, many of whom cheered the library as they walked by. *(Create connections for our community to explore, imagine and innovate).*



Fairfax Library signed up 225 children for the Summer Learning Challenge in the first two weeks, and we are already seeing kids earning book bucks and cashing them in for our cool prizes. This year kids can read to earn jump ropes, playing cards, jacks, foam flyers, sidewalk chalk, and other prizes that encourage physical activity. Offering kids, the opportunity to save for prizes of higher value contributes to financial literacy, and helps build the essential life skills of making connections and taking on challenges. *(Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together and Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression).*

Carolyn hosted 2 special programs this month: “Run with the Animals” with ventriloquist Tony Borders, and “Read to a Dog.” Both gave children the opportunity to practice focus, self-control and communicating, which are also essential life skills. *(Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together and Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression).*

Martha Kassin has exhibited great creativity in preparing for this year’s Teen Summer Learning Challenge. Teens earn badges based on activities and book reviews, and trade their badges in for prizes. One teen who’d earned her second badge spent a full 20 minutes agonizing over the grab bag of exciting prizes Martha had put together. *(Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression).*

Henna for teens returned; this is one of our most popular summer programs, and once again it was sold out. Teens have the opportunity to create their own design while learning about the history and culture surrounding the art. *(Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression).*

Fairfax Friends of the Library supported our bi-monthly Lego club by providing \$200 for new Lego sets, many of which include female figures (firefighter, farmer, construction worker), plus a pony farm and a set of blocks in pastel colors. Between 20-30 kids regularly show up for this program and build imaginative creations. *(Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression).*



Melissa Merz and Marcia Stieger presented a Father's day craft program on June 18 which provided a great opportunity for kids to create their own crazy creature bookmark. Children made decisions about what elements to include in their construction, and two of the moms made bookmarks for their own fathers! (*Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together and Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression*).



Upon renewing her library card online, a patron wrote "... I love Fairfax and I will never leave. We live in paradise! I also love the Marin county library system. It is awesome. The best use of my tax dollars. I always vote for funding...." (*Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy*)

### **Community Programs**

While checking in a cart of returns, Melissa Merz opened a book with the stamp "Purchased with Library Measure Funds. Thank you Marin County Voters!" Underneath was a tiny post-it on which was written "Our Pleasure. We love the Library!"

Neshama Franklin (LA1), who shared a selection of posts from her "Neshama's Choices" blog. They received a thank you note saying the seniors enjoyed both presenters. Our Neshama has

again garnered national notoriety by being published in the current issue of *Reader's Digest*. This is an award-winning story she previously told live for the NPR Moth Radio Hour. There was standing room only for the Marin Poetry Center Traveling Show on July 14. Speakers included Marin Poet Laureate Prartho Sereno who closed out the reading with a song. The 50 attendees were very complimentary of our space and several thanked us for an enlightening evening.

In the "other" category:" A woman approached the desk on the last night of the Democratic National Convention and said "can you please save my marriage?" She and her husband both wanted to watch the speeches as they were live-streamed, and she needed a staff member to get her husband to the right page on the public computer "because he won't listen to me." Marriage saved. *(Create connections for our community to explore, imagine and innovate).*

In the "other" category: A young man asked if we ever banned people permanently from the library. I said on rare occasions, when they'd broken the law, yes. He said "I know this may sound like a strange request, but can I be voluntarily banned from the library?" He explained that he suffers from OCD and would read and/or use computers to the exclusion of all else if given the opportunity. I explained that we could delete his card if he wanted us to do that. "But if I went to another library and asked to get a new card, they'd just give it to me, right?" He asked. I said, yes, that's how we work. We're in the business of providing access, not limiting access, and while I sympathized with his disorder, I told him that if anyone asks to use the library, we're not going to try and talk them out of it.

## **Novato and South Novato (Janet Doerge)**

### **June**

A grandmother came in to the library in June expressly to share her appreciation for the Playaways and Playaway backpacks. "I took these for my granddaughters. My older granddaughter does not like to read, she's in 3rd grade and reading is a struggle for her, you know? When it came time for homework or I'd ask her to read even a page, she'd do it, but it was a real struggle. I brought home the Playaways, just to try them. She didn't see me watching her, but as she was listening, she was following along in the story. Then she started mouthing the words. Then she started reading them out loud. This is such a huge thing! She's going to hear and say those words like "and", "but", "the," over and over hundreds of times as she's reading a book until they really sink in. Thank you!" *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

Rancho Elementary held their end of the year celebration for ELL students at Novato Library June 7. 23 participants received storytime from Librarian Laura Kennett, information about the library & Summer Learning, special bags w/steam booklets, pencils & more, ate cake & met Olaf from Frozen! The Library was presented with a certificate thanking us for being an Outstanding Supporter. A great ending to great 2015-2016 school partnership. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

A teacher from the Novato Charter School brought her 6th grade class to the South Novato Library on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and Carla Avitabile gave them a talk about the Teen Summer Learning program. The teacher wrote a thank you letter to Carla to express that Carla did a wonderful job and that she was very grateful. The students were excited about the books Carla described and some of them checked out books that same afternoon. The teacher went on further to say that her school is SO lucky to have the new South Novato Library close by, and with librarians like



Carla, she was sure our collaboration will truly benefit the students. *(Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.)*

A teen patron/San Marin Student who came to the library in June said with regard to the Library Card Project instituted at his school whereby every student received a library card: "I didn't know that we were all getting library cards. I have been meaning to get one for a while and I was really excited that I got one at school." Hooray! *(Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.)*

As of June 27, we already have 4400+ Children's Summer Learning Signups so far at Novato Library! *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

A young lady (age 7) was receiving 5 book bucks this evening for reading in the summer learning game and said to Library Assistant II, Willow Taraja, who was handling the transaction, "I don't know why they're called book bucks, they should be called 'fun bucks' because they're really FUN". *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

New Senior Social Club at South Novato Library is a hit! A member of the group posted this on her online Community Group: "Every Thursday at 11am the library opens for those 55+ for "coloring, conversation, coffee and tea". Coloring books & colored pencils are provided. Don't laugh! This Thursday, 3 of 4 of us were coloring away the whole time. And Nathan will display your finished pages! Conversation has included topics like other things that might be done during the senior hour and how to provide better transportation for seniors to the new location. I intend to bring up the subject of senior discounts in Marin and resources for estate planning. The computers are on and the library is quiet. Check it out! As more people attend, other activities may be arranged." Woohoo! *(Creating connections for our community to explore, imagine and innovate.)*

## July

A Novato mother filled out a Customer Comment Card: "I am commenting about the Summer Learning Challenge 2016. In a word it is GREAT! I have a 7 yr old with special needs. He has a significant verbal development disability. He is just starting to read but it is not easy for him. This program has completely incentivized him. He loves earning the [book] bucks and getting prizes. It makes him so proud of himself and gives him confidence to continue. Thank you for all the hard work it takes to bring programs like this to the community! *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

When signing up for the 3000 Minute Super Secret Summer Party (where kids had to meet the 3000-minute challenge to attend), a young lady and her mom were asking about the party details. A staff member explained, "Well, it's on Friday and it's super special because the library is closed that day, so it'll just be us and the super cool party!" "Are you serious?" asked Mom and daughter at the same time. "Absolutely!" "This is the best!!" exclaimed the girl, jumping up and down. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

Another mom stopped by as she was picking up her older son from the first Super Secret Summer Party to see how things had gone at the party and to thank us: "This is just so great;

these parties really work for him. We've been excited about these parties ever since Day 1. They really get him reading and that's big. Reading is a struggle for us, but this summer, he's just really going for it so that he can get into these parties." *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

Willow Taraja had an 8 yr old fellow come in to collect his book bucks - he received three. He decided to purchase a \$3 book buck jump rope. His father asked if he might rather save the three book bucks so that he could get a \$5 book on another visit. The 8yr old fellow replied: "No, dad, these are limited stock." Pretty darn cute! *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

Novato Staff have been doing outreach at the Farmer's Market. On July 12, Silvia Molina, Sandy Fong and Rachel Stanton, along with Library Friends President Ginny Schultz, talked to over 50 people about the services the library offers and gave away prizes to folks willing to spin our wheel! *(Creating connections for our community to explore, imagine and innovate.)*

Tom McGibney went above and beyond for a patron when we were unable to fill her hold on an item in our catalog. The only copy in the system was damaged, so he had to discard it. He then ordered a new copy and placed it on hold on it for the patron. She wrote an email to Tom saying, "How kind of you to write. Now I LOVE the library even more. Thanks so very much!" *(Creating connections for our community to explore, imagine and innovate.)*

Tom also reported that we had nearly 80 people (79) attend programs on Coyotes, Mammals of Marin, Growing Roses, and Hidden Walks during June and July for the Summer Speaker Series on the Outdoors at Novato Library. Speakers included David Herlocker and Rob Ruiz from Marin County Parks, Marin Rose Society President Sandy Simon, and author Stephen Altschuler. We also had a good turnout for the recent Marin Master Gardener program on succulents (34). *(Creating connections for our community to explore, imagine and innovate.)*

A patron reported to a staff member that she and her son went to the new South Novato Library and LOVED it, said it is such a nice space, has a different feeling and is so clean. She explained that she loved both Novato and South Novato Libraries, but that they would try to make it back to South Novato as often as they could. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

Adrienne Graham reports at South Novato Library that after the huge story times with lots of attendees that the attendees themselves are putting all the plushies back in the box when they are done. Staff goes to clean up and they already did it! *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

New Senior Social Club at South Novato Library has gotten even more praise and appreciation. A member of a nearby church has been in attendance and has shared the good word with fellow members by posting a sign there that states "2016 is Honor Your Elders Year" and recommends that friends 55 and over should come to the South Novato Library on Thursday mornings to "Enjoy Refreshments, Have Discussions, Start Arguments, Mingle with Literary Types, and Hob Nob with actual live Staff person. *(Creating connections for our community to explore, imagine and innovate.)*



Laura Kennett's Story Power is a theme based program focused on practices that build school readiness for children of all abilities ages 2 to 6 and their caregiver(s). At the July 27 session, Laura focused on the importance of rituals and repetition in early learning during storytime and then had templates for families to cut out images and make their own "bedtime charts" to reflect on a ritual they do at home. It was beautiful! The charts focused not only on the individual family's rituals, but also on the important vocabulary of "First, then, next...." which is an important part in building narrative skills and Critical Thinking. Using symbols for each step in the ritual is great work on the Mind in the Making (MITM) skills of Communicating (interpreting and using symbols) and Making Connections. Several patrons commented on how much they appreciated having a bedtime chart that they could make at the library, always meaning to do it but never found the time. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

A library patron visiting from Roseville, CA took the time to fill out a Customer Comment Card on July 26 to let us know that he thought that Novato has "one of the most advanced children's libraries that I have ever seen. Keep up this great work." *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

A San Anselmo resident filled out a Customer Comment Card on July 6 to tell us: "The South Novato branch has been a lifesaver! My 1.5-year-old loves coming here on rainy days or hot days (and of course I don't mind tagging along). We love the play space, easy parking and storytimes! So happy to have this space we can escape." *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

#### **E- Services & Technical Services (Scott Bauer)**

#### **E- Services (Jen Robinson)**

Jen Robinson and Anna Jonsson continued to work towards the launch of Bibliocommons throughout June and July. In June, Anna attended both the Train the Trainers training as well as a special "Staff Picks" training that will enable her to act as administrator for the Staff Picks, New Titles, and Awards sections of Bibliocommons. Anna created support materials for staff, including a 1 page "cheat sheet" with all of the most relevant information that staff will need in order to assist patrons. Jen and Anna visited several MCFL branches and spoke with staff about their progress in exploring the new catalog and asked about their readiness to help patrons once the catalog launches. Based on these visits, Anna and Jen created special notification flyers to be placed in patrons' holds the last week of July so patrons will not be caught off guard by the new catalog. Jen and Anna each logged over 20 hours responding to patron and staff feedback via the New Catalog email ([newcatalog@marinet.info](mailto:newcatalog@marinet.info)) and assisted MARINet's Jessica Trenary in populating a database of helpful responses to most commonly asked questions so staff are more ready to answer patron emails in a timely manner. The "public preview" of Bibliocommons began at the end of June and continued through July. The big switch to the new catalog will be on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The new catalog is mobile friendly and drastically improves the patron's library account experience and offers many expanded ways in which patrons can discover new books, movies, and authors. *(Goal 3 - Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)*

The new MCFL website was launched on June 30<sup>th</sup> and we've had over 60,000 visitors in the first 30 days – a 134% increase in traffic! We've already noticed some interesting trends: with the creation of new, more simple and easy to use design, the "eBooks & Audiobooks" and "Online Research & Learning" pages have jumped significantly in use. This is great news as it means we are meeting our Goal 3 directly: not just providing a better website, but providing information about our digital and virtual collections in a way that entices patrons to explore.

The top ten visited pages are (in order): Homepage, Locations & Hours, Novato Library, Events, eBooks & Audiobooks, For Teens, Corte Madera Library, Books & Audiobooks, New Catalog blog post, and Online Research & Learning. Jen and Anna spent much of July making adjustments based on feedback from staff and the public. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and input from patrons has risen greatly with the advent of a new contact form on the website. We are getting about 10-15 questions and comments a week via the form and are happy to have another avenue for patron communication. Jen Robinson trained three staff members on publishing blog posts using the new website and has plans to train a larger group that can have more agency in terms of content creation.

There will be several major changes made to the new website in early August to accommodate the switch to Bibliocommons, and then the web team will settle into doing user testing and working through the long list of enhancements requested by the public and planned by staff.  
(Goal 3 - Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)

### **Sampling of positive patron feedback on new website:**

*"Wow! Way to go on this new site. It looks clean, modern and appealing. You guys did a fantastic job, thank you."*

*"The new library website is excellent. Thanks for the improvement."*

*"The website looks great and I love the tone of the narrative. Well done! Bravo!"*

*"I like the new look - not so cluttered and busy."*

*"Love the new website! What an improvement!"*

*"Your new website is absolutely fabulous!! I love it - thank you!"*

*"The new website is impressive, easy to navigate and love the colors and pictures ... very inviting!"*

*"The new website is AWESOME! Congratulations! :)"*

The new Intranet has 173 staff signed up for accounts, which is virtually every employee. Most have put up profile pictures and many staff have reported their happiness with being able to "match a face to a name."

Jen Robinson attended the County's monthly PIT (Public Information Team) and quarterly Social Media Team meetings in June and July. She met with representatives from Reference USA and Databases A-Z and had check-ins with the following vendors: Hoopla, Lynda.com, Boopsie, Booklist, and Morningstar. The library's contract with Standard and Poor's Daily Advantage was cancelled due to low usage that resulted in an untenable cost per search amount. (Goal 3 - Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)

## **Technical Services (Scott Bauer)**

*From Mildred Arencibia*

In July 2016, Mildred helped staff MCFL's booth at the Marin County Fair for 2 days. Having a presence at the fair is an important avenue for connecting with families, children and youth. It is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the community to highlight library services and the many ways in which we can help with any educational and entertainment needs. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)*

As part of the new catalog implementation, Mildred has created several Spanish lists with recommendations for different audiences. Lists like Children's Easy Readers Books, Children's Bilingual Books, Historical Fiction, English as a Second Language Resources, and U.S. Citizenship Resources aim to make discovery of our Spanish materials easier for families and youth alike. *(Goal 2: Support Youth in our Community with Opportunities for self-discovery and expression)*

Mildred continues to work closely with MARINet and the UXWG to implement the new catalog BiblioCore. She continues to lead efforts in testing the new catalog, logging any issues with the vendor, finding resolutions, and responding to troubleshooting requests from staff and patrons. Some major issues she has helped resolve include mapping audience and content accurately and implementing an easier way to map formats. This last one required working jointly with other member libraries to arrive at a consensus as well as directing the implementation of any changes. Another issue concerns making sure that digital items are listed as being accessible only online instead of both in person and online. All these improvements enhance the patron's digital experience by augmenting the accuracy of the catalog and improving user access.

Another important improvement to the catalog she has helped implement is the offering of the entire catalog, including its navigation, in Spanish. Together with a complete translation of MARINet's website into Spanish, this can definitely improve mobile and digital literacy for populations that are traditionally affected by the digital divide.

In June 2016 Mildred attended a train-the-trainer's session on the new catalog. Later in the same month she conducted two staff training sessions at TEC as well as several one-on-one training sessions with other staff. Mildred has also created several documents with tips on how to use the new catalog and has posted them to the staff Intranet. These can help with the staff level of comfort with the new catalog which in turn can positively influence the public's level of satisfaction during the transition.

In July 2016 Mildred assisted with the launching of the new website and staff Intranet sites by participating in the working groups that spearheaded those projects. *(Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)*

From Sharon Ho

The Technical Services' Acquisitions team completed Fiscal Close in June, without problems, because of the staff's efficiency and accuracy in paying invoices and reconciling orders. In July, we started entering this fiscal year's invoices in Munis, the county's new financial system. We have been working closely with Library Accounting and the Department of Finance to ensure that the transition goes smoothly.

Kathy Grandemange continues to work on updating Holiday subject headings to provide for more accurate searches in the catalog. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)*

A few of the Technical Services staff volunteered to help represent the library at the Marin County Fair this summer. We encouraged youth to construct robots with cubelets, engineer and design with strawbees, learn about fossils and rocks, and create necklaces from fossilized shark's teeth. *(Goal 2: Support Youth in our Community with Opportunities for self-discovery and expression)*

Michelle Hirsch has been working with the California Room staff classifying photo acquisitions in preparation for digitization. *(Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)*

### **West Marin (Bonny White)**

**FLAGship:** On June 1, Ambre, Bonny, and Victor Avalos held interviews for the position of FLAGship Mobile Assistant, Spanish Language. Since we waited for quite a while to fill this position, we were anxious to find just the right person. Applicant Alejandra Cruz was the successful candidate. Allie previously taught preschool at the Los Gatos complex in San Rafael, so she already knew all about our program and was very excited to use her bilingual and bicultural skills onboard our learning bus. Allie's first day was July 17. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

On June 5, Bonny and longtime Flagship supporter and extra-hire, Linda Varonin marched with FLAGship in the Western Weekend Parade in Point Reyes. Linda's husband John helped us decorate the bus and completed our contingent. This was our sixth consecutive year. We were greeted by many grateful FLAGship families as the bus and marchers made our way through town.

During the last week of June, Zoe Peters and Yadira Valera of the Bay Area Discovery Museum joined the FLAGship to bring a lovely nature curriculum and art project to every one of the class sites. As part of the program, the children created beautiful watercolor paintings of leaves to take home. The Bay Area Discovery Museum's Library Outreach Program visits local libraries and literacy programs to support science and learning. MCFL will be collaborating with BADM at this year's California Library Association annual conference in Sacramento. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

**West Marin Literacy Services:** On June 2, Bonny, Dan, Jennifer, and Ana Maria held interviews to fill the CLS, Spanish Language position that has long been open in our Literacy office. The successful candidate was Annemarie Russo. Annemarie currently lives in Bolinas where she is also a licensed midwife with strong community ties and a real dedication to serving West Marin families. Annemarie will start her job the week of August 1. We are all very excited to have a bicultural, bilingual presence in our library!

Our seasonal Reading on the Ranches program launched its 6-week run on July 11. Coordinator, JoAnn Kempf and her teen assistants, Bryan Aparicio, Josuep Macias, Belen Martinez, and Esmeralda Gutierrez, will be visiting approximately 20 ranches on both sides of the Tomales Bay during July and August. Jo Ann's crew brings reading and fun to children of

our ranching families who, because of transportation issues, cannot participate in our branch-based summer learning programs. This year's program is particularly sweet because we received a donation from Library Commissioner, Nick Javaras to help make this a rich learning experience for our participants. We are also experimenting with delivering a limited amount of food from the food bank at West Marin Community Services. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

This year, Bonny and West Marin Literacy Services formed a partnership with Literacyworks of Sonoma County. Literacyworks provides funding for our advanced and motivated ESL students who are ready to attend community college. The stipends cover transportation, childcare, books and other expenses for 11 ESL students from West Marin. Bonny has joined the Friends of Literacyworks and learned at a recent meeting that 100% of the West Marin students who signed up last semester are continuing to pursue their studies, having already registered for classes in the fall. This is really an amazing statistic since persistence rates at community colleges are generally not very high.

### **West Marin branches:**

The evening of June 2 marked the second in our Point Reyes Armchair Travel series. Former West Marin librarian Celeste Woo and her husband, John Kaufman, showed slides of their trip to Rajasthan, India to a huge crowd in the Point Reyes Library meeting room. Judging from the size of the audiences for our travel programs, we think we've tapped into an area of immense interest to our West Marin patrons. *(Engaging community-based programs for the whole family)*

Summer Learning season is off to an amazing start in all four West Marin branches of the Marin County Free Library. Here are some comments that Jennifer collected from a grateful West Marin parent.

*"(My son) just found - and blew through - Henry Huggins - yay! He loved it. I had tried to get him to read it a couple of times during the year, but he was so busy he never got a chance to really get into it. We picked it up from you last week, and he basically read it straight through and loved it. Now he's going around the house 'talking' like Henry Huggins, "Swell, Mom"" Do you suppose we can, ..." It's a total crack up. :)*

*(my other child) found a Mr. Putter book we hadn't seen before – Mr. Putter and Tabby pick the Pears - we love those books in general, but this one was a perfect fit for our Grandpa (my Dad). He has apple and pear trees - and "cranky legs", just like Mr. Putter in that book... so after reading it through the first time, Skye realized Grandpa would love it, so she took it over to his house, read it to him and the two of them were sitting on the couch, laughing big belly laughs at how Grandpa is just like Mr. Putter with his cranky legs (but how Grandpa would \*not\* slingshot his apples as Mr. Putter did) - it was such a sweet sight." (Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

In addition to our usual summer learning offerings at the Point Reyes Library and on the ranches, this year we introduced another summer learning experience. *Flat Stanley Camp* which we offered in collaboration with West Marin School second grade teacher, Luis Burgos, is an attempt to provide extra support for second graders who are struggling readers. We "started small" with a group handpicked by their teacher. The first week of camp was held at the library

with MCFL providing staffing, materials and support. The last two weeks will happen in August at West Marin School as part of Wildcat Camp. Because student reading levels were tested just before school let out and retesting will happen in September, we are hoping to learn a little about whether this approach is worth pursuing in the future.

*Flat Stanley* is often used as an interactive learning experience. The original *Flat Stanley* is a 1964 children's book written by Jeff Brown in which Stanley is flattened when a bulletin board falls on him. He survives and figures out there are advantages to being flat - for instance you can mail yourself all over the world just by climbing into an envelope! In addition to reading the Flat Stanley stories, our campers made their own Flat Stanley figures and designed adventures for them to go on. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

On June 13, *Circus of Smiles* came to town to entertain and delight audiences in Point Reyes and Bolinas. The Point Reyes crowd included the whole student body of Papermill Creek Preschool, as well as other Point Reyes children. In Bolinas, *Circus of Smiles* performed a bilingual program for a school-wide assembly of students, grades K-8. As usual, Paola and Tyler had the whole audience laughing and cheering at their highly skilled and highly silly circus antics. Jane and Kerry were on hand to encourage participation in our summer learning game. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*



The Bubblesmith, Sterling Johnson paid a visit to the Stinson Beach and Inverness Libraries on Friday, June 24. Sterling was a real hit at Performers' Showcase in February and when we found out he lives in Marin County, we booked him for all four West Marin libraries. He is very well known in Stinson Beach where he has honed his skills for more than 40 years. Sterling's programs were absolutely fascinating. Not only did he demonstrate how to blow bubbles within bubbles, but he explained what goes into the solution and why his bubbles stay aloft for so long. Finally, he put us all – large and small - inside of the bubbles. We are very grateful to the Friends of the Marin County Library and the Tomales Bay Library Association for supporting this fascinating program. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*





During June, the Point Reyes Library exhibited art by the students of Papermill Creek Children's Corner Preschool. The sophistication and beauty of their artwork delighted us all! An artists' reception for children, parents, and the community is planned. (*Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)



The June art show at the Stinson Beach Library featured the work of an artists' collective, *Artists of Mt. Tamalpais*. There were watercolors, photographs and even a fiber-art seagull.



On Tuesday evening, June 28 Camilla Ford of the Bolinas Library and her friend, Jon Cozzi performed a live reading of *Love Letters*, a play by A.R. Gurney. The performance went extremely well and was attended by more than 30 theater enthusiasts at the Bolinas Library. (*Engaging community-based programs for the whole family.*)

Our first teen program of the season at the Point Reyes Library was *Henna* with artist, Rachel Ann Palacios. Jennifer and Kerry have now worked with Rachel so long and so effectively that it's like greeting an old friend when she visits. Point Reyes teens look forward to this event all

year long. When combined with excellent pizza, courtesy of Robert at Café Reyes, this event was bound to be a success. Rachel worked her way through 31 teens, all wanting to be decorated with original henna designs. Rachel made a visit to the Stinson Beach Library on July 18 where she also had a packed house of teen participants. *(Goal 2 -Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)*



Ambre Dailey and Bonny both worked at the Marin County Fair during early July. Ambre saw lots of grateful FLAGship families. In addition to commenting about how much they appreciate FLAGship services, they also mentioned that they wouldn't have been able to afford to bring their families without the Library's collaboration with the Marin County Fair which allows children to win free tickets.

On July 3, the West Marin Libraries began our seasonal participation in the Point Reyes Farmers Market. There was a bit of a scramble when we realized that "our" white tent was at the Marin County Fair this year, but the good news is that we now have a nice new tent that lives permanently in West Marin. Kerry Livingston (pictured below) is the driving force behind our Farmers Market presence. She negotiates our participation with the managers of the market, sets up books and displays for our booth, and offers to fill in if her colleagues can't do their shifts. We couldn't do this without her!



On July 7, West Marin's fascination with Sterling Johnson, Bubblesmith, continued as he visited the Dance Palace summer camp and the Bolinas Library. We think he may have broken attendance records for a program conducted inside the Bolinas library – 75 people came out to see Sterling's artistry. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*





On Monday, July 11, Bolinas Library offered a teen sushi-making event. Our newest CLS, Vanessa Waring organized and presented this program, her first experience at being in charge of a system-wide program. It sounds like everyone who attended had a fun, delicious experience. *(Goal 2 -Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)*

On July 20, Jennifer and the Point Reyes Library hosted a teen crafts program where everyone learned to make bracelets and dog-tag and bottle cap jewelry. Fueled by delicious burritos (made by a grateful parent) and Jennifer's guacamole, the teens made some wonderful creations. *(Goal 2 -Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)*



On July 26, Kerry offered a unique and fun program where she taught Stinson Beach patrons how to make attractive tote bags out of unwanted and recycled plastic bags of all kinds including coffee bags and dog food and cat food bags. They were clearly delighted with the results. *(Engaging community-based programming.)*



Throughout June and July, Carol Sweig, a wonderful volunteer from Inverness, has been teaching biweekly memoir writing classes at the Point Reyes Library on Friday mornings. Carol has been a teacher and writer for many years. Her skill is evident in the care with which she sets up and conducts this exceptionally popular adult program. I just received word from Carol that her current group of students enjoyed the experience so much that they have decided to keep meeting on their own in Inverness to continue to support each other with their writing. Carol has now agreed to offer this 6-session class again in the fall and I expect that signups will be brisk! Novato Library has also expressed interest in the program and she is thinking seriously about it. Great thanks to Dan Carr for helping Carol get the supplies she needed and providing support for her from beginning to end. (*Engaging community-based programming.*)



Facilities: In June, the exterior of the Stinson Beach Library got a fresh new coat of paint. We were also able to hire local gardener, Heidi Watson, to clean up the patio and front garden area of the Stinson Beach Library. With the warmer summer weather, patrons really enjoy using the outdoor areas, particularly now that it looks so beautiful. All four West Marin libraries had their carpets cleaned during June and July.



### Library Director Activities

- June 11, Friends of the Library Annual meeting at CEC Makerspace
- Continue to assist with Board transition for the Marin History Museum Board.
- *Read to Lead* county book club in June with HHS Director Dr. Grant Colfax reading *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. and July *Co-Active Leadership* with HR Director, Mary Hao
- MARINet Board Meeting, June 16 (last meeting as Chair) July 21
- Received LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act grant to the California State Library for staff training in Mind in the Making
- Prepared and participated in my Board of Supervisors Department Head evaluation on July 18, 2016.
- Attended meetings on Marin Promise 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading action group, which I have been asked to co-chair.
- Went to all but one staff meeting to thank them for reaching 100% evaluation goal. The final one, Corte Madera, will be in September.

MARINet Board Meeting  
Minutes  
May 19, 2016  
Board Room – MARINet/MCFL Tech Services  
1600 Los Gamos Dr., Suite 180, San Rafael  
9:00am- 11:00am

**Present:** Dan McMahon (MARINet), Jessica Trenary (MARINet), Debbie Mazzolini (Belvedere-Tiburon), Abbot Chambers (Sausalito), Sara Jones (Marin County Free Library), Gary Gorka (Dominican), Linda Kenton (San Anselmo), Sarah Houghton (San Rafael), Teresa Capasso (Larkspur), Anji Brenner (Mill Valley), David Patterson (College of Marin)

Call to order: 9:00

**Absent:**

I. **Public Comment Period:** none

II. **Introduction of guests:** Scott Bauer, MCFL

III. **Approval of minutes from April 21, 2016:** Minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Mazzolini and a second by Kenton.

IV. Old Business

A. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MARINet -- update

- Anji Brenner and Linda Kenton provided an update on the MARINet Passport project. They suggested that libraries consider buying multiple location stamps if they are including additional sites for their libraries. A new “done it” stamp was designed by a graphics person at Mill Valley and could be used as an option for stamping passports for digital services. It would be slightly smaller than the location stamps.
- It was noted that there may be obstacles to patrons’ completing all the squares in the passport, such as work schedule conflicts, or not having a smart phone. A workaround is to group things in categories, and give a raffle ticket for completing a certain number in each. Brenner said there are 10 spaces available in the Services categories and asked for feedback on what could be included there. Items suggested by the group included Discover and Go, Link Plus, request a hold, download an eBook, a social media activity, use a self-checkout; download an ebook; try a database, Discover and Go, use LinkPlus, attend a program, use a self-check machine, try the new catalog (Bibcommons); use a digital (Zinio) or print magazine.
- Sara Jones asked how the raffle tickets would be disbursed. It was agreed that all libraries would have raffle tickets on hand. Date stamps or the new

“done it” stamps would be used on passports to indicate that a patron had received a raffle ticket. Passports should be ready by August 1, and “done it” stamps will be made for all libraries. David Patterson asked how donations could be made for raffle prizes. Sara Jones offered to collect donations for raffle prizes through the Marin County Library Foundation.

#### B. CENIC – progress report and funding resolutions

Dan McMahon reported that he and Dave Cooper (Marin IT) spoke with Cenic engineers recently, and they will provide a schedule for the upcoming installation. He sent an equipment order to Diane Satchwell from the Southern California Library Cooperative. Money from the CENIC grant will be used first, and then MARINet will be invoiced for the balance. He also asked Marin IT to bill for their services in two installments. Dan will have funding resolutions for these expenditures at a future meeting. Will know more about Cenic launch date soon, which may be as early as January. By next month he may have the time line from Comcast and AT&T.

#### C. Bibliocommons (BC) Catalog

- Jessica Trenary reported that the MARINet Bibliocommons site is up, and the timeline is on track. BC training is scheduled for June 1 and 2. Soft launch is planned for June 27, and hard launch on July 20, but dates are flexible. The BibTrain group prepared training handouts for staff; BibPub group created group accounts, and a best practices document for list creation; Privacy group contacted all directors to ensure privacy policies are aligned with BC. Trenary suggested changes to MARINet privacy policy and will prepare an updated document to be voted on at the next meeting. The BibCat group is working on updates to catalog to ensure items display correctly. The BibCom group has developed a thorough marketing plan, with bookmarks, buttons, stickers, and social media coordination.
- Dan McMahon is working on the fines paid module and will set up a new PayPal account. Mildred (MCFL) is checking Spanish version of the new catalog. Trenary is working on the eBook integration and it will be ready by the hard launch.
- Reading history will not be available in BC but will continue to be available in the Classic Catalog. Innovative says they will create an API by the end of the year that will allow reading history to work with BC. Ways to notify the public that use the reading history feature (about 6% of users) were discussed.

#### D. Budget update on ATOM

Dan McMahon reported that ATOM is simple to use, and the new accounts codes that were created are now in use by MARINet. There was one error in previous resolution that will be fixed, but there is no need for new resolution. Chambers noted that there was an error in LINK+ delivery numbers.



## V. New Business

### A. Calendar of monthly deadlines (subscriptions, budgets)

Dan McMahon distributed the first draft of a new calendar with MARINet office and Board deadlines, and major subscription renewals. He suggested that the calendar be maintained going forward, and noted it will be particularly helpful with meeting subscription deadlines.

### B. Training discussion (Sarah Houghton)

Sarah Houghton reported that she wants to do more staff training at San Rafael. She is considering bringing Edmund Otis, a noted library consultant, and asked if anyone wanted to partner with SRPL to share costs. Jones and Mazzolini indicated they would be interested. She has been hearing requests for more training from her staff, and wondered if there was interest in more training on a MARINet level. Sarah Jones suggested that a working group be formed to explore the idea of collaborating on training opportunities. Anji Brenner proposed shortening the length of director's meetings and use the time for subgroups to work on projects such as these after the meeting.

### C. OCLC bills FY 17

Dan McMahon received an OCLC bill for all the libraries, however they do not pay these bills for the libraries. Each library will also be billed directly and is responsible for paying it themselves.

### D. MARINet "Secretary/Clerk?" (State Register of Agencies)

Dan McMahon received a census form for MARINet from the State Register of Agencies. He listed himself as the "secretary/clerk", but he was told that is not allowed with his job title. Debbie Mazzolini she had to complete a similar form, and suggested he list another staff member. He will name Jessica Trenary as the MARINet secretary/clerk.

### E. Other non-action items None

## VI. Standing Items for the agenda

### A. System Administrator's report

McMahon reported that the cause of the recent outage was due to a DNS server that was taken down. IST restarted the server quickly, but it took hours for the Innovative server to respond. He will have a new DNS server running soon, and when the switch is made to Cenic it will have its own DNS server. Abbot Chambers asked if there are other potential problems with dependencies that can be anticipated prior to switching over to Cenic. McMahon says they will do as much testing as possible in advance. Linda Kenton asked if the offline circ module can be used for check ins. McMahon said it can be used for that, but it should be tested first. He will look into it. He is planning to do the Sierra update next week on Tuesday or Wednesday morning. Dan also noted that the current

app server is six years old. At some point it will need to be upgraded. A new server could cost 25 to 30 thousand in next few years, with 10 or 15 thousand for data migration. College of Marin will be closing for several weeks and they will be taken out of the hold pickup location table and put back when they reopen.

#### B. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

#### C. Topics for future agenda

MARINet 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Cenic, Bibliocommons, Vice-chair election, What to do with discards (Abbot)

#### Announcements:

MCFL (Jones) - Donna Mettier is leaving for new job. Wishes her well and she did a great job for MCFL. Scott Bauer will cover in the interim. Thank you to Jessica and Elisa for the LinkPlus presentation to the Library Commission. The new room at Los Gatos will be done in about a month to house newly acquired special collections.

San Anselmo (Kenton) Attended Women's Leadership Summit in the East Bay that focused on women in government. She encouraged others to attend next year to meet women from other areas of government. Library's summer reading program is gearing up.

San Rafael (Houghton) Election Day with the library parcel tax measure is coming up soon. Also in June two library fundraisers will be held in conjunction with the Great Race. The Rafael will be showing a film on June 15 with proceeds going to the library, and a car show on Race Day, June 18.

Sausalito (Chambers) - Library budget is going to be flat; had hoped to hire a new ½ librarian position. For next meeting, wants to discuss what to do with discards. Internet Archive will still take them, but won't pick up; Salvation Army and thrift books may take them. Donna Mettier talked with Thrift Books that would take them and give you a cut, but would have to be boxed. Perhaps the delivery could be used as a way to collect them, and share the costs of packing them up.

Larkspur (Capasso) – Getting ready for summer reading, and scheduling school visits.

Dominican (Gorka) – Graduation has already taken place, so things are quiet for now. This summer The Center for Talented Youth will have a program for 6<sup>th</sup> graders on campus.

Belvedere-Tiburon – (Mazzolini) – Bookstore is being moved to the back of the boardwalk because Rustic Bakery is moving to its location. Rustic is doing a

fundraiser for the library on June 4, and will add chairs and benches to the area will should bring more business to the bookstore.

College of Marin (Patterson) – Hired a new library technician for IVC campus. Looking forward to the upcoming election with Measure B on the ballot, which was just endorsed by the Marin IJ. Also will be celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of College of Marin soon. This year they did the Common Read, a year-long celebration of a book. *Becoming Dr. Q* was this year's book and Dr. Q will be the commencement speaker at this year's graduation.

Mill Valley (Brenner) – Launching Take It Make It kits to be checked out soon. Will be starting out with ten kits that include things like a sewing machine, GoPro camera, microscope, and Raspberry Pi. Had some personnel changes, Donna Brown retired and Young Adult Librarian Katie McBride is leaving.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10.

Respectfully submitted by Teresa Capasso

**MARINet Board Meeting**  
**June 16, 2016 Board Room – MARINet/MCFL Tech Services**  
**1600 Los Gamos Dr., Suite 180, San Rafael**  
**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Dan McMahon (MARINet), Jessica Trenary (MARINet), Debbie Mazzolini (Belvedere-Tiburon), Abbot Chambers (Sausalito), Sara Jones (Marin County Free Library), Gary Gorka (Dominican), Linda Kenton (San Anselmo), Sarah Houghton (San Rafael), Teresa Capasso (Larkspur)

Meeting called to order at 9:01am

**I. Public Comment Period**

No members of the public attended.

**II. Introduction of guests**

Scott Bauer (MCFL), Kristen Clark (Mill Valley) and Joey Della Santina (College of Marin)

**III. Approval of minutes from May 19, 2016 meeting**

MSC Houghton/Chambers

**IV. Old Business**

**A. 25th Anniversary of MARINet – update**

Kenton reported that she and Brenner had requested updated location/contact information from all the libraries so please get that information in to Brenner. If you are contributing financially to the raffle prizes please get that money to Jones. The checks should be made out to *Marin County Library Foundation*. The stamps will be ordered through MARINet and the project looks on target for a July launch.

**B. CENIC – progress report and funding resolutions**

All of the sites were visited last week. Pickleweed was not on the list of sites to visit but it was in the original bid so it is not a problem to include it. McMahon noted that equipment is starting to arrive. No bills have been received yet though there will be a need for resolutions for every bill. No budget impact next year but expect \$100-110K the following year.

McMahon is working on a CENIC presentation for IT departments and City/Town Councils. He will make visits to all as needed.

### C. **Bibliocommons**

Jones and Houghton expressed praise for the organization, leadership and great communication exhibited by Trenary in shepherding the Bibliocommons project. The other Directors echoed this sentiment. Kudos!

Trenary reported that the project is now in Library staff training phase. 62 staff received instruction during the two-day training at the beginning of June, including special training for “staff picks” and the “admin” module. Soft launch still scheduled for June 27. Additional training will be available the week of July 5. There is a staff game for training with some fun prizes. Hard launch for August 1. Sept/Oct target to turn off Encore.

Bibliographic Standards committee, with Mildred leading, is making changes to records so they show correctly in the new catalog. There are bugs but the more people using it and reporting problems the better.

Possible speed bumps:

1. Reading History—MARINet has email addresses for people who turned on reading history. Can send a generic email explaining that the libraries are moving to a new catalog and you may lose your reading history. 10K people. Will include instructions on how to “replace” the functionality.
2. User names; people do not want a new one. There are three ways to get in with same password—user name, card number, email. Three easy steps to create a user name.
3. Some staff unhappy that article tab is missing from search results screen. UXWG discussed this—is possible in bibliocommons, can work but not as seamless. 1% of searches come from articles tab. An option that we will skip for now unless there is an outcry.
4. Another problem is patrons with multiple email addresses. Need better instructions for fixing that problem. 800 patrons have multiple email addresses. Can add it back in with a staff member or patrons can add back in classic catalog.

Communication: change search boxes on web sites. McMahon sent out the script for webmasters. If you are sending a general email to your patrons about the new catalog, you can ask MARINet for your patron addresses. The committee and working groups are working on many communications tools.

Staff accounts: you can change a personal account to be a staff account. Should we make this an option for staff? Personal opinions would show. Directors agreed to keep the two accounts separate. More content would be input into the system, but the downside is that personal opinions could breach ethics concerns.

Suggestion about staff accounts: In order for these not to seem so generic for staff that are well known in the community, i.e., the Directors, one can go into Sierra and change the



name not to have the underscore. The UXWG agreed upon the current naming convention based on best practices by other bibliocommons libraries. Constrained to 40 characters. Create lists p type 10 shows all the bibliocommons staff accounts. This naming convention will be brought back to the UXWG for consideration for something that is a little more user friendly.

A new email, [newcatalog@marinet.info](mailto:newcatalog@marinet.info), will be in various locations to solicit feedback from new catalog users. MARINet won't be able to tell which home library the comments are from. MARINet staff will respond in shifts. In order to leave feedback, the patron must be logged in. Submit feedback is on every page. Anticipating 100-500 emails in the beginning months.

MARINet website needs to be updated in many places because of numerous references to Encore. Privacy policy modifications made to include third party vendors, for example, and added to MARINet webpage.

Fines payment—McMahon is working with PayPal to get integration. Some difficulty in making this work so far. This appears to be the only thing that could delay launch.

How do we measure success here?

1. See how many problems are reported by email as the months go by.
2. Respond to patrons who sent email questions in the early launch period. Three or so months later ask—how are you doing with the new catalog?
3. Survey, within the new catalog, sometime after hard launch—simple survey—star ratings? How do you like the new catalog?
4. Tracking how many user names created, lists created.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Selection of Vice Chair**

Linda Kenton was nominated as Vice Chair for FY 2016/17.  
MSC Houghton/ Mazzolini

### **B. Discards and weeding—can we centralize?**

The Directors discussed possibly centralizing this process. Some libraries send items to Thrift Books or Better World, some to Friends groups, Internet Archive, some to teachers or to children's groups, Salvation Army or Goodwill and others eventually to be pulped. MCFL is willing to assist with the process though dock space is limited. The general idea is to centralize and palletize to more efficiently send-off discarded books to appropriate destinations. Directors will get feedback from staff and in the meantime, a pilot project with Sausalito will be first to experiment with centralizing the process.

### **C. EBWG**

Looking at funds for next year—Board budget is 75K, on top of that 18K from Overdrive for content, probably 50K on holds fulfillment and resupplying expired items, fewer timed metered expirations which require renewing because this collection is so popular. 6:1 holds ratio back up to 8:1.

Spending 93K—continue for holds fulfillment and expired content, 40K for holds but rest on bestseller titles. Instead of dividing the effort, focus on bestsellers and develop a regular schedule of purchasing. Monitor list of high holds and bestsellers. Local library level—discretionary eBook budgets at local libraries totals 26K plus 100K from MCFL. Use these discretionary funds to find holes in the collection. Look at whole picture, financially.

3M—Focus on spending funds on Overdrive collection at this point. Waiting for MCFL decision about collaborating with another library system to share 3M collection. 3M is cloud sharing—take one customer and link them with another customer. Jones would like to visit eBook working group to talk about the cloud sharing. It is an exciting possibility to share resources across jurisdictions. MCFL would spend approximately the same amount of money. 3M has done it in two jurisdictions—one in Minnesota.

### **D. Delivery**

MARINet is currently spending \$60-64K per year. Do we need to go out to bid? If no problem, we are OK for now because we are satisfied customers. MARINet changed vendors before because the service was not satisfactory. McMahon will seek advice from County about going out to bid. This will be something to think about it for next FY.

### **E. Other non-action items**

There were none.

## **VI. Standing items for the agenda**

### **A. System administrators report**

Highlights of the report include

1. Napa County is joining Link+ and want MARINet to be a partner library for training.
2. Linked data—3yr does what bibliocommons does.28K
3. Could Link+ go statewide? Five year contract at 63K; Innovative is trying to get to 250 libraries and to decrease prices for everyone. Do we want to lock in this price then? Think about this.
4. Michael Ahearn of oclc sent package for McMahon's signature. Each library pays its own bills. McMahon will reply that MARINet is not involved in the payments for oclc.

5. Content Pro asked for its 15K. McMahon asked where's our credit for 14K. The bill for support is \$114K—Directors recommended that we pay them 100K, building in the \$14K credit.
6. New financial system not up yet—the training has not been efficient. Looks easily learned.
7. CENIC—biggest line item is the MARINet helpdesk for \$60K. Directors urged McMahon to clearly identify what is that contract going to look like? There is a CENIC help desk. Should have performance conditions and consequences for not meeting those expectations. Who is the MARINet contact person? How to divide between the cities/towns and CENIC? There are many details to work out.
8. McMahon reported that fees/fines checks will be going directly to local governments, instead of the libraries, from county. MARINet will let libraries know the checks are coming.
9. Thurston—has not been changed in 10 years. Looking at an internet program. Communication among groups is tricky, everyone doing their own thing—and the other is the directory—more easily updated. MCFL has an intranet. Could MARINet share the staff module? The product is called Thought Farmer. McMahon will look into it. Includes pictures, who reports to who, expertise noted, and a social media aspect.

B. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

C. Topics for future agenda

1. 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary
2. CENIC
3. Bibliocommons
4. Discards/weeding
5. EBWG

VII. Announcements

- A. Mill Valley: YA librarian, new librarian position added in budget.
- B. Sausalito—Marinscope online to launch; Sausalito News last published in 1966, Marinscope 1971, digitized it with \$5000 from Sausalito foundation, in library only, 5 simultaneous users, marinscope participating got rid of microfilm and reader.
- C. COM-- new library with passage of bond measure. Expected to be where current student services building is.
- D. Dominican—no student's right now and it is slow.
- E. SA—Summer Reading has started and it is crazy busy. This year there is a program for everyone—babies, kids, teens and adults. Will start recruiting for Senior Library Assistant position, which is the head of circulation.

- F. Bel-Tib—new book return at shopping center. Surprisingly found ham sandwiches and books in it; digitize the ARK newspaper in partnership with some other agencies.
- G. SR--Parcel tax renewal passed, Summer Reading crazed with 600 sign-ups the first week. Harwood institute report not worth it. As reported in the news, the Ritter Center was discussed at city council, Houghton will be at ALA presenting "A Gen Xer leading a Boomer staff" (key = treat people like individuals).
- H. Larkspur--More construction with street torn up in front of library which has resulted in decreased circulation and fewer summer reading sign-ups so far. A part time interim director, Brenda Brown, will work for 2 months conducting an evaluation of the library and recommending next steps.
- I. MCFL--Showed the Directors Thought Farmer, an internet product. Viewed the staff directory; plans shared for the new research center; new webpage, will be at the county fair all five days. Marin history museum reorganizing is going well.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24am

Respectfully submitted by Linda Kenton.