

MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION

Proposed Agenda

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017

6:45 p.m.

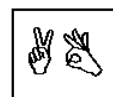
**THE CLUB RESTAURANT AT MCINNIS PARK GOLF CENTER
350 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael, CA 94903**

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NOTE: Meeting will start @ 6:45pm followed by Speaker, Bob Harmon

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
6:45	1. Call to Order	Kathrein	Action
	2. Roll Call	Kathrein	Action
	3. Approval of Agenda	Kathrein	Action
	4. Approval of Minutes – May	Kathrein	Action
	5. Open Time for Public Expression		
	6. Reading & Correspondence File	Kathrein	Information
	7. Informational Reports of Nominating Committee		
	8. President's Recap for 2016-2017	Kathrein	Information
	9. Library Director's Report for May	Jones	Information
	10. Announcements		Information
7:15	11. Adjournment	Kathrein	Action
	12. Speaker	Bob Harmon	



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Numbered List of attachments:

4. Minutes for May 10, 2017
12. Library Director's Report for May, 2017

Unnumbered Attachments:

Approved MARINet Board minutes of April 27, 2017 held at Los Gamos

MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY
Inverness Library
--PROPOSED MINUTES--
Wednesday, May 10, 2017

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 2:28 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

Present

Margaret Kathrein	Loretta Farley	Barbara Schoen
Linda Ward	John MacLeod	Sally Hauser
Joel Fugazzotto	Anya Schandler	Alison Howard

Absent with Notification

Craig Kennedy	Helen Fauss	Tyrone Cannon
Ali Iqbal	Ann Kaplan	Nick Javaras

Also Present

Scott Bauer, Deputy Director of County Library Services
Edna Guadiana, Administrative Assistant II
Bonny White, Branch Manager, West Marin Libraries

(3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

(4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M/S/C/-Hauser/Ward minutes approved as submitted

(5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION – NONE

(6) READING & CORRESPONDENCE FILE

Reading file was routed for all to read

(7) LITERACY/WEST MARIN REPORT – Bonny White, W. Marin Branch Manager



1. Welcome to the Inverness Library, our littlest and cutest library branch. We are so fortunate here that the gardens are maintained by the Inverness Garden Club. Inverness Library is also home to the Jack Mason Museum of West Marin History – I hope you have time to enjoy the show.



In thinking about your visit, I thought you might enjoy hearing some good news, and we have lots of that here in West Marin – so here are some moments to celebrate.



For five years, West Marin Literacy Services was without a Coordinator. Our office assistant, Ana Maria Ramirez and I kept things afloat, making sure ESL classes were offered throughout West Marin, keeping Summer Reading on the Ranches going, and staying in touch with our volunteer tutors. But Ana Maria only worked about 10 hours a week and I have a few other responsibilities, so it was a great relief when we were able to hold a recruitment last August. The successful candidate was Annemarie Russo. Annemarie lives in Bolinas with her husband, Jacob, whom she met in Mexico, and her three children. She and Jacob have a bilingual and bicultural household, so she came to us fully bilingual and with a real understanding of West Marin. More about Annemarie in a minute.

English/Spanish language conversation club - a fall "hit!"



One of Annemarie's goals from the beginning was to start an English/Spanish language Conversation Club, which she did, not a month after being hired. This is a really casual, fun group of people who are working on their language skills. This project was around the holidays when they all made greeting cards, using their second language, to give to a community member who spoke their "opposite" language. They also learned tortilla and salsa making from Ana Maria, and had great discussions about cultural celebrations in the United States and in Mexico.

New Bilingual Story times for Preschoolers and Babies.



While most of Annemarie's time is spent with our English Language Learners, she also works part-time at the Point Reyes Library. Shortly after launching the conversation club, she let us know that her next project would be bilingual story times. We have tried to offer these classes in the past, but we've had real trouble attracting an audience. There aren't many children in West Marin so we thought it might be hopeless, until Annemarie came along. Because in addition to being a Community Library Specialist, Annemarie is a highly skilled Licensed Midwife. In fact she delivered many of the babies in Point Reyes, Inverness and Bolinas, so she had a built-in following.

Successful February ESL Tutor Training - new tutor pairs working throughout West Marin!



Next on our wish list for West Marin Literacy was to "grow" our volunteer tutor base, so we organized our first local ESL tutor training in February. The response to our ad was really gratifying, with more than a dozen people coming to learn about our services. As a result of the training, we now have a healthy crew of 15 tutor pairs working throughout West Marin, with more coming on every week.

Five New ESL Teachers hired in March!



Then in March, the new Superintendent of Shoreline Unified School District, Bob Raines and I put our heads together to figure out how to offer more frequent ESL classes in Tomales and Point Reyes. We've always offered just one evening class in both of these communities but we both felt that if class was offered more frequently, our students would progress more rapidly. After we met and strategized, Bob applied for block grant funds so that we now offer 5 classes a week both in Tomales and in Point Reyes.

22 new college students from West Marin



Our small group classes in Tomales, Point Reyes, Bolinas and San Geronimo are very good at teaching basic spoken and written English, but when people have progressed enough that they can use their English to learn content, they are ready for college. Because of a partnership with Literacyworks Center in Petaluma, we now have 22 students enrolled at Santa Rosa J.C.

Cesar Chavez Day!



Here are pictures from our first-ever Cesar Chavez Day celebration in West Marin on March 30. Music was provided by well-known guitarist and singer, Francisco Herrera and Annemarie's husband, Jacob. We had visits from local celebrities like Gus Conde and Loretta Farley, and Gus actually interviewed a Bolinas resident who knew and worked with Cesar Chavez.

El día de los niños/El día de los libros



We also celebrated El día de los niños/El día de los libros in West Marin – three times! On April 28th, our dear Friends from Circus of Smiles travelled with me to perform successful bilingual shows for assemblies at Tomales and West Marin Schools. Then on April 30, Annemarie partnered with Papermill Creek Children’s Corner Preschool for a Dia program at the Town Commons where musician Mariela Herrera performed and we gave away more than 50 books to children.

Immigration workshops - January, March



Getting serious for just a moment, you need to know that our community is really very worried about the changes to immigration policy, starting in January. In response, we brought Immigration Attorney, Alyssa Simpson to discuss this issue with a very large crowd at West Marin School in January. We helped facilitate other immigration workshops throughout the spring where families could do essential paperwork, designating caregivers for their minor children should they face deportation. Annemarie is currently studying to be BIA certified so that she can offer assistance to immigrant families who want to apply for U.S. Citizenship (BIA stands for Board of Immigration Appeals, under the Department of Justice.)

In Bolinas, a surprise visitor, and 8 more years of support for added hours!



On one of the stormiest nights of the year, Bolinas Library’s neighbor and good friend, Frances McDormand, dropped in at the Library to read Bill Peet stories to our children. In other Bolinas news, at their April meeting, the Friends of the Bolinas and Stinson Beach Libraries decided to continue their support for extended hours for eight more years!

In Stinson Beach, a celebration of 30 years of great service!



And in Stinson Beach, Community Library Specialist, Kerry Livingston celebrated 30 years of devoted service to the Marin County Free Library with the Marin County Board of Supervisors.

and one last “yay” moment, just for fun!



Elliot and Niko White, born December 30, 2016, at their house in Novato.

Thank you for visiting us in West Marin!



After a brief question and answer period, Commissioner Schoen who was substituting for President Kathrein who was late, thanked Bonny for her presentation.

(8) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Meeting Schedule for 7/01/17-6/30/18: M/S/C Schoen/Hauser - After a brief discussion, the Library Commission approved the meeting schedule for July 2017 to June 2018. The Measure A Oversight Committee will meet @ 6pm three times annually prior to the Library Commission meeting.

- b. Election of Officers: President Kathrein presented the slate of officers for 2017- 2018. The slate is:

Margaret Kathrein, President,
Tyrone Cannon, Vice-President
Loretta Farley, Secretary

M/S/C Ward/Schandler--Slate of officers for 2017/2018 accepted as presented.

(9) OLD BUSINESS

- a. June Annual Meeting – Commissioner Schoen reminded everyone that next month's annual meeting would be at the McInnis Park Golf Clubhouse starting with dinner at 6pm followed by a short meeting and a guest speaker. Barbara passed around a sign-up sheet for everyone to put down their dinner choice, and requested that Edna send out an informational email to those Commissioners who were not here today asking them for their choices. The Annual meeting/social event will take place at McInnis park clubhouse restaurant. Dinner will be served starting @ 6pm, followed by a brief meeting and commencing with a guest speaker.
- b. New York Times access by Commissioners: President Kathrein touch based with everyone to make sure everyone has been able to access the NY Times without any trouble. Those that have accessed this agreed that it was very easy to use.

(10) PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR MAY
None

(11) DIRECTOR'S REPORTFOR MAY

Deputy Director Bauer reported for Director Jones who was on vacation. Some of the things reported on included:

- ✓ Bonny was the moving force behind the Library and County getting the parks passes;
- ✓ April is the month when the outdoor outreach events begin to fill the calendar. On Saturday, April 21st, our outreach team brought the bookmobile and STEAM projects to the College of Marin for the annual MARINOVATORS event;
- ✓ All branches are scheduled to be moved over to the CENIC network on Friday 5/16;
- ✓ Archivist Carol Acquaviva came across the Library's Director's report from April 10, 1931 in the archives. This document is attached as the last page of this month's Director's report to share with the Commission.

(12) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Howard announced that the Library Foundation had settled on a date for their fall fundraiser Children's event at the South Novato Library. The date will be September 10, with more information to follow at the next meeting which is scheduled on June 28. Commissioner Schoen requested that Commissioner Howard come back to a future Library Commission meeting to give a Library Foundation update.
- Commissioner MacLeod announced that the New Immersive Learning Lab which is a collaborative project with the Novato Unified School District should be up by the end of the Summer. John apprised the Commission that this learning lab is being funded through grants administered by CALIFA and the California State Library

(13) ADJOURNMENT-M/S/C-Ward/Schoen-Meeting adjourned @ 3:40 p.m.

**Sara Jones, Director of County Library Services
Marin County Free Library Report
For May 2017**

Personnel (Florence Pattison)

Nine applications had been received for the vacant Community Library Specialist position in the FLAGship assignment on the scheduled closing date of Monday, May 22, 2017. It was decided to continue accepting applications on an 'Open Until Filled' basis, but to interview six candidates in the meantime who are considered highly qualified. These candidates will be interviewed on Tuesday, June 6, 2017.

A recruitment for a part time Library Assistant I at the Stinson Beach library will open on Friday, June 9, and close four weeks later on Friday, July 7, 2017. It's hoped that this position will be filled by early August. This vacancy was created by the resignation of Larisa Proulx.

Many of the new positions to support MCFL's education initiatives and partnerships, which were approved at the April 11 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, have gone through the hiring review process and recruitment planning has begun. These are:

- Senior Librarian, South Novato
- Community Library Specialist, Maker Space Coordinator, South Novato
- Mobile Library Assistant, Bookmobile
- Library Aide, Novato (to be filled from a current list)

Other recruitments to be started in the near future are:

- Librarian I, South Novato
- Library Assistant II, Fairfax
- Librarian II, Fairfax
- Library Assistant I, Marin City
- Library Assistant II, Marin City

The Accounting Assistant position in Administration continues to be filled by an extra hire employee and the vacant Library Services Manager position at Technical Services also continues to be backfilled by Scott Bauer.

Library Activities:

Below are reports submitted to keep you abreast of library activities 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
- Goal 4- Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning (*new goal*)

Outreach/ Bookmobile (Damon Hill)

Planning for the Summer Challenge is in the air! The STEM activities are rolling in and the bookmobile is in full preparation mode. The Bookmobile does the typical Summer Challenge for the ranch families they serve and they have some great book giveaways, learning challenges and raffles planned. The staff believes it is so important to keep these kids reading over the summer---particularly the beginning readers who have just started to figure it out this month. If fun books are not available, they can lose the skills they have just gained. The Bookmobile is succeeding in developing ideas so many fun ideas that they will not be able to resist! The Bookmobile also packed the kids' DVD section with fun educational choices so they'll have even more ways to learn. The rural digital divide makes it so expensive for families to have cable for internet and TV that the usual Sesame Street and PBS programs are not available for these families who really need it. We are hoping to supplement the gap and make for a fun learning summer. (*Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together*)

The Bookmobile is adding Lynwood School in Novato to our stops this summer. About 350 Pre-K through 5th graders attend Lynwood and many of the families have limited access to other libraries. They will be bringing the bookmobile and lots of fun STEAM activities to the school this summer and look forward to working with the kids and families. The food bank will be doing a food pantry at the same time. This will be a great opportunity to see how our services can intersect and serve the diverse needs of our county residents. (*Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together and Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression*)

The Bookmobile stop at The Redwoods in Mill Valley continues to be very busy stop. They are delighted to be back serving our seniors at the facility. One of the patrons comes on with his wife at the beginning of the stop and enjoys perusing books on the back couch during our entire stop. His wife says that he looks forward to our every visit and it is his favorite hour of the week! He is the poster child for a lifelong learner---still an enthusiastic reader at 96. (*Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning*)

The bookmobile and the Marin City library staff attended the Enlighten Conference in Marin City on Saturday, May 20th. 150 girls from 6th through 12th grade spend the day with adult professional women who act as mentors. The day is full of workshops and a sit down lunch. The bookmobile and Marin City staff had a variety of STEAM activities for the participants to engage in. There was also had a display of fantastic giveaway books for the girls, thanks to the generosity of The Book Place. We were able to promote The Book Place to many local residents who were not aware of it. (*Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression*)

Thank you for the Gift Books!



There was a table for the County of Marin Career Development Day on May 24 and 25. The table promoted MCFL to Marin County Employees. This was an excellent opportunity for employees who do not live in the MCFL jurisdiction to learn about the benefit of having valuable access to electronic resources typically only available to residents in jurisdiction. Library cards were issued to many participants and the Read to Lead Book Club was featured.

(Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy and Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning)

Damon Hill, Marin City staff and San Rafael staff met in May to plan a partnership with the National Parks Service to bring underserved youth from Marin to local National Parks via the Library. Marin City will have the first event in June and on July 29th in partnership with the Novato Unified School District and YMCA will bring families from the South Novato Library. *(Be the preferred place for children, families, and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)*

Two new students have enrolled in Career Online High School. Both students will be starting from the 9th grade module and will have 18 months to complete credits in the Career field of their choice. Damon continues to work with students on progressing through the program and navigating the online program process.

The Veterans Resource Center had 2 clients visit for services after a period of inactivity. Also on May 4 the final meeting of the Talking Service: Standing Down Book Club met. The book club facilitator met with Sara Jones and Damon Hill to discuss how to bring the Book Club model to the State level in other libraries. A meeting is set up in June to discuss with

representatives of the grant. Damon Hill also attended a training related to Veterans “From Combat to Community”.

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

Damon Hill continued to participate in the Adult Maker lab on Thursday evenings. Damon also is now the representative to the Five Year Business Plan Committee from the Library

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


Gail Grant continued to provide graphical support during the month:

A large portion of graphical work was to support the Summer Challenge starting in June.


This included a newly designed poster and produced two Bookmobile posters. Also designed and printed out 11 x 17 Kids summer challenge posters for all the branches + 8.5 x 11 posters for West Marin



Kids summer challenge: all event flyers in English & Spanish for Corte Madera and Marin City. Individual event flyers for MCI and Fairfax. There were also uploaded so others can use them as templates




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**KIDS SUMMER
CHALLENGE
DESAFÍO DE VERANO
PARA NIÑOS**


Marin City Library
Summer Programs for Kids
 Please call 415.332.6158 for more information

Juan L. Sanchez
"Music without borders for a world without borders."
Friday, June 16, 3:30-4:30pm
 We're so excited to be having multilingual singer/songwriter and storyteller Juan L. Sanchez perform his interactive family program with songs from around the world.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Marin County Free Library



Marin City Library Summer Challenge Kick-Off Celebration
Saturday, June 24, 2-4pm
 Come join us as we kick off the 2017 Kids Summer Challenge Program! We're delighted to be offering a wide variety of really fun, interactive summer programs and prizes! The more you read, the more book bucks you'll earn toward prizes!
Sponsored by the Friends of the Marin City Library


Puppet Art Theater Show
Wednesday, June 28, 3-4pm
 With fun and humor, stories come alive in an engaging show for the whole family!
Sponsored by the Friends of the Marin County Free Library



Craft Fest
Tuesday, July 25, 3-4:30pm
 Do you have a favorite character, quote, or photo? Make it into a button, magnet, or keychain! You can bring in your own image or choose one of ours. Images must be no larger than 11". We'll also be making pony bead and rubber band bracelets. Space is limited, and sign-up is recommended.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Marin City Library


Slime Science
Tuesday, August 1, 3-4:30pm
 Make your own slime—an excellent sensory activity! This activity is messy so we suggest you come dressed in clothes that can get dirty.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Marin City Library

VIP Pizza Party
Friday, August 4, 5:30-7pm
 Kids who read the most this summer will be invited to a special VIP Pizza Party that will take place after hours in the library. Ask for details at the library's front desk.
Sponsored by the Marin Housing Authority and the Friends of the Marin City Library




Programs are for children ages 3 and up unless otherwise noted and are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Marin County Library. All library events are **FREE**.
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Requests for accommodations may be made by calling (415) 473-3220 (voice/TTY) or 711 for the California Relay Service or Emailing library@marincounty.org at least four work days in advance of the event. Copies of documents are available in alternative formats, upon request.



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**KIDS SUMMER
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PARA NIÑOS**


Biblioteca de Marin City
Programa Desafío de Verano para niños

Juan L. Sanchez
"Música sin fronteras para un mundo sin fronteras"
Viernes, 16 de junio, 3:30-4:30pm
 Estamos tan emocionados de que venga el cantante, compositor y cuentacuentos multilingüe Juan L. Sánchez a interpretar su programa familiar interactivo con canciones de todo el mundo.
Patrocinado por los Friends of the Marin County Free Library



Celebración de Inicio del Desafío de Verano de la Biblioteca de Marin City
Sábado, 24 de junio, 2-4pm
 Acompáñanos cuando demos inicio al Programa Desafío de Verano para niños 2017 ¡Nos complacemos en ofrecer una amplia variedad de programas de verano interactivos muy divertidos con premios! Cuanto más leas, ¡más puntos book bucks ganarás para canjear por premios!
Patrocinado por los Friends of the Marin City Library

Espectáculo de teatro del grupo Puppet Art
Miércoles, 28 de junio, 3-4pm
 Con diversión y humor, ¡los cuentos cobran vida en un espectáculo atractivo para toda la familia!
Patrocinado por los Friends of the Marin County



Festival de manualidades
Martes, 25 de julio, 3-4:30pm
 ¿Tienes un carácter, una cita, o una foto favorita? ¡Convértela en un botón, un imán, o un llavero! Puedes traer tu propia imagen o elegir una de las nuestras. Las imágenes no deben medir más de 1.5 pulgadas. También haremos pulseras de ligas de goma y perlas de pony. El cupo está limitado y se recomienda inscribirse.
Patrocinado por los Friends of the Marin City Library

Ciencia del engrudo
Martes, 1º de agosto, 3-4pm
 ¡Haz tu propio engrudo, una excelente actividad sensorial! Se trabaja con materiales que manchan por lo que te sugerimos que vengas con ropa que puede ensuciarse.
Patrocinado por los Friends of the Marin City Library

Fiesta con pizza VIP
Viernes, 4 de agosto, 5:30-7pm
 Los niños que lean más este verano serán invitados a una fiesta especial con pizza VIP que se celebrará después del horario en la biblioteca. Pide detalles en la recepción de la biblioteca.
Patrocinado por la Autoridad de Viviendas de Marin y los Friends of the Marin City Library



Los programas son para niños de 3 años en adelante a menos que se indique otra cosa, y reciben el generoso apoyo de los Friends of the Marin County Free Library. Todos los eventos de la biblioteca son **GRATUITOS**.
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(Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together and Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)

Developed Tri-fold brochure for Kids and Teen book club kits.



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Civic Center (Eva Patterson)

Kathleen continued her involvement as the system-wide MITM training wrapped up this month. She, Sara Hathaway, and Liz Paris began next steps for data collection and the design of a controlled vocabulary for codifying the data. Kathleen also spent much of May planning a thank-you luncheon and de-brief meeting with all the trainers at Homeward Bound's The Key Room in Novato. Sara Jones graciously allotted funds for a delicious catered lunch and trainers were able to talk about what worked well with the training, what didn't work well, what was a surprise, and what was not a surprise. MCFL staff were joined by Suzanne Flint, our LTSA grant coordinator from Sacramento. Suzanne provided much support and information about what to include in the final grant report. A big thank you goes to Tricia for her wonderful hand-made terrariums that served as both centerpieces and thank you gifts. It was especially nice using Homeward Bound's services as they provide culinary training for homeless families and veterans to get them back on their feet. The food was delicious! Kathleen spoke with Viki Card, the Homeward Bound coordinator, about future library partnerships. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers **And Staff** to connect, learn and grow together)*

Kathleen transitioned immediately from MITM to Summer Challenge this month. She spent much of this month recruiting tween and teen volunteers to assist her this summer. She was very touched that many previous volunteers asked to return because they enjoyed their experience. Kathleen conducted the recruitment as a job interview to give the kids their first experience of being in a job interview, filling out documents both in print and online and being accountable for that, and negotiating a schedule. She also covered the do's and don'ts of a professional handshake, much to their bewilderment. *(Goal 2 – Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)*

Kathleen collaborated with Joshua Alperin from the Pickleweed library and the duo visited Dixie and San Rafael school district schools performing a skit as **Pigeon** (Mo Willems) and **Fly Guy** (Ted Arnold). Multiple auditorium presentations were made to all grade levels and as with every yearly visit, it is very rewarding to Kathleen to see how many students know "Miss Kitty" and use the Civic Center Library. Kathleen was quite moved to receive a bound thank-you book from Ms. Lum's Kindergarten class. Miss Kitty was a guest reader for Young Author's Fair Week. This delightful book included a page from each student with a hand-drawn illustration and a comment "I think one of the best things about you is..."

This gift will be treasured forever and it is a testament to Ms. Lum's incredible teaching talents and thoughtfulness. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)*

This month saw the last Wednesday 10:30 Toddler Storytime as it goes on break during June and July to focus on the Summer Challenge. Denise will launch a new Music and Movement storytime in August that will replace Toddler Time. Kathleen gifted all the longtime participants of Toddler Time with a bilingual book "It's our Storytime!" so that they can keep storytime momentum going at home and as a thank-you for being loyal and enthusiastic storytime participants. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)*

Teressa Snyder is training Library Branch Aide, Caroline Brabbee to work as an Extra Hire Library Assistant I. Tricia Cummings has trained Cheryl Meeker and Enung Nurhimawati to add to our Extra Hire Library Aide list. Recently one of our Library Aides accepted a position as a Library Assistant I at the Corte Madera Library and another is on sabbatical for 2 months. *(Goal*

1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)

Victor's twice-monthly Lego group continues to be very popular. In May, 45 children (and their caregivers) made some wonderful LEGO creations, on display in the children's library. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)*

Linda organized and hosted the Vegetable Gardening: Basics and Challenges (30), and Creating an Alzheimer's Inclusive Society (3). Elmer provided 73 Craig's List postings by phone to disabled patron in San Rafael, and exam proctoring for one patron. He also produced three versions of the book list, Mental Wellness: (1) PDF with linked titles for posting on the Marin County Wellness Program site, (2) online list in Bibliocommons, and (3) print copy for in-branch distribution. Material displays this month were Creative Cooking & Eating!, Asian Pacific Islander Heritage (Teen), and John Wayne • May 26, 1907 (DVDs). *(Goal 4 – Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning)*

Natalie provided:

- Teen Summer Challenge flyers and began school outreach
- MCFL outreach at Terra Linda High School (30) A t-shirt design for the Marin County Youth Commission/Youth Leader Institute participants of the CVNL Human Race
- Monitored Marin County Youth Commission meetings (20)
- Chaired the Teen Advisory Group meeting (5) to discuss summer movie programs and fall crafts
- Organized Teen Button Making, hosted by Tricia in Natalie's absence (5)
 - Provided MCFL outreach at Marin County Juvenile Hall
 - Provided Teen Summer Challenge publicity and outreach at Venetia Valley Middle School PTA event
 - Compiled the Teen Summer Challenge binder for staff and purchased final Summer Challenge prizes
 - Tested program ideas with Sarah Butts (CMA): bath bombs and molecular gastronomy (popping boba)



happy at the monthly teen craft programs. a joy to see and to be around. It's lovely that library is such a safe, fun, positive environment for kids and teens." *(Goal 2 – Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)*

Elmer provided three one-on-one patron assistance sessions: downloading eBooks on an iPad, a Kindle, and a Kindle Voyage. Civic Center computing network was upgraded to CENIC mid-month.

A long-time Civic Center Library patron mentioned, "Teens seem very comfortable and

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The upgrade gave the library a boost of 9x its previous speeds. The upgrade was not as smooth as we hoped but problems were remedied quickly. Victor and Elmer, as members of MCTUG, have been our main go-to people to work with technical services to sort through the issues.
(Goal 3 – *Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy*)

- Elmer and Victor attended their remaining Mind in the Making workshops, thus completing the training
- Elmer and Natalie provided MCFL outreach at the CVNL Human Race/Community Village
- Linda revised email reference procedures, and Elmer and Natalie assisted with email reference in Linda's absence
- Branch staff viewed the Active Shooter Procedures for Libraries/Infopeople archived webinar for discussion at our staff meeting. Eva met with Dean Joyner (DPW), temporary head of County Safety Committee to discuss safe places in branch for staff
- Linda viewed Civility Goes Viral: A New Approach for a New Era/WebJunction archived



webinar

- Linda forwarded program opportunities to other programmers at MCFL
- Eva and Natalie attended Friends of the Civic Center Library meetings to recruit new members and receive approval for new teen furniture
- Natalie viewed Dare to Dream TED Talk
- Tricia and Denise attended the Career Day symposium presented by the County and reported an inspiring day of speakers and activities

(Mission – *Create connections for our community to explore, imagine and innovate*)

Eva and several other MCFL Equity Alliance members attended the Othering & Belonging Conference sponsored by the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society. Eva said it was “the best conference I’ve ever attended. I found an overarching theme of empathy being the means for fighting racism.” She reported her thoughts and feelings about the speakers, panels, and breakout sessions to Civic Center staff and members of the MCFL Equity Alliance.

(Mission – *Create connections for our community to explore, imagine and innovate, and Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers (and staff) to connect, learn and grow together*)

Anne T. Kent California Room (Laurie Thompson)



Librarian Laurie Thompson shared some fun local history resources with a group of third grade students visiting from San Jose. They especially enjoyed the Alcatraz exhibit and learning about Frank Lloyd Wright. Many of the children took “selfies” with our life-size cut-out of Frank Lloyd Wright. (*Goal 2- Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery & expression*).

Laurie worked with *Prison Arts Touching Hearts* (P.A.T.H.)

Director Leslie Lakes to mount

an exhibit in the California Room display cases titled *Art Escape at Alcatraz*. It features inmate art, poetry and historic ephemera celebrating the history of Alcatraz Island. It's part of a larger initiative by Lakes to promote artwork by incarcerated artists and compliments an exhibit currently on display at Alcatraz Island. Our Alcatraz exhibit will be up through the end of June. (*Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together*).



On May 4th naval historian and nautical archaeologist Edward Von der Porten gave an illustrated talk on the wreck of the 16th-century Manila Galleon *San Juanillo* off the coast of Baja California. The audience was fascinated with the insights Von der Porten & his team gained from multiple expeditions to the site where they uncovered Ming porcelain chards, Iberian pottery and Chinese bronzes, among other treasures.



Some of the artifacts found relate to porcelain chards discovered near Drake's Bay of which Von der Porten is also an expert. (*4- Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning*).



Digital Archivist Carol Acquaviva represented the California Room at the Countywide Volunteer Appreciation reception at the end of April. Carol is pictured here with long-time volunteer and genealogist Cathy Gowdy and one of our more recent volunteers, Brian Crawford, who is helping us catalog maps at the



Schroeder Collection. (*4- Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning*).

Thanks to the hard work of Digital Archivist Carol Acquaviva, our new mobile-friendly version of CONTENTdm is now live. OCLC is impressed and plans to feature our Frank Lloyd Wright collection on their CONTENTdm site. (Goal 3- Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy).



On May 11th Jack Schaeffer with [Act 3 partners](#) came to the Schroeder & Special Collections Annex to present their protocol for creating high-resolution digital reproductions of historic materials, including maps and oversize items. We were impressed with their portfolio and accepted Jack's invitation to do a complimentary digital replica of one of our historic maps. Based on the results of this pilot we plan to seek funding to do a 4-day project which would allow us to digitize several thousand maps and corresponding ephemera. (*Goal 3- Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy*).



Located on the 1st and 3rd floors of the Civic Center Administration Building and running through September 22, 2017, is our latest exhibit: **San Rafael Illustrated: Then & Now**. The exhibit juxtapose views of San Rafael in 1884 with the same views photographed in 2017 by Michelle Sarjeant Kaufman. The exhibit is a collaboration between the Anne T. Kent California Room and Cultural Services. It was underwritten by Jeff Craemer. (*Goal 1-*



Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together).

Corte Madera and Marin City (Julie Magnus)

Kristine Augestad, Library Aide and Librarian Shereen Ash participated in the Corte Madera Recreation Center Senior Fair. They shared information about library programs, services and resources and booklists and distributed flyers for upcoming events. They answered reference questions using an iPad. They also heard some great feedback about Marin libraries in general, and the Corte Madera Library in particular. One woman said she found the Corte Madera Library very welcoming. She enjoys the light in the Community Room, where she attended a performance by the Slavyanka Chorus, and the garden benches just outside the



Senior Fair at the Corte Madera Community Center, 5/25/2017

front door. She said Corte Madera was a “kickass” library. A number of patrons commented on how much they appreciated the variety and quality of our programs for adults. Our May, Monday morning program about travel to Iceland was mentioned often. It was extremely popular, with 58 people attending, spilling out of the Community Room. The Golden Gate Flute Chorus was also a popular event this month. *(Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

We worked closely with the Planning Department for the Town of Corte Madera to support their efforts to gain a special designation from FEMA that would increase monetary support for residents should they need to file a claim due to flooding. Shereen Ash, Librarian II, had the required FEMA documents added to our collection, designating a section for them in our government documents area. A special thank you to Mildred Arencibia, Cataloging Librarian I, for her speed in getting these documents ready, and for her creativity in packaging the large flood maps in an accessible manner. Julie Magnus, Library Branch Manager, provided a letter to the Planning Department detailing the FEMA documents available at the library. We are happy to report that the enhanced FEMA designation was granted. *(Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

Volunteer news: Lynn Fabian, Library Desk Supervisor, reports that Marni Hansen received her 2-year award and Blossom Young received her 12 year award- they have both helped to process our material, replace worn covers, and shelved material to help maintain an attractive collection. We really appreciate the contributions of our faithful volunteers. *(Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

The last team session for all of our library staff learning about Mind in the Making took place at the Corte Madera Library on May 17. This project has been a tremendous undertaking, involving vision and teamwork and lots of contributions, especially from our director, Sara Jones, and the organizers, Sara Hathaway and Kathleen Fitzhugh-Remitz, as well as all the trainers and participants. We have all gained a lot of understanding about the importance of executive functions and their role in developing successful lives. Our system goal – to share the ideas and vocabulary, and to transmute that understanding into simple acts that can make a difference for our patrons, our colleagues and ourselves – was a worthy one, and we’ll now move into the next phase of tweaking our services and actions to aid in development of these essential life skills.



Youth services Librarian, Sarah Butts, and Children’s Librarian, Marilyn Wronsky, have been tireless in their efforts to reach out to local students and parents. On May 17 Sarah attended the ELAC meeting for parents of Hall MS students. Sarah spoke with about 15 parents of ELAC students about the summer programs for teens and children. On May 23, Marilyn and Sarah began summer learning outreach in earnest with a visit to Hall Middle School. Visits to Neil Cummins and the Cove School by the end of the month put them in contact with all of the Larkspur-Corte Madera students, over 1500 kids. On May 30, with school libraries closed, teachers are looking to bring classes into the library for some last minute books. Class visits are planned through the end of May, with multiple new library cards applications being submitted. *(Goal 1 - Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

On May 16, Sarah hosted the last lunchtime book club of the year at Kent Middle School. The students have enjoyed the club, and plans are in place to resume next year! On May 30, Sarah hosted a table at the Kent Volunteer Fair, informing 7th graders about opportunities for volunteer work at the library, and promoting the summer program. (*Goal 2 - Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

On Friday, May 12, the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California, or CENIC, network was deployed at the Corte Madera Library and several other branches in MCFL including Point Reyes, Inverness, Bolinas, Stinson Beach and Civic Center. The remaining MCFL branches will be added soon. CENIC is a nonprofit organization that operates the California Research and Education Network (CalREN), a high-capacity network serving schools, educators, researchers and other vital public-serving institutions. CENIC's Charter Associates are part of the world's largest education system; they include the California K-12 system, California Community Colleges, the California State University system, California's Public Libraries, the University of California system, Stanford, Caltech, and USC. CENIC delivers high-performance, high-bandwidth networking services, providing us much faster connection speeds at a significantly lower cost. This new network means libraries can better meet the demand of our patrons who use our wireless services and networked public computers. (*Goal 3 – Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)



Discovering books with a sense of place helps us all learn about the world and see things from a different perspective. Our current display focuses on books that evoke environments, places and times-- they take us out of ourselves and into somewhere new. Patron comments have been positive--people are intrigued with this way of looking at browsing with a geographical bent. The library can be the doorway to many places! (*Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

Marin City Library

Etienne Douglas, Community Library Specialist/WebStar Coordinator, Faheem Bassa, Senior WebStar, and Misbah Mamoon, WebStar, went to DC with Sara Jones for National Library Legislation Day. They participated in contacting our legislators and communicating all the ways that libraries play a critical part in creating successful communities and how they help people, young and old, find opportunities to grow and develop. They also were able to visit some of the incredible cultural institutions in our nation's capital, including the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Faheem shared that he never expected to have such experiences when he first thought about being involved with libraries, but that he is really inspired by what he's done, and wants to pursue working in libraries as a career! (*Goal 1 - Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together and Goal 2 - Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)



A box from Blood Orange Press arrived in the library via express mail. It turned out to be a beautiful and very generous gift. Someone had supported the publisher's [#ReadInColor](#) Campaign to help them "make books that celebrate kids and stories too rarely seen in children's literature." Instead of receiving the thank you gift themselves, the person asked that the gift be sent to us. It was a beautiful tote bag, copies of the bilingual book, [One of A Kind Like Me](#) *Unico Como Yo*, bookmarks, posters, and notecards. Diana Lopez, Librarian I, gave a book and poster to Terry Jones at the Bookmobile. She also gave one to the Manzanita Children's Center, Marin City Learning Center (preschool), and one to Bayside/MLK Library.



(Goal 1 - Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together and Goal 2 - Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.)

Misbah Mamoon, Webstar, was highly praised for helping a patron learn how to use her new iPhone. *(Goal 3 – Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy. Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

Etienne Douglas, Community Library Specialist/WebStar Coordinator, and Faheem Bassa, Senior WebStar, went to the Bayside MLK BBQ sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club. Diana Lopez, Librarian I, packed up the Giant Jenga, giant soccer ball, and some catch games for them to take. They also took summer learning challenge information to share. Etienne mentioned that we were the ones that brought the fun stuff and that everyone was very grateful and had a good time. *(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.)*

George Pegelow from the Marin Chapter of the ACLU presented a talk on the importance of understanding our civil rights in current times. After speaking, he took questions from the guests and lively discussion followed. (*Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

We showed the film "Hidden Figures." More than half a century ago, three brilliant African-American women conquered racism and sexism to help launch the United States into space. This movie tells the story of these three mathematically and technologically gifted women. (*Goal 1 - Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together and Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)



As part of a special storytime, 24 kindergarten kids visited MCI. At school, they'd been learning about Australia. Sarah Butts, Youth Services Librarian, prepared a wonderful storytime and educational talk about Australia. The kids were fascinated by the facts that she shared with them. Then they colored paper boomerangs. The teachers loved everything that she did and asked for boomerang templates so they could make more back at school. We issued 6 new library cards and did a replacement for one of the moms. (*Goal 1 - Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together and Goal 2 - Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

Diana Lopez, Librarian I, had followed up a couple of times with a patron who had called a while ago about a name correction on her Friends of the Marin County Free Library membership card. The patron called to say "thank you" and to tell Diana that she had received her new card. She said, "That's what I love about the Marin City Library. Everyone is so caring." (*Goal 1 - Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

Performing Stars of Marin celebrated its fourth annual Enlighten event, to recognize and inspire achievement in young women. The conference took place in Marin City, and this year's theme was STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math). MCFL staff including Terry Jones, Mobile Library Services; Julie Magnus, Corte Madera and Marin City Libraries Branch Manager; Etienne Douglas, Marin City Library WebStar Coordinator; Faheem Bassa, WebStar; and Aneta Radonov, Library Assistant I, were on hand to showcase library materials and engage the participants in STEAM related activities like learning about robots using Cubelets, creating structures with Strawbees, and trying virtual reality. The girls also learned about physics and circuitry with activities prepared by Marin City Librarian, Diana Lopez.



(Goal 2 - Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.)

Etienne Douglas, Community Library Specialist/WebStar Coordinator, relates that “A young patron brought in a hotspot that had been stolen. The person that stole it asked her if she knew how to use it. She told the person it belonged to the library and that she was going to return it. I thanked her for returning it and being honest. The patron whose hotspot it was just happened to be in the library. I told him that the hotspot had been found and he was so grateful that he gave me a hug.” *(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.)*

Courtney Grile from the Marin Theatre Company came in to talk about the next Marin Theater production, "The Legend of Georgia McBride". *(Goal 2 - Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression. Goal 3 – Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy. Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

A patron brought Diana Lopez, Librarian I, a pink orchid to say "thank you" for her help and listening ear the week before. *(Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

We welcome new WebStar, Christopher Do! *(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.)*

Fairfax (Margaret Miles)

Iris Meinolf, Children's Librarian, started a Music and Movement series April 29 and has attracted an average of 18 attendees, but not the same people each time. Kids are enjoying singing and dancing to the music, and Iris is teaching "If you're happy and you know it" in sign language. *(Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together)*

Crazy Science Club on May 10 focused on sound, and kids learned how to make a variety of "instruments." One father ran home and got his guitar, then sang a song so all the kids could play along with their shakers and kazoos! At the last Crazy Science program for the season on May 24, Cheri explained "gas." This program was held outdoors so kids and adults could experience what happens when gas expands. This series of programs has been sponsored by Fairfax Friends of the Library. *(Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)*



Iris held a Mother's Day craft program May 17, and kids decorated tote bags with sponge prints. Iris had been afraid that the tote bags she purchased at a great price were too small, but several moms reassured her that they were the perfect size. *(Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together)*



Anthony Puga, LDS, and Erin Williams, LA2, attended the Othering & Belonging Conference in Oakland April 30-May 2, and shared their experiences at our May staff meeting. Anthony explained ways that speakers advocated taking action to transform political consciousness. *(Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

Posted on NextDoor Fairfax in regards to the library's Community Conversations program: "My husband and I have attended these Conversations and in this stressful time of worry, fear, animosity, this seems a good way in which to build listening skills and express one's thoughts in the context of a group. Hope some more neighbors might join the group. We'd love to meet you." (*Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

Marcia Stieger, Library Aide, continues to coordinate monthly art displays in our community room. May's show featured 3D art by Robert Bloomberg, and his reception on May 2 drew 60 people. (*Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

US Poet Laureate and local resident Kay Ryan was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters, an honor society limited to 250 members. Theresa McGovern, Librarian 2, created a display of her books and a sign acknowledging her most recent honor. (*Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)



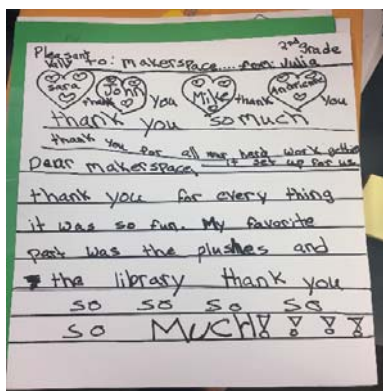
Angela Wawryznek, Librarian I, created another vibrant display, this time highlighting baseball. (*Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

Iris has partnered with April Haley from the San Anselmo Library to visit the local elementary and middle schools to promote the Summer Challenge. We've already seen excited kids wanting to sign up, and the colorful bulletin board is generating a lot of interest. (*Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together*)



Novato and South Novato (Janet Doerge)

At the end of April and in early May, Adrienne Graham, Library Assistant II at the South Novato Library and Sara Bolduc at the Makerspace welcomed 12 classes visiting from Pleasant Valley Elementary. During these visits the kids explored fun activities with the Makerspace and Media Studio and also learned more about the South Novato Library. In the library the kids learned basic American Sign Language, about the new Marin County Parks Passes, and even about some of the learning tools that the library offers like Mango Languages. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*



As part of that marathon of school visits, the teachers from the 2nd grade class from Pleasant Valley dropped off some thank-you cards that the kids made for the Makerspace and the Library. This child wrote, "My favorite part was the plushies and the library." Go, Library! *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

Silvia Molina, Library Assistant II, Spanish Services and Laura Kennett, Youth Services Librarian represented Novato Library in an outreach opportunity at The Novato Multicultural Festival family event. This free annual celebrations took place on the green next to the City Council Chambers and offered food, music, dancing and handicrafts from the many cultures represented by people who live in Novato. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.) (Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.) (Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

This South Novato Library patron provided a "biblio-compliment" through online user feedback: "I adore the library. The new catalog at MarinNet makes it ever so easy to check out and renew items. I love the notices via e-mail. Everyone who works in the library is super friendly and helpful. Not once has anyone been rude or impatient. I am an avid reader, was an English major at UCLA so I love being in the library and checking out books. Thank you!" *(Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

Silvia Molina tried something new for her May 3 bilingual evening family hang-out time, Make and Create, by offering a fun in the sun Zumba class! Extra hire Branch Aide, Miriam Limeta, is a certified instructor. It was fun to see the families moving and grooving outside on the library lawn! *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.) (Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.) (Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

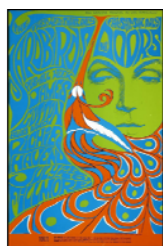
A Novato Library patron recently had 4 Books on CD stolen from his car while on vacation. Library Desk Supervisor, Daniel Avalos advised him to get a police report on it. He came back with the police report and Sandy Fong, Library Assistant II was able to waive his fines so he was a very happy camper. He started to tell Sandy how wonderful he thinks California is and how fortunate we are with a library in every town. When friends of his visit from Europe or South America, he always brings them to the library. Apparently one friend from Germany who is always bragging about Germany couldn't believe there were libraries available to the public in

every town. He believes we are very lucky to live here. Indeed! (*Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

Laura Kennett hosted the Pokémon Club party Saturday, May 13th. This was a great ending to a hugely successful club that averaged 20 participants at each meeting. Due to the huge turnout, the club had to be moved from South Novato Library to the 21st Century classroom across the library's courtyard. It was great to be able to use that space and to have the support of John McCloud at the Maker Space. The program was the idea of Jacob Dinardi and his two children: Izze and Matteo. The club centered around participants learning to battle one another using Pokémon cards. The game is fairly complicated, involving strategy and math. Jacob Dinardi and Bodie Criswell (a middle school volunteer) helped the participants learn the game. They also taught children the ins and outs of trading Pokémon cards and how to trade fairly. There was a ton of peer-to-peer learning that happened and the group truly evolved over the course of the school year to become skilled, focused and united. This program was a wonderful example of several different community members coming together to create a very popular program. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*) (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)



On Saturday, May 20th, Play-Well TEKnologies collaborated with the South Novato Library and families in the community to build Novato out of 40,000 LEGO® Bricks! Families had the opportunity to create the city of Novato, as they would like to see it. What do you think—does it look like Novato to you? Over 100 people attended. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)



Docent Alfred Escoffier discussed the rock posters, photographs, fashion, and other items on display at the de Young Museum April 8-20, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love, at Novato Library on May 23. (*Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

On May 24 Silvia Molina's Make and Create Program had special guests: Novato Parks & Rec attended to share information about their summer and fall camps, many offered at reduced rates for families needing assistance. Willow Taraja, Library Assistant II, Children's Services invited them after learning of this great low cost opportunity for Novato families. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

A participant in the Memoir Writing class with Carol Sweig (organized by Librarian Tom McGibney) wrote to Novato's Branch Manager to say "Please accept my sincere appreciation for allowing our Memoir Writing Class to meet in the Library conference room. Your staff is terrific, providing us with thoughtful assistance and making us feel welcome. But most of all I would like to thank you for sponsoring this terrific educational opportunity and selecting Carol Sweig as our instructor. She is a gifted writer with a genuine love of literature and above all a fantastic teacher. The library is a wonderful community resource and with its numerous services really improves our quality of life here in Novato." (*Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

Sara Hathaway, Librarian II and Laura Kennett were among other MCFL librarians asked by the author of the blog *Ronnie's Awesome List: The Ultimate Kids Events Round-Up in Marin and Beyond* the all-important question. "If you were stuck on a desert island with children of varying ages; without a cell phone, television, radio and computer; and could bring only a few books, what would you choose?" Look at what Laura came up with here (<http://www.ronniesawesomelist.com/blog/summer-reading>) and see what your kids could be reading this summer, whether they're reading in a tent by flashlight, in the back seat on a long road trip, in the shade of a favorite tree or in bed after a long day at camp! (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together and Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

Outreach for Summer Reading started this month and Children's staff Sara Hathaway, Laura Kennett and Willow Taraja and Teen Librarian, Carla Avitabile were out in full force spreading the good word! Carla talked to 4 schools (Our Lady of Loreto, Lu Sutton, San Ramon and Lynnwood) and 380 kids. More visits are planned for June. Additionally, teen volunteers at the teen and adult clothing swap (held Saturday May 20) stickered 8 cases of summer reading logs! As of 5/26, Sara, Laura and Willow visited half of the elementary schools and have seen over 1200 kids! If all goes as planned, by June 6 all the visits will be complete. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together and Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

On May 25, library cards were delivered as part of the Library Card Campaign to San Ramon and Rancho Elementary Schools. That very afternoon, 4 fifth graders came to the library independently of each other to use their new cards! (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together and Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)

Silvia Molina and Daniel Avalos arranged for Bibliotecas Para La Gente, The Northern California Chapter of REFORMA, the National Organization to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking, to hold their quarterly meeting at Novato Library on May 26. (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together; Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression; Goal3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy and Goal 4: Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)

E- Services & Technical Services (Scott Bauer)

E- Services (Jennifer Robinson)

Changes to the website included: a brand new "Books & Audiobooks" page, Summer Reading Program information for Teens & Kids, removal of old 'eLibrary' banner that was confusing for some users, newer notices about the discontinuation of 3M Cloud Library, a notification of the name change for Zinio (to RBDigital), and a bit of a facelift for the bottom half of the front page of the website. (*Goal 3 - Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy*)

Jennifer attended the Othering & Belonging Conference in Oakland. The 3 day conference is the work of the UC Berkeley Haas Institute, a multi-disciplinary group that works in different areas of (in)equity. The conference was the best Jennifer has attended and she went away with a lot of information to share with peers and staff. The Equity Alliance met a few weeks after the conference to make plans for moving forward and it was decided that a potluck would be a good way to get staff together for some discussions.

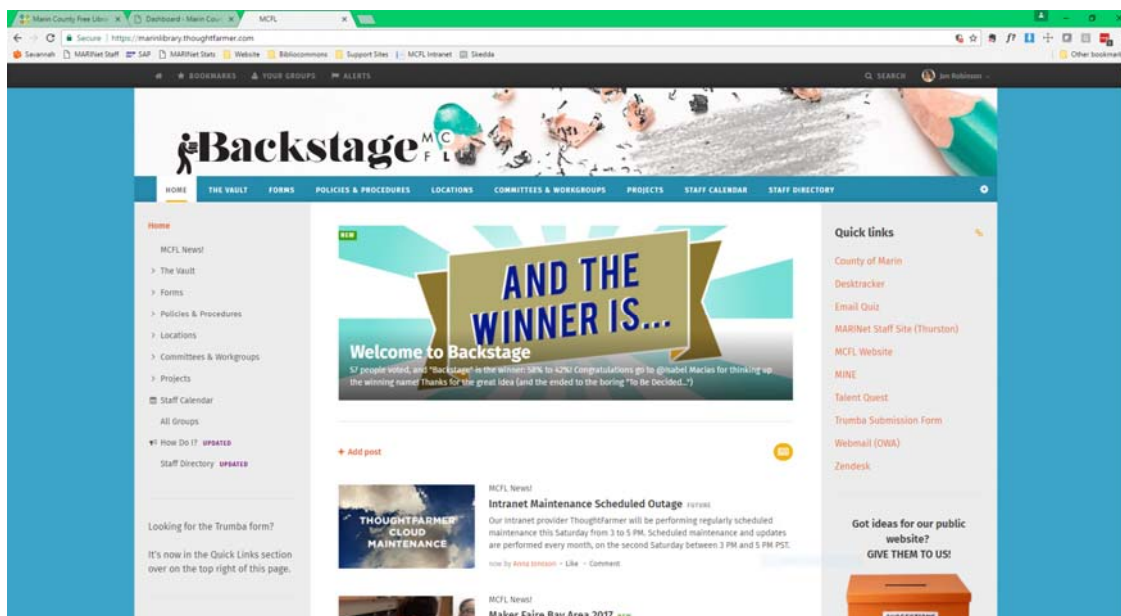
An email went out to all cardholders in mid-May about the coming discontinuation of 3M Cloud Library. We got 5 responses immediately and a few more trickled in over the last week. We didn't receive any negative responses, instead somefolks wanted to make sure they still had access to eBooks in some way (Overdrive, etc.). Others were highly supportive, voicing their appreciation for our offerings of eBooks and other eResources. Ivan G wrote: "I am very glad you are phasing out the 3M Cloud Library. I own a Kindle, and so can only use your OverDrive platform subscription to check out e-books. Resource redundancy is wasteful, so your improved purchasing policy is important. Efficiency is actually easier than having waste, and you're doing things right, so thank you." (*Goal 3 - Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy*)

There's been a huge uptick in Discover & Go support questions over the last few weeks. We usually get 1 or 2 a month but we've been getting about 8 a week since late April! This is great news because it means people are using the service. Most of the issues have to do with patrons not remembering their library card PIN/password. Which, if you think about it, means we are probably reaching less active users – another win! (*Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning*)

In May we met with representatives from OrangeBoy who helps us further refine definitions and expectations for the new Adult goal. The next steps will be for the Adult Services Committee to come up with some measureable goals. (*Goal 4 - Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning*)

In scattered eLibrary news: the namechange and rebranding of "Zinio for Libraries" to "RBDigital" is still being figured out. Jennifer attended a webinar about the upcoming changes and met with a rep to get some patron and staff questions answered. They still haven't given us a firm date but say that *most likely* it will be launched at ALA Annual which is in late June. The goal is make the transition as smooth as possible for patrons and staff, which is going to be tricky with a name change and switch to a new app. Jennifer and Scott met with a sales representative from LibraryIdeas to see a demonstration of a new hybrid digital/physical video product. It was interesting, but both Scott and Jennifer felt it was a very niche product that didn't meet any of our immediate collection needs. Jennifer has a conference call scheduled with Brainfuse at the end of the month to discuss our continually diminishing usage – the online homework help service is vital to our equity efforts but we're getting a lot of pushback from other MARINet libraries who are paying for the service and see no use. We may need to go back to paying for this on our own. (*Goal 3 - Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy*)

We finally named our Intranet! A year after it was launched, we christened it “Backstage” - the winning suggestion by Novato staffer Isabel Macias. 57 staff voted on the name.



Lastly, the MARINet Board approved requests from members of the MARINet EBWG & DRWG to combine into one working group. This cuts down on staff travel time (and time spent away from the desk) and makes sense seeing that 5 staff were in both groups and many topics were discussed in both groups (Hoopla, etc.).

West Marin (Bonny White)

During the spring, we always celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros in West Marin, and this year, we celebrated three times! On April 28th, our friends from Circus of Smiles travelled with Bonny to perform successful bilingual shows for assemblies at Tomales and West Marin Schools. Then on April 30, Annemarie Russo partnered with Papermill Creek Children's Corner Preschool for a Dia program at the Town Commons in Point Reyes, where musician Mariela Herrera performed and we gave away more than 50 books to local children. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*



During the first week in May, Bonny, Eva, Janet, Anthony, Annemarie and many others from MCFL attended the Othring and Belonging Conference, sponsored by the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society in Oakland, California. The stunning lineup of speakers included Shakti Butler, LaToya Ruby Frazier, Kumi Naidoo, and Zephyr Teachout. We all learned more about equity that we will put to use as part of MCFL's ongoing Equity efforts. *(Goal 4 – Support*

adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning, particularly with regard to equity issues.)



On May 5, our new County Supervisor, Dennis Rodoni and his Aide, Rhonda Kutter, held office hours at the Point Reyes Library. Jennifer and Bonny supplied coffee and treats to the steady stream of people who wanted to visit with Supervisor Rodoni. Then on Friday, May 12, we did it all again down in Stinson Beach where once again there was a line of people waiting to visit with their new Supervisor. *(Goal 4 – Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*



On May 10, Bonny gave a presentation to the Marin County Library Commission when they visited the Inverness Library. The focus of the talk was about all the new services and programs we are offering at West Marin Literacy Services since hiring our new coordinator, Annemarie Russo. Annemarie is pictured below, leading a bilingual preschool story time. She also offers a bilingual Mother Goose on the Loose program and an English/Spanish conversation group for adults. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*



On Wednesday May 17, the Point Reyes Library hosted a very effective outreach event. West Marin School has been having a series of parenting workshops this year. In May, the topic was Internet Safety, Cyber-Bullying, and Childhood Stress and Anxiety. Jennifer set up a library outreach table at the school gym, and two of the professional presenters browsed the collection before speaking. They liked the materials so much that they recommended them during their talks. The outcome was that Jennifer checked out many great, topical books, in English and in Spanish to the attendees. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.) (Goal 2 –Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.)*



The week of May 15 was bittersweet for all of MCFL, as our FLAGship Coordinator, Ambre Dailey, celebrated her last week of work before moving back to Vermont with her family. Ambre has been working onboard the FLAGship for more than 12 years, traveling thousands of miles to serve thousands of Marin County children who wouldn't otherwise have gotten exposure to preschool. Ambre was celebrated on the evening of May 15 at the regular meeting of the First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission with a plaque in her honor, presented by Amy Reisch and Michelle Fadelli of First 5. Then on May 18, at the site of Ambre's last official stop as FLAGship Coordinator, we had a farewell party at the Civic Center Lagoon picnic area. Michelle Garcilazo of Congressman Jared Huffman's office was on hand, along with dozens of Ambre's friends and admirers, to present Ambre with a certificate, acknowledging her fine work with the FLAGship program. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*



Larisa Proulx who was our Library Assistant I at the Stinson Beach Library resigned in May in order to accept an appointment doing preservation work for the National Park Service at Tule Lake. Even though her tenure at Stinson Beach has been relatively short, Larisa has many good friends who got together on her last day, May 23, to wish her well. We fully expect Larisa to return to West Marin as an extra-hire once her job with the Park Service is over.



On the evening of May 25, Bolinas Library hosted an impromptu poetry reading with former Bolinas resident and poet, Ellen Sander who now lives in Maine. The book is *Hawthorne*, the name of the street she lived on in Bolinas, many years ago. The reading provided attendees with an authentic walk through 60's Bolinas, complete with references to Bob Dylan, Gary Snyder, Joanne Kyger and other famous writers and poets who all briefly came together in Bolinas at that time. *(Goal 4 – Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

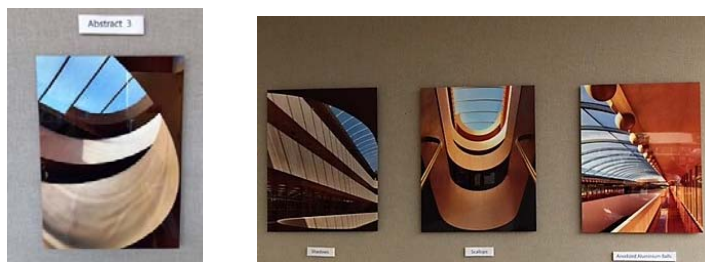
Here is a Point Reyes story that we think perfectly illustrates the essence of Goal 2, where Jennifer was able to support a young person in our community with opportunities for self-discovery. Recently a high school senior stopped in the Point Reyes Library and in chatting with him, Jennifer found out that during his last month of high school, he's doing an internship with a local interior designer, and he was interested in books by architect, Sim Van der Ryn. Jennifer asked whether he knew that Van der Ryn was a local person, which really surprised him. After going home and reading Van der Ryn's books on ecological design, he emailed Jennifer, asking whether she possibly knew of a way for him to meet Van Der Ryn of Inverness. Jennifer made the phone call and sure enough, our aspiring teen designer will now be able to meet with one of his personal heroes. *(Goal 2 –Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.)*

On May 25, at the invitation of Chantel Walker, Bonny spoke on a Career Day panel at the Embassy Suites Hotel along with Max Korten of Parks, Lorenzo Cordova, Aide to Supervisor Dennis Rodoni, and County Counsel, Brian E. Washington. The topic of our panel discussion was diversity and inclusion. *(Goal 4 – Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.)*

From Mid-May to August, there is never a dull moment in West Marin. Toward the end of May, the Point Reyes Library Meeting Room always becomes an assembly line as we prepare to execute the 16 summer learning events planned for our four physical branches during June, July, and August. When we are completely finished with the planning phase, each library branch will get a binder, complete with instructions and flyers for each summer challenge and program. This really helps as we make our annual school visits. As soon as this phase is complete, we move on to planning our summer Reading on the Ranches program and West Marin Wildcat Summer Camp, all of which happen simultaneously during the summer. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.) (Goal 2 –Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.)*



The art exhibit in Point Reyes this month is photography by Inverness designer and builder, Paul Korhummel. As Paul explains it, he has visited “Big Pink” hundreds of times over the years, submitting plans and getting permits for his projects. With each visit, he saw new possibilities to compose interesting photos. The staff at Point Reyes is particularly interested in this beautiful exhibit since we too come and go from the Marin County Civic Center building all the time. (*Goal 4 – Support adults through life stages with opportunities for self-development and independent learning.*)



West Marin has a long-standing tradition of promoting our summer learning program with performances of the “Summer Reading Kickoff Play,” where parents and children come to hear all about the programs we have planned for the season. This year’s kickoff play at the Inverness Library was on May 30, where 44 children and adults, including Bob Raines, Shoreline School District Superintendent, enjoyed Mo Willems vignettes, performed by Inverness School first graders. On May 31, there will be a repeat performance of the play at the Point Reyes Library. (*Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.*)

Library Director Activities

- Attended National Library Legislative Day April 30- May 3- it was an exciting time in DC. The Institute of Museums and Library Services was saved through continuing resolution but then was eliminated in the President's official budget including money to wind down all programs. Our team was incredible and a huge thank you to the Library Foundation for supporting WebStar students and Chantel Walker to attend with us.
- While in DC Met with Urban Libraries Council (ULC) for a nationwide Webinar on June 7 on our experience with training all staff in Mind in the Making
- Vacation May 8-17 (had a wonderful time)
- May 18, attended going away party for Ambre Dailey our FLAGship Coordinator
- May 21, Attended Maker Faire, Sara Bolduc (from our MakerSpace) presented about Maker Ed
- May 23, met with Committee for next choice for One Book One Marin
- May 25 Attended meeting with John MacLeod in Sacramento for staff from State Library agencies West of the Mississippi to demonstrate VR they were very engaged and interested
- May 26, Met with Poet Laureate Committee for plans for the Fair and the MCFL space
- May 26, met with Third grade Reading Action Team, Marin Promise
- May 26 Read to Lead for May was Brian Washington, County Council for Marin County. The book he led was *There are no Children Here* by Alex Kotlowitz
- May 30, met with MAPE union stewards

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Attendees: Anji Brenner (Chair, Mill Valley), Linda Kenton (Vice Chair, San Anselmo), Sarah Houghton (San Rafael), Abbot Chambers (Sausalito), Janice Hammond-Akel (Larkspur), Gary Gorka (Dominican University), Sara Jones (MCFL), Scott Bauer (MCFL), Dan McMahon (MARINet), Jessica Trenary (MARINet).

Anji Brenner called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

I. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

II. Introduction of guests

No guests attended.

III. Approval of minutes from March 16, 2017

- a. Motion to approve by Sarah Houghton, seconded by Sara Jones. Approved Unanimously.

IV. Old Business

- a. **CENIC:** Dan discussed the progress of CENIC installations. Bel-Tib is done with a 100GB Line, Larkspur is next. Dan explained some of the remaining bottlenecks. In some locations, switches and internal wiring will need to be replaced to achieve maximum bandwidth. Dan plans to do a information session with the staff of each library about CENIC.
- b. **SMART train report.** No progress made on this project. Train service delayed with no date set for start.
- c. **Breakout Session Updates.** Abbot and Anji have been looking at circulation metrics and investigating declining circulation at several libraries.

V. New Business:

- a. **Server Replacement Project:** Dan wants to explore the options for replacing the server. There are 3 levels of service: Turnkey, software only and Cloud. APX 40K will be added to next year's budget. Dan will get pricing for all options.
- b. **Report on LinkPlus Director's Meeting:**

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Anji Reported on the LinkPlus Director's meeting. Highlights: LinkPlus is talking with the UC system. They are currently up to 74 member libraries. There was some discussion about reintroducing electronic resources into the shared catalog.

c. RFP for city delivery service:

Jessica plans to get responses for delivery service by May 15.

d. Help Desk contract with Marin IT:

Dan is currently developing the rules and scope of coverage for the contract.

e. Other non-action items:

Dan would like to do a reciprocal visit with PLS.

OCLC is doing a program similar to Orange Boy, that might help us do marketing and promotion.

VI. Standing items:

a. System admin report: Dan reviewed the systems report. Jessica demonstrated the fines module on BiblioCommons.

b. Correspondence: None:

- c. Topics for future agenda**
- i. CENIC
 - ii. Breakout Sessions
 - iii. SMART Train

Announcements:

SA –

MCFL - MCFL will participate in an Arbor Day celebration April 28. Bookmobile, Story Time and VR demonstration.

SAUS –

BEL-TIB-

SRPL: Sarah has been going through old building studies. The new library project needs and assessment and facility report.

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LARK: Library was closed for 3 days, they redid the staff workroom

DU:

COM will be hiring a Library Tech III to help oversee Circulation. We would love to find someone with an MLIS degree. The position is posted. Screening/selection will take place late May – July. We will launch our second COMmon Read program in fall 2017 with *Hidden Figures*.

MVY – The library is inviting professor Laura Kipnis to speak.