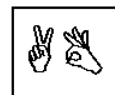


MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION
Proposed Agenda
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Corte Madera Library

Corte Madera Library --707 Meadowsweet Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94925
 Directions: From Hiwy 101 exit west on Tamalpais Dr. Turn left on Sanford & left on Meadowsweet. Library is on the right. In order to assure a quorum, please notify us, if you are unable to attend meeting **473-3222**.

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
7:00	1. Call to Order	Cannon	Action
	2. Roll Call	Cannon	Action
	3. Approval of Agenda	Cannon	Action
	4. Approval of Minutes – August	Cannon	Action
	5. Open Time for Public Expression		
	6. Reading & Correspondence File	Cannon	Information
	7. Strategic Plan & Corte Madera Report	Jones/Magnus	Information
	8. Old Business		
	a. MCFL All Staff Day 9/23		
	b. District 5 Vacancy	Cannon	Information
	9. New Business		
	a. Report on Measure A Oversight	Cannon	Information
	10. President's Report for August	Cannon	Information
	11. Director's Report for August	Jones	Information
	12. Announcements	Cannon	Information
8:50	13. Adjournment	Cannon	Action



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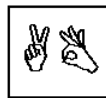
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Numbered List of attachments:

4. Minutes for August 10, 2016
12. Library Director's Report for August, 2016

Unnumbered Attachments:

Approved MARINet Board minutes of July 21, 2016 held at Los Gamos



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MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Novato Library

-- PROPOSED MINUTES --

- (1) CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- (2) ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Present

Linda Ward	Sally Hauser	Margaret Kathrein
Alison Howard	Barbara Schoen	Joel Fugazzotto
Anya Schandler	Ann Laner Kaplan	Nick Javaras
Loretta Farley		

Absent with Notification
Tyrone H. Cannon

Also Present
Sara Jones, Director of County Library Services
Scott Bauer, Deputy Director of County Library Services
Edna Guadiana, Senior Secretary
MCFL Staff: Janet Doerge, Jen Robinson, Carla Avitabile, and Sara Hathaway
- (3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA
M/S/C – Hauser/Kaplan agenda approved as submitted
- (4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES
M/S/C – Schoen/Hauser minutes approved as submitted.
- (5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION
President Kathrein commended commissioner Schoen on her hard work in obtaining mobile hotspot devices for the Marin City library partly through the generosity of the Bank of Marin.
- (6) READING AND CORRESPONDENCE FILE – Reading folder routed for all to read.

(7) DIGITAL INITIATIVES AND NOVATO REPORT – Carla Avitabile, Sara Hathaway, Jen Robinson and Scott Bauer

Janet Doerge, Branch Manager of the Novato and South Novato library introduced Novato staff Carla and Sara who are both fellows in the Eureka Leadership program.

Carla Avitabile
Teen and Adult Services
Librarian II



Novato Public High Schools

- 3 public high schools
- 1/3 of students qualify for free/reduced lunch
- Towns south of Novato spend up to \$7,000 more per student than NUSD
- No Librarians
- 2 NUSD databases
- Funds for school library materials are from PTSA
- Research instruction is done by MCFL Librarians

THE LIBRARY CAME

The population I targeted were high school students in the Novato Unified School district. S
No Librarian's just library clerks
The only database NUSD subscribes to is World Book

How can the library market needed free services to students?

- Access to books, DVDs...
- Access to remote services
- Volunteer opportunities
- Library programs

What if we created a game where students could get points for using the library?

Could there also be a digital literacy component?

We should also add a research literacy component.

Maybe we could set up modules with fact sheets and quizzes.

I am sure my Friends group would be willing to pay for incentives like gift cards and a grand prize of a lap top computer.

THE LIBRARY GAME

THE LIBRARY GAME

The public library which is situated only a few miles from the two main high schools can give the students much of what the school library is lacking for free. Some of what Novato students need could be provided by the library. The question how to promote these services?
if I created a game where students could get points for using the library?
Could there also be a Digital literacy and more interactive research literacy component?

Teacher Buy In

- Require Freshman at San Marin to sign up
- San Marin 11th grade English teachers agreed to offer extra credit to students who participated
- Allie Green Freshman English teacher helped with content creation

THE LIBRARY GAME

Use This

Play This

Win This



This game is for high school students who live in Novato, or attend a NUSD High School.
To sign up for The Library Game go to:
<http://marincounty.readsquared.com/>
This project is supported in part by the U.S. Department of Education and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Library. The project is also supported through a grant awarded from The Friends of the Novato Library.



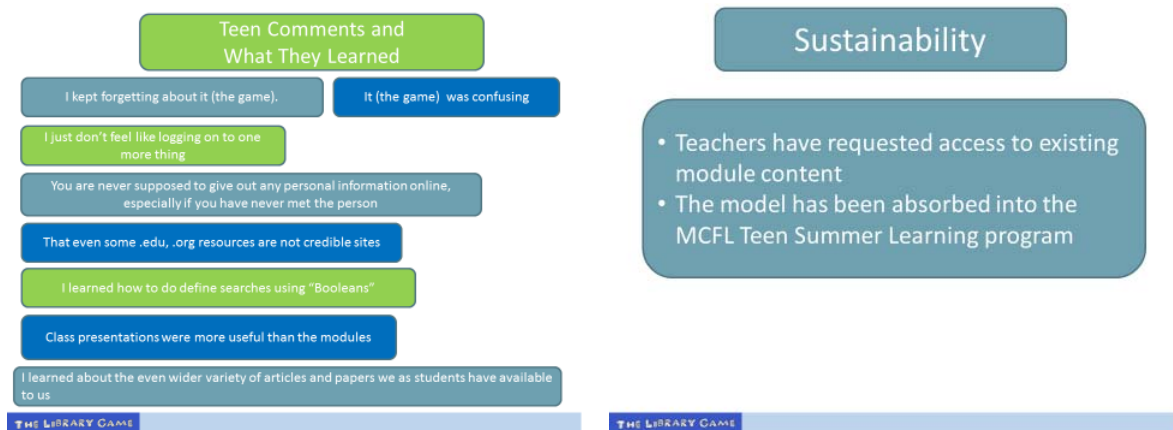
THE LIBRARY GAME

Quick Stats

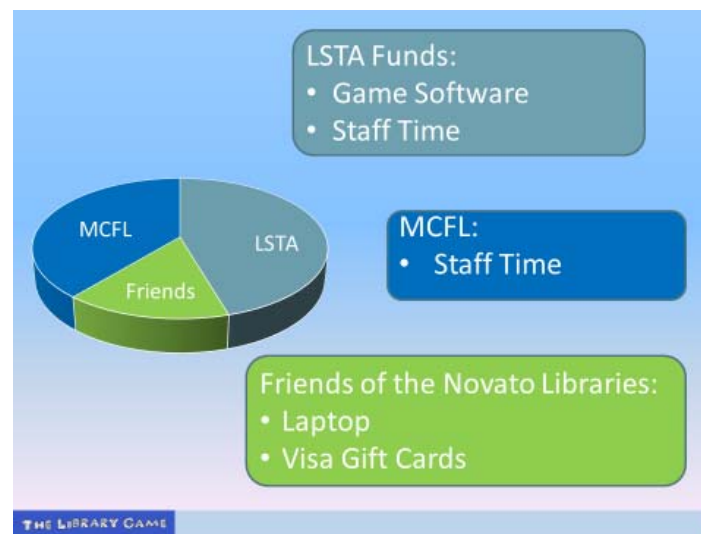
- 242 Students registered
- 100% of registrants participated in at least one activity
- Featured database got 500 more uses compared to the same period last year.

THE LIBRARY GAME

389 less than hoped for
Drastic drop off after December



While the game as it stands would need a major over haul including a lot more teacher buy in in terms of making students participate. Though less rigorous the model has been absorbed in to the teen summer learning program



Having money for staff time allowed me to create and load content for The Library Game it also allowed me to make 4 full day visits to San Marin and Novato High to do research instruction.



Language **PLAY**

Play and learning for children of all abilities

SARA HATHAWAY

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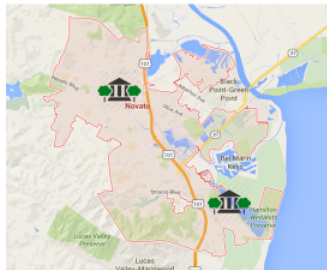
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The **WHO**

NOVATO

28 sq. miles
52,000+ people
12,000+ children

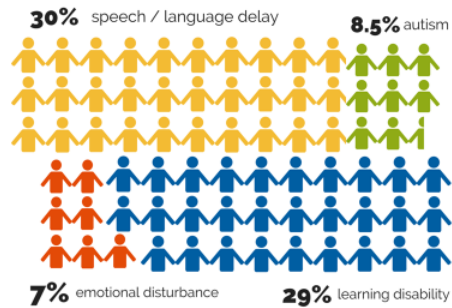


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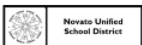
The **WHO**

1000 children
with special needs



The **WHY**

NOVATO EARLY INTERVENTION PRESCHOOL



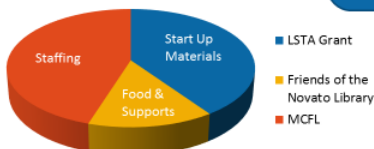
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Language **PLAY**

Funding



LSTA FUNDS

- Inclusive environment supports (seating, fidgets, etc)
- Free play materials
- Additional copies of books used in storytimes
- Creation of 22 Go Play! Kits

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Language **PLAY**

Librarian

Speech
Language
Pathologist

Spanish
Services

Families

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Language **PLAY**



Play and learning for children of all abilities

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The **IMPACT**



94% of caregivers reported that Language Play helped their child's speech, language or social interaction skills

significant leaps in play and language development observed after only **6** sessions



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The **IMPACT**



Alisa



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The **IMPACT**



Will



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Severe diagnosis – come so far with his social skills and ability to remember and make connections between the story and play



The **IMPACT**

Elyse



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The **IMPACT**

Evan



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Ability to sit, listen and remember – also her confidence in playing with the other children
It takes her a bit longer to put the sounds together to produce language – but in the Spring session we discovered that she LOVES stories and would retell the day's story to the facilitator during free play

Imaginative Play!



The **FUTURE**



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Website, Intranet, Catalog, eBooks & eAudiobooks, Streaming Media, Strategic Planning, Staff Training, Usability, eNewsletters, Databases, and anything else with an “E” in front of it!



Jen Robinson,
Senior Librarian



Anna Jonsson,
Library Assistant II

E-SERVICES IS...

1 & 1/2 VERY BUSY PERSONS

2016 PROJECTS

- ✓ **NEW WEBSITE:** faster and cheaper
- ✓ **NEW CATALOG:** full of features
- ✓ **NEW INTRANET:** creating connection

COMING SOON...

- **IMPROVED MOBILE APP**

Library Strategic Plan Goal #3:
*Be a positive environment for
mobile and digital literacy.*

Outcome:

Engage patrons in a dynamic
virtual experience and enable
them to explore with improved
access and availability

WEBSITE/FASTER AND CHEAPER

OLD DRUPAL SITE

Staff not able to make major
changes; site designed once by
design firm, then same for 3 years

Non-responsive

\$50,000/year for hosting & support



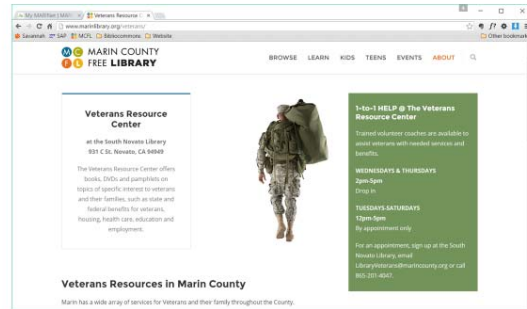
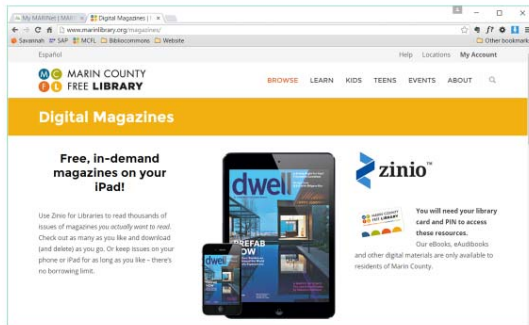
NEW WORDPRESS SITE

Staff can easily make changes; design
can be “iterative” and user testing
done frequently

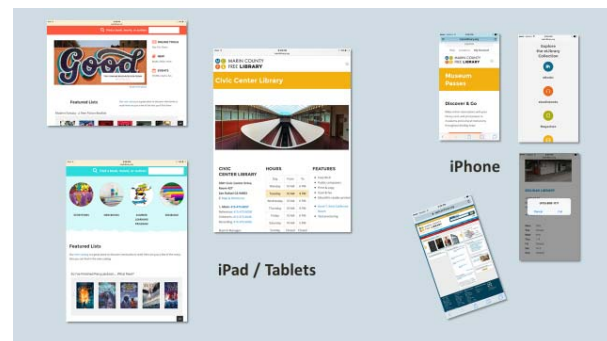
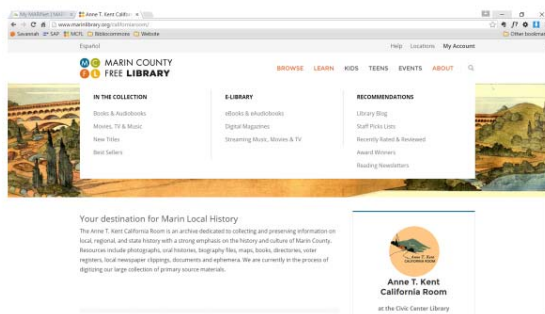
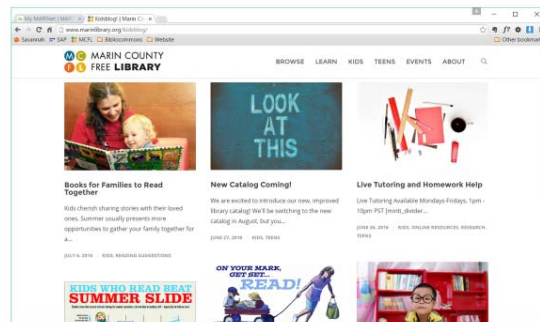
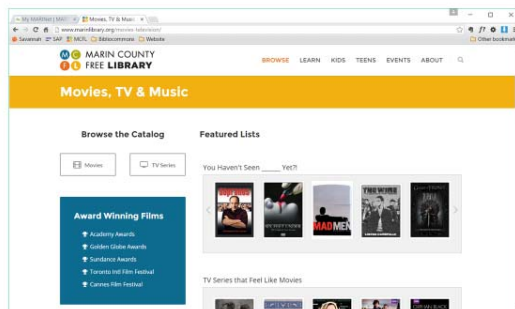
Responsive: viewable on devices

\$2,000/year for hosting & support



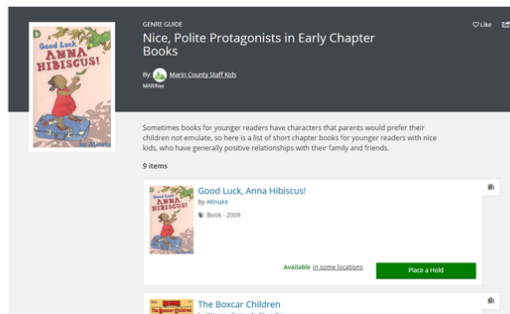
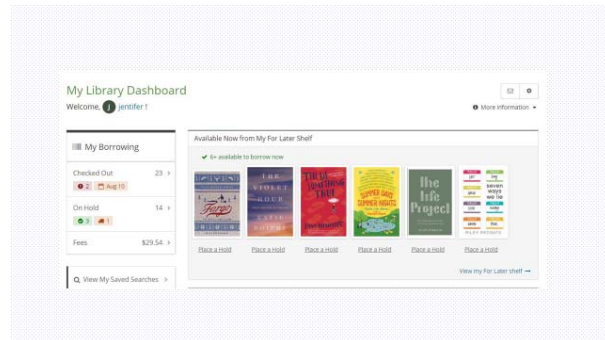
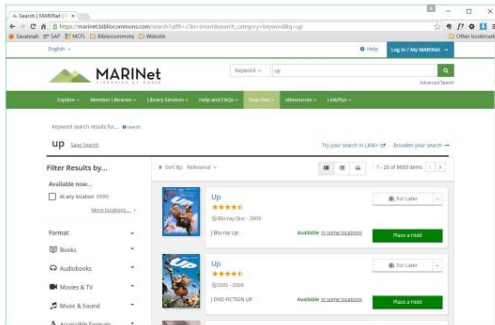
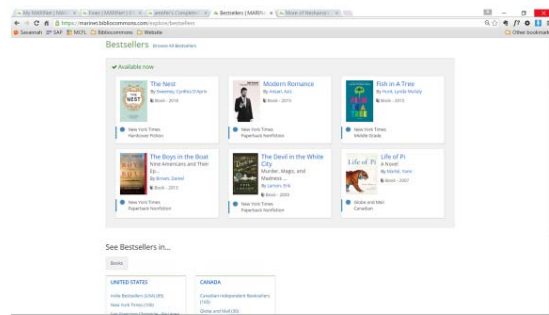
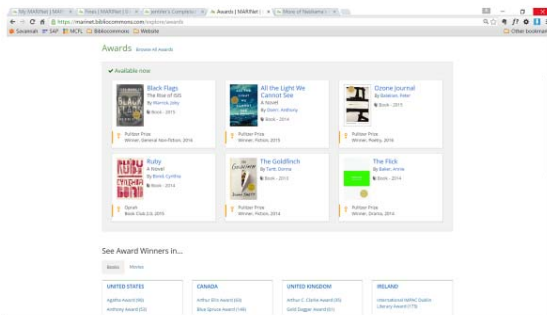
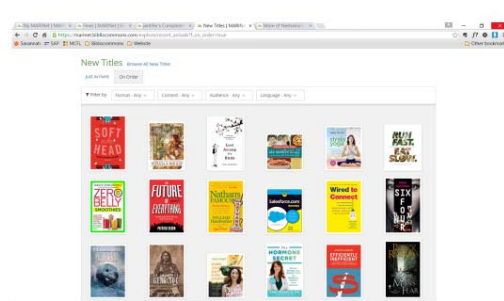
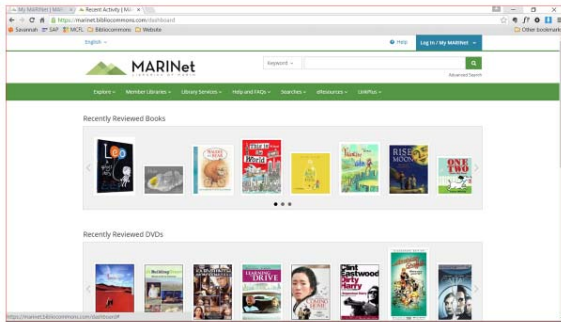


Focus on COLLECTION
90% of traffic to our site goes straight through to the catalog – this is what people WANT to find on our website.

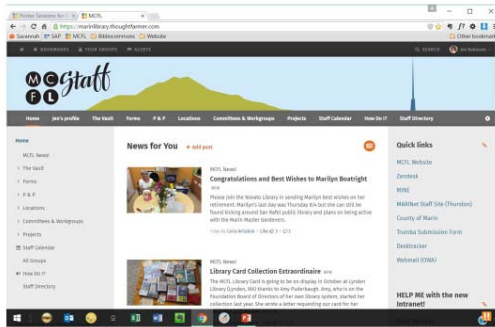


The best thing? It looks great on iPads, iPhones, and computer monitors both big and small
You'll see here some of the more popular pages – LOCATIONS – all of the information someone needs is right there easy to read. Also notice the old site on mobile screen, just for comparison – the only way to read that tiny print was to zoom way in and then you'd be lost on that page

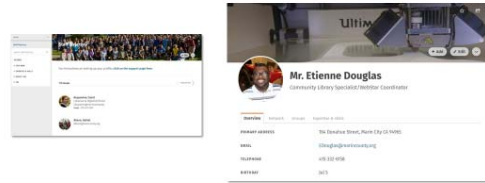
CATALOG/FULL OF FEATURES



INTRANET/CREATE CONNECTIONS

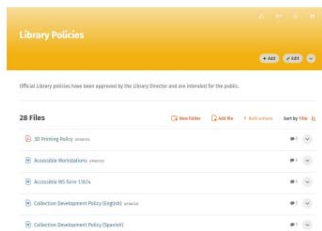


STAFF DIRECTORY

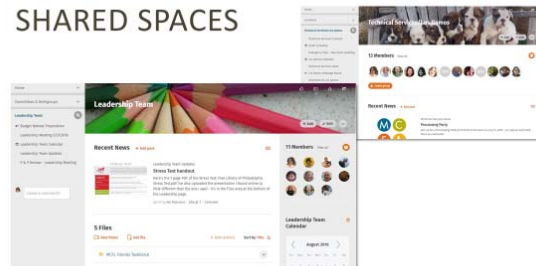



Our Intranet and website were hosted with the same company, so when our contract was up we needed to move both – we went with a hosted solution for the Intranet – a platform called ThoughtFarmer that’s known for fostering collaboration and improving organizational culture.


COLLABORATION




SHARED SPACES









Network Project for MARINet Libraries

Scott Bauer
August 10, 2016

What Network Speeds Are Needed?

What Do You Want/Need To Do Online?	What Speed Do You Need ?					
	1.5 Mbps	3 Mbps	5 Mbps	10 Mbps	20 Mbps	25+ Mbps
Web Surfing						
Email						
Online Shopping				✓	✓	✓
Internet Phone						
Music Streaming				✓	✓	✓
Short Video Clips						
SD Video Streaming						
Skype				✓	✓	✓
Facetime						
Online Video Gaming						
HD Video Streaming				✓	✓	✓
Online Education						
Multiple Heavy Users						
Smart Home						
Video Surveillance					✓	✓
Telemedicine						
Video Conferencing						✓
Super Computing						

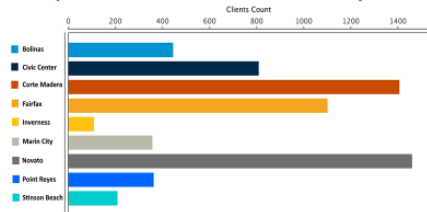
Credits: Midwest Energy Cooperative

Library Network Speeds

- Current Calif. library connection speeds:
 - 71% connecting at 20 Mbps or less
 - 25% at 1.5 Mbps or less
- In Marin County:
 - ~5 Mbps to 50 Mbps
 - Mostly AT&T Opt-E-Man (now ASE)
 - Connections are
 - Provided by City government or
 - Independent connection over \$1,000/mo. per library, up to \$2,200/mo.
 - Current overall costs: \$300,000 year for MARINet libraries

15 Internet PCs the most at any of our locations – plus catalog computers, staff PCs, Phones Using Voice Over Internet Protocols, etc.

Unique Wi-Fi Clients - October 2015 - By Location



Note: South Novato Not Shown - Was Using NISD Network During This Time Period

MARINet



- Founded 1991 to support online library computer system for Marin's public libraries.
- Now 9 libraries are members (including College of Marin and Dominican College of California)
- The CENIC networking project involves only the 7 public library members of MARINet

And Over 6,000 Wi-Fi Client Connections Each Month As Well.

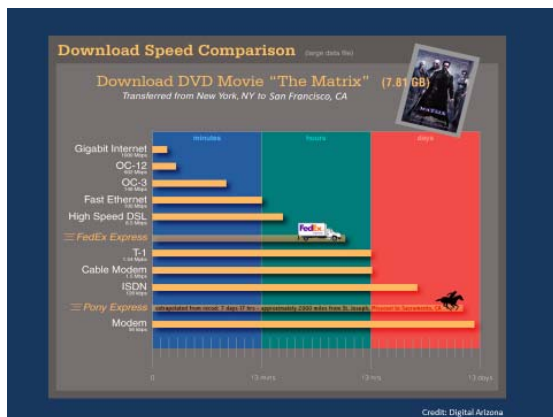
Partnerships to the Rescue!

Map of CENIC/CalREN Network

- CENIC** (California Research & Education Network (CalREN))
- Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (cenic.org)
 - Founded 1996 to connect educational institutions to CalREN (the California Research and Education Network)
 - High speed connectivity – 100 Gbps backbone connections to other major networks worldwide
 - Public Libraries Permitted to Join the CalREN Network Beginning in 2015.

What Buildings and Connections?

- 7 public libraries with 17 outlets
 - Marin County Free Library: 10 branches
 - San Rafael Public Library: 2 branches
 - Sausalito, San Anselmo, Mill Valley, Larkspur and Belvedere-Tiburon: 1 library each
- 17 x 1 Gb connections to Los Gatos Data Center
- 10 Gb Los Gatos Data Center to CalREN
- New firewall, wireless controller, DNS



Expected Buildout Costs

- Equipment not covered by grants \$138,000
- First year unsubsidized bandwidth: \$130,000
- SmartNet monitoring for core network equipment: \$25k/year
- Help Desk support: Marin IT, \$60k/year
- **Total first year cost: \$353,000**

Low, Low Prices

- First year unsubsidized, then 90% covered by CSL grants
- After first year, 1 Gb @ \$95/mo. For libraries along the 101 corridor
- 1Gb @ \$123/mo. in West Marin
- Total yearly bandwidth costs after year 1: **\$25,000 for all of MARINet**

Ongoing Costs

- Annual bandwidth: \$25,000
- SmartNet monitoring for core \$25k/year
- Help Desk support: Marin IT, \$60k/year
- **Total yearly cost from FY 17-18 \$116,000**
- Incorporated into annual MARINet budget

CENIC Project Timeline

- Contracts signed by MARINet Spring 2016
- Cabling of facilities and equipment arrival began July 2016
- Installation of equipment at branches begins in September 2016
- Equipment installed at Los Gatos core and testing of network – November-December 2016
- Network goes live in January 2017.

QUESTIONS?

Many thanks to MARINet System Administrator Dan McMahon for the use of his slides!

After a brief question and answer period, President Kathrein thanked all the presenters for their very informative presentations.

(8) OLD BUSINESS
None

(9) NEW BUSINESS

- a. It was reported that Commissioner Jacobs had resigned from the Library Commission effective July 11, 2016.
 - i. Nomination of new vice-chair. After the nominating committee reported that Commissioner Cannon had agreed to be vice-chair, Commissioner Javaris motioned, commissioner Farley seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to appoint Tyrone Cannon as Vice-chair of the Library Commission.
- b. All Staff Day 9-23-16 – Director Jones announced the upcoming All Staff Day scheduled on Friday, September 23 at the JCC. Sara invited all Commissioners to attend, and requested that anyone interested in attending let Edna know.

(10) PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR JUNE/JULY

(11) DIRECTOR’S REPORT FOR JUNE/JULY

Director Jones reported that the Library is partnering with the Department of Health and Human Services, division of Aging Services. Sara hopes that everyone read her report in its entirety and ask questions that may come up after reading report.

(12) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Schoen reported that sales at the Book Place in Novato has slowed down significantly. Please spread the word that there is plenty of good items to choose from. Commissioner Ward commented that nothing appears to be alphabetized at the Book Place.

(13) ADJOURNMENT – M/S/C Schoen/Javaras – Meeting adjourned @ 8:28 pm

**Sara Jones, Director of County Library Services
Marin County Free Library Report
For August 2016**

Personnel

Interviews for the Library Aide position at Fairfax take place on Wednesday, September 7, and Thursday, September 8. 19 candidates will be interviewed for the current vacancy and the list created will be used to fill all other Aide vacancies for at least the next six months.

A recruitment to fill the full time vacancy for a Library Assistant II at Fairfax was open for two weeks in August and 29 applications were received. Eight of these candidates were considered 'highly qualified' and were interviewed on August 31. The position has been offered and accepted by a current MCFL employee, a Library Assistant I at Novato.

14 applications were received for the full time Teen Services Librarian position (Librarian I) at the Civic Center branch. Eleven of these applicants met the minimum qualifications for this classification and all are being interviewed on Friday, September 9, 2016.

The extra hire employee who was filling the accounting assistant vacancy in MCFL's Accounting division on a part time basis has left to go back to school. No plans have been made to fill this position with a regular hire employee and applications for extra hire employment are currently being reviewed.

All WebStars have been moved out of the Library Technology Aide classification and into the appropriate Student Intern classification. A letter will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors in the near future requesting permission to abolish the Library Technology Aide classification.

Three dates have been scheduled in September for training on the new TalentQuest software and all MCFL staff should be able to start using the program in October. The training is required for all supervisors and managers, but all staff have been invited. Some difficulties have been experienced accessing the software by employees whose work location is outside of Library Administration, but IST staff are working to resolve this with MCFL technical staff.

MCFL's All Staff Day 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. Invitations have been sent out to all regular and extra hire staff and all Library Commissioners are also invited.

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)

August has been a busy one with our Summer Learning-to-Go program debut by the Bookmobile.

The Bookmobile has continually brought Programs in a Box to 750 kids at our child development centers over the course of the summer. The kits have been very successful with all ages from our 2 year olds to junior high age kids. Some of the highlights for the little guys have been Building with Play doh and Pipecleaners, Measuring Colored Rice, Bubbleology, Magnets and Will it Float? The older kids expanded their science skills with Vinegar and Baking Soda, Oil Spill, making Models of Streams, and Solving Dissolving. The teachers so appreciated the programs and opportunities to enjoy a program with the kids that they didn't have to organize and plan.

We've had great comments from so many of our teachers-----"Best Playdough ever!", "The kids LOVED building with pasta, pipe cleaners and playdough!" and even "Can we keep these for 2 more weeks? The kids are obsessed with them!" In the last part of August and early September, we are in the process of providing giveaway books to all of the 750 kids who participated to take home.

Civic Center (Eva Patterson)

The Summer Learning Program came to an end in mid-August. Ninety teens and 473 children played *Read for the Win*. This year's children's game marked the highest participation since 1997. Eight very happy kids were winners of the children's raffle drawings this year, and 3 happy teens won the branch raffle. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)*

Six of Kathleen's summer volunteers were recognized at the County of Marin Civic Center Volunteers and Student Interns Recognition Ceremony on August 16th. They were Kameelah Amilcar, Aaron-Andrew Aranha, Fernanda Burciaga, Shirley Calderon, Satvik Namburu and Anna Qui. They were the youngest volunteers/interns present and told Kathleen they were inspired by what the older teen and adult volunteers/interns were doing with the County. Several of Kathleen's volunteers first used the library as tiny toddlers at her storytimes and have grown up with the library. It's very rewarding to see that we are growing our community from the cradle

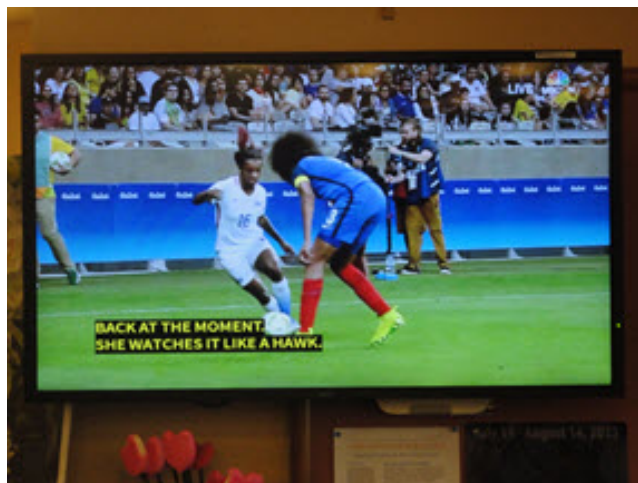
up. Also notable is that several of our young women volunteers were responsible for looking after their younger brothers during the summer. They brought the boys with them for their volunteer shifts and the brothers worked alongside their sisters. Jeremiah Amilcar was not officially a volunteer but he logged many an hour this summer helping Miss Kitty clean and shelf books. The young women also had the advantage of being bilingual and were able to translate and communicate with Spanish speaking families who normally would have been reluctant to ask about the game. Several of the volunteers plan to return next summer. A special thanks goes to Joy Fossett of Human Resources who worked closely with Kathleen juggling such a large group of young people. *(Goal 2 – Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)*

Elmer, with a little help from Eva, administered the Teen Summer Learning program while we waited for the recruitment for a fulltime Teen Librarian to begin (interviews are next week). Elmer hosted the *Learn to Make Vegetarian Summer Rolls* program this month, and evaluated the online book reviews and learning experiences. *(Goal 2 – Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression)*

Elmer provided patrons with 2016 Summer Olympics viewing of closed-caption streaming on the branch FireSign. He publicized the activity in the August 11 issue of the county employee FYI newsletter:

View Olympics at Civic Center Library

Civic Center employees can catch live streaming of the 2016 Summer Olympic Games during their breaks at the Civic Center Library Branch. The library staff is showing the action silently on a public monitor whenever the library is open. Closed captioning will be on whenever it is available. Stop by on a break or lunch hour to catch the action from Rio.



“Whenever the library is open” was reported incorrectly. This error, however, opened new training opportunities as Elmer trained Denise Mattos/LAll and Linda to reconfigure the FireSign computer to stream video and to return to FireSign slides when streaming is completed.



Here a patron channels the Games on her tablet via our FireSign streaming.

As a New Catalog First Responder, Linda answered 59 patron queries about BiblioCommons. She also created, on behalf of CAIT, an email etiquette quiz using Google forms allowing quiz takers to experience an interactive response. (*Goal 3 – Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy*)

The Brown Bag Book Club met to discuss *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant, and *1632* by Eric Flint. We had displays about *Olympic Games/Rio* (DVDs), *Robert Redford: Birthday - August 18* (DVDs), and *It's All a Mystery to Me!* Linda organized and/or hosted *Introduction to Video Game Development*, and *Habitat Gardening/Master Gardeners*. Linda contacted Senior Access about presenting an Alzheimer's program for MCFL staff. Elmer viewed the archived webinar, *Boomers to Seniors: Library Models for Serving and Engaging Older Adults/Creative Aging Toolkit for Public Libraries*. Elmer searched the Marin Independent Journal microfilm for an obituary request. He couldn't find the obituary in the Marin IJ but subsequently found it in the Novato Advance. He received an email from the patron: "Thank you very much for persisting in your search. The clipping you found was just what I needed to get past a 'sticking point' in my research. Thanks again." (*Mission – Create connections for our community to explore, imagine and innovate – Community Programming*)

Three teachers and 4 children from the private All Children Academics School in San Rafael visited the library. Kathleen was able to give the special needs students a tour of the library and help with their very individualized needs. Kathleen was able to take on the long-awaited J Biographies and J Reference shift. Significantly weeding both collections, she relocated J Reference to be more accessible to the Children's Room Desk and flipped J Biographies over to where J Reference used to live. Hopefully families will have easier, unrestricted access to J Biographies as Kathleen's desk area is usually barricaded with book carts. (*Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together*)

Denise shadowed Novato Library children's librarian Sarah Hathaway's music and movement class to get some tips for starting her own class at the Civic Center Library. She's working with Kathleen to prepare for story time, as well. Denise will lead her first story time in September and the music and movement class sometime later in the fall. Victor Avalos has taken the first steps to starting a Lego Club here at Civic Center. Diana Lopez from Marin City Library provided the first batch of Legos to get the ball rolling. Then Victor went to the Fairfax Library and got some good tips from Anthony Puga about how to run the club, how much "stock" is needed, etc. Next Victor posted a sign asking for Lego pieces for the Club and our patrons have been so supportive and generous. The very next day the donated Legos started coming in. We're hoping to start the club next month. (*Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together*)

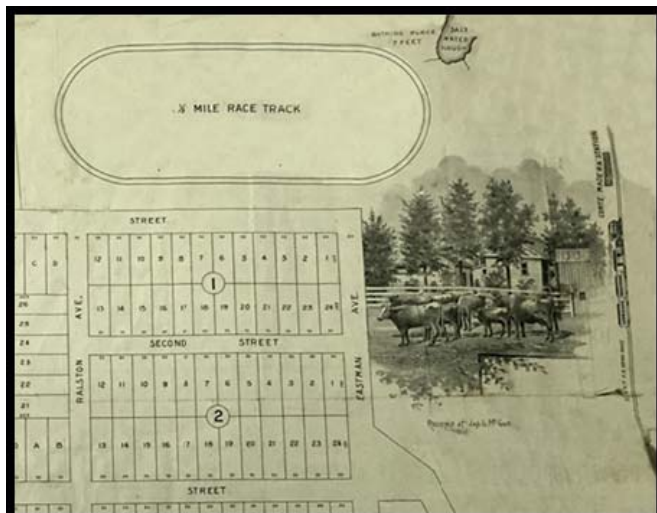
Anne T. Kent California Room (Laurie Thompson)



On August 3rd Laurie gave a second “encore” of her talk to celebrate the history of Corte Madera during the town’s centennial year. About 70 people attended the PowerPoint presentation at the Mill Valley Public Library, sponsored by the Mill Valley Historical Society. Laurie added new information to her presentation which she had found while doing research in the California Room’s new Schroeder Collection of unrecorded Marin County maps and surveys. The illustration to the left depicts the Edgewater Hotel pool in Corte Madera, circa 1960. (Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together).



Over two long days, with the help of Ahmed’s Movers, CRM Librarian Laurie Thompson, Digital Archivist Carol Acquaviva and Special Appt. Archivist Dewey Livingston, moved the Schroeder Collection of upwards of 30 thousand unrecorded Marin County maps and surveys into our beautiful new Anne T. Kent California Room Annex at Marin Commons. We are officially in Suite 182 next to MCFL’s Technical Services. Plans have been formulated to preserve and organize the collection and Dewey Livingston has begun to implement the plan, starting with the oldest and most fragile maps & surveys, pertaining to Hiram Austin, George Dodge and H. C. Towle. (Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together).



Since mid-April, the California Room has been providing access to the Schroeder Collection of unrecorded maps & surveys for 2-3 hours every Thursday with the help of retired surveyor William Schroeder. That enables us to assist 3-4 patrons per week, but the demand to use the collection currently exceeds our capacity to make it available. We hope to have expanded access in the next six months or so. The illustration to the left –from the Schroeder Collection- depicts the McCue Orchard Tract subdivision in today’s lower Chapman Park area of Corte Madera. (Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together).



Our generous benefactor –Jeff Craemer- has gifted us a very important photograph album pertaining to the town of Bolinas in the early 20th century. The album belonged to John Parkin, the owner of Bolinas’ Flagstaff Inn. The album documents not only the Inn but also some of the homes, buildings and businesses in Bolinas, circa 1900 to 1906. Towards the end of the album are a few photographs of San Francisco taken shortly after the 1906 Earthquake, including depictions of one of the tent cities. Most of the images are captioned and dated, making them especially valuable to researchers and historians. (Goal 1- Preferred place for children/families to connect, learn and grow together).

Corte Madera and Marin City (Julie Magnus)

A group of young girls taking a baking class came in to tell us they had held a “Baking for Books” event in front of the Nugget Grocery Store on the east side of Corte Madera. They baked delicious goodies and sold them to benefit the Corte Madera Library. They all came in to donate the cash raised in person, and gave the staff a plate of lovely mini-cupcakes. Children’s Librarian Marilyn Wronsky has ordered a couple special books for the children’s collection with the donation: *Harry Potter: The Character Vault* and *Harry Potter: The Artifact Vault*. We will include bookplates in honor of the donors. *(Goal 2 – Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.)*

The FLAGship visited Storytime at Corte Madera on Wed. Aug. 24, and Linda Varonin did a wonderful job of engaging our young visitors, reading stories and showing them all how to make trees out of newspaper. She and Allie Cruz gave tours of the FLAGship, which was parked right outside. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families, and caregivers to connect, learn, and grow together.)*





On August 3 the library hosted WildCare of Marin, our own urban wildlife hospital, for storytime. The children had the opportunity to learn about the visiting opossum, owl and tortoise, and were entranced by seeing the real life creatures in the library. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families, and caregivers to connect, learn, and grow together.)*

Our end of the summer learning program raffle had 28 very happy winners! Of course, there were over a thousand (955 kids and 163 teens) who participated and read and kept reading logs, or won points online (teens)!



Wednesdays between 7-8 pm, Jackie Foster, Library Assistant II, holds drop-in e-book tutoring at Corte Madera. She recently had an 82 year-young patron come in for one-on-one training. The patron had gone to Mill Valley's group class and had been totally lost and was unable to get the help she needed. Jackie spent 45 minutes with her, setting up her I-pad for Overdrive. They dived into browsing Overdrive, checking out, downloading and reading. Jackie offered to show her other methods to search for and access e-books, which the patron said she'd do, once Overdrive runs out of books for her to read. She left happy and confident she can now download and read e-books at home. She confided that e-books were better for her over paper books due to her cataracts. She loves reading and doesn't want to give it up! Within a few minutes that same evening, another woman came in to get a library card. She said she had wanted to access our e-books but seemed to need a card to do so. After getting her set up with a library card, they discovered she couldn't log into Overdrive on the app she had downloaded earlier on her phone. After trying several solutions, Jackie finally solved the situation by re-installing the app. She was impressed and happy with the assistance – and thought she would have been lost trying to resolve the issue on her own. (*Goal 3- Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)

Our single point of service desk design and supportive, flexible colleagues enable staff to engage in longer patron interactions to ensure quality service. This is a goal we are actively working towards as we experiment with different staffing options. Recently, Shereen Ash, Librarian II, was able to sit down and spend 25-45 minutes working with multiple patrons to complete the process of downloading e-books to their devices. And, she spent an hour researching articles to support the work of a local documentary film maker. The filmmaker came back a week later to thank Shereen for directing her to an academic in England and to ask for her card so that she can be thanked in the film credits. (*Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)

Community Based Programming

Our third program to serve the needs of our seniors, in collaboration with the Corte Madera Recreation Center, was a blow out. Forty-nine people attended a presentation on End of Life Planning, given by Dr. David Magnus, of Stanford University. We distributed copies of the California Advance Health Care Directive and packets of information from the Marin County Commission on Aging. We received many positive comments and requests for more programs like this.

Art on display in the library during August and September is the exhibit *The Persistence of Memory* by Kathleen Piscioneri. Ms. Piscioneri helped organize an earlier display of student art from local schools, and was inspired to design her mural artwork after seeing the Library Community Room. Her landscape paintings are a wonderful addition to the library environment.



Marin City

Now that the children know about the Chromebooks available in the library, they are being used regularly, especially for learning 3D design with Tinkercad. Adriel Ahern, Library Assistant I, has gotten at least four kids set up and helped them work out the details of creating their own keychain. (*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.*)

MARINet launched Bibliocommons, our new catalog, and the Marin County Free Library launched our redesigned website this summer. The featured list on the MCFL website was Adriel's "Nice, Polite Protagonists in Early Chapter Books" -- which linked back to the new catalog, a great way to encourage people to try out the new system. (*Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)

A patron came in and was very curious about the 3D printer. She asked technical questions and was curious about what we use the 3D printer for. After explaining the program to her, she was very impressed and decided to donate \$100 to go toward purchasing filament. (*Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.*)

Some of the staff at Willow Creek Academy paid a visit. We gave them a tour of the library and shared some of our programs aimed at youth with them. When leaving, the new assistant principal said that this was the best library he's ever been to! (*Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families, and caregivers to connect, learn, and grow together.*)

In the spirit of the Olympics and sporting competition, Marin City held a video games tournament for teens on Sat. Aug. 13. The Madden 16 Tournament was a hit! Trash talking abounded. Heroes were made and losers were scorned. It was all in fun though. (*Goal 2: Support youth in our community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.*)



Kids got the chance to create tetrahedral kites at the Marin City Library! Everyone got in the act, though, as families worked on the projects together.



Fairfax (Margaret Miles)

Staff were enthusiastic about orienting patrons to the new catalog when it rolled out Aug. 3. Theresa McGovern, L2, developed a binder of cheat sheets and screen shots to assist staff, and also bought rolls of Smarties & adorned them with Bibliocommons stickers to give out to patrons who agreed to register for the new catalog. Margaret assisted staffing the Situation Room at TEC and answered several emails from patrons who provided feedback on the new catalog. *(Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy).*

Friends of the Library purchased a patio umbrella for the library's back deck, helping us to achieve our local goal of expanding our library space beyond the boundaries of our walls. The terra cotta color matches our Info desk, and the shade has already been enjoyed by several patrons during our sunny afternoons. One patron thanked staff, and said it's just what the library has needed! *(Create connections for our community to explore, imagine and innovate).*

Martha Kassin, Teen Services Librarian, scheduled Back-strap weaving on July 30. This was an immensely successful program for teens. The room was filled with 9 teens creating fiber art, and several parents commented how excited their kids were about this program. *(Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression).*



Martha scheduled a second teen program scheduled August 27, "Bring Your Voice to College Application Essays." 14 teens used the writing prompts given by Ellen White, and one young man commented as he left that this was incredibly helpful. *(Goal 2- Support youth with opportunities for self-discovery and expression).*

Margaret met with the principal of Cascade Canyon School to plan a library orientation for all teachers, and to coordinate regular visits of the classes to the library. Margaret also met with Cheri Leierer to discuss her proposal for offering *Crazy Science* programs at the Fairfax library on Wednesdays to alternate with our after-school Lego programs. Once the Friends of the Fairfax Library have approved the expenditure, we expect to start the programs in October.

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

Marcia Stieger, Library Aide, and Lini Bodian, Friends of the Library, staffed a library outreach table at Streets for People on August 28. They issued several new library cards (see photo), gave away pencils and Snoopy bookmarks, and had a small collection of books that patrons with cards could check out. Marcia spoke with several community members who don't use the library but are library supporters; they were happy to see a demonstration of their Measure A funds represented at the event! *(Create connections for our community to explore, imagine and innovate).*



Community programs

Aug. 6: Based on the success of our jewelry workshops for teens, and the interest it garnered from adults, we scheduled Chelsea Robinson to hold Jewelry Making for Adults. 12 women got creative making new pieces and reworking old ones. Two women struck up a conversation and agreed to meet again to work on creative projects.

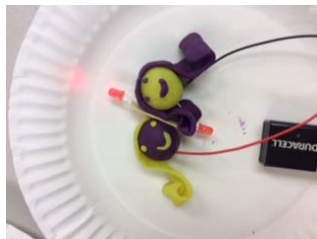
Aug. 13: Transformational Writing with Susanne West had 15 attendees. Her workshops have been repeatedly popular, and they frequently have a waiting list.

Aug. 23: The Marin Traveling Poetry Show held another successful program, with 35 attending. The Community Room Gallery displayed photographs made on iPhones by several local artists. Their reception on August 20 was attended by 35 people.

Novato and South Novato (Janet Doerge)

Laura Kennett and Silvia Molina went out every Thursday morning to do amazing tag-team English/Spanish outreach to families who haven't had preschool experience or are new to the NUSD system at 4 different Elementary Schools to help them get ready for Kindergarten and their first school experience. Kinder Academy Coordinator wrote to say: "Thank you for your presentations. Your presentations were excellent and were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We appreciate sharing your time, talent and expertise with us." *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

Four parents have told Carla Avitabile how much their kids loved coming to Maker Mornings this summer, where they made LED plushies, little house nightlights that involved simple circuits and soldering, mask making, and two Fridays of solderless breadboard projects where campers learned about, you guessed it, more circuits and how they work. *(Goal 2: Support Youth in our community with opportunity for self-discovery and expression.)*



Play Dough circuits for children were a huge hit too. All the parents were very involved the whole time. Several people came up to staff afterward to rave about the program - All Library Assistant II Willow Taraja's doing! This photo shows one of Librarian Laura Kennett's favorite creations. It was made by a girl whose mom asked us all to take a picture at the end of the secret party. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

Senior Social club at South Novato Library went well on August 4, with 12 people in attendance over the course of the hour. 6 participated in a New Catalog question and answer session hosted by Community Library Specialist, Nathan Kelly. He reports that it was the first time almost all 10 cups of coffee were consumed and he may need to start making more! *(Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.)*

On 8/8 Library Assistant II Adrienne Graham spoke to a mom at South Novato Library who enjoyed having her daughter participate in the Read to a Dog Program at SNO today. They stayed and read with Jeff and Hannah for the entire hour. She commented on how well Jeff worked with the kids and how important it was for her daughter to practice her reading with people outside of her family. She wished that we had them here more often! *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*



Library Assistant II Willow Taraja participated in the Novato Space Fest on Saturday August 6 at the Space Station Museum on Ignacio Blvd. It's an annual celebration of space-flight, astronauts and space technologies. *(Creating connections for our community to explore, imagine and innovate.)*

Sara Hathaway received a complimentary email about her weekly Tuesday Music & Movement Program. Building early literacy skills through singing and playing, this is a whole-family program featuring songs, movement and tons of fun for all ages and abilities. "I want to tell you how much I appreciate your enthusiasm as a leader for the toddler/ children's session. I have seen my Grandson blossom from his first attendance as a 1-year-old to a 3yr. old. You seem to captivate the children and their caregivers." *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

Librarian Tom McGibney reports that we had 36 people attend "Olompali in the 1960s," a presentation at Novato Library by Breck Parkman, Senior State Archaeologist for California State Parks. Mr. Parkman discussed excavating the remains of the Burdell Mansion, located at Olompali State Historic Park. The site was once home to the Grateful Dead, and later home to the Chosen Family commune. The crowd was enthusiastic, and many stayed after the program ended to chat with Mr. Parkman. *(Creating connections for our community to explore, imagine and innovate.)*

The total number of Sign Ups for participation in Summer Learning as of this moment in time is:

4694 for Novato
219 for South Novato
 Total for all Novato = **4913 signups**

In 2015, we had a total of 4378 signups (4367 at NOV, 11 at SNO). *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

E- Services & Technical Services (Scott Bauer)

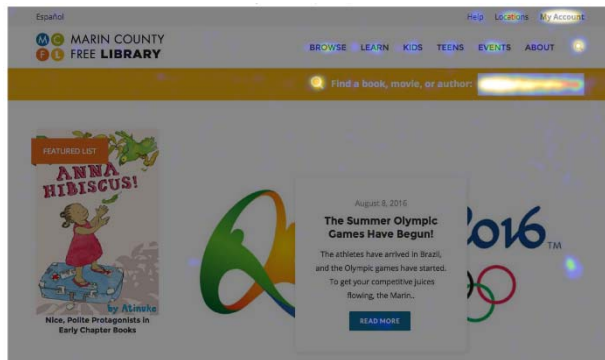
E- Services (Jen Robinson)

NEW CATALOG FORMALLY LAUNCHED

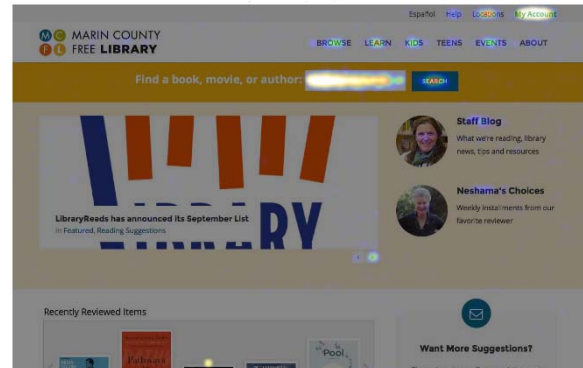
The new library catalog, powered by Bibliocommons, was launched formally on August 3rd when all search boxes on the website and catalog terminals in libraries were moved to the new catalog. An aggressive communication plan help mitigate the potential for frustration with the new system. A "situation room" was set up in order to respond to patron questions and complaints in the first few days, but there were not nearly as many issues as we anticipated. By and large, patrons were happy with the new catalog and staff were flexible and good natured in the face of so many changes over the last couple of months. Hooray! In the first month we had about 5,000 registrations with the new catalog – on par with many larger library systems who have converted to Bibliocommons. *(Goal 3 – Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)*

WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

When we said we were creating a website that was easy to update and adapt to how our patron were using it, we meant it! Changes we made to the site in August included: making the “My Account” link easier to spot quickly (green, bold type), adding a “Search” button to search bar since some users did not know/expect to hit “Enter” to submit a search, condensed and redesigned content and put more at the top of the page as we saw that very few patrons scrolled past the first 1/4 of the page. We also made improvements to the header of the site making it much easier to read and navigate on a mobile phone. *(Goal 3 – Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)*



August 8th



August 31st

OBSERVING USERS Heat mapping software shows us how patrons are using our site – the bright marks are where people are clicking or entering information. The snapshot on the left is before improvements were made

TOP DESTINATIONS ON WEBSITE (AUGUST 1st – AUGUST 31st)

1. Locations & Hours	2,917
2. Novato Library	1,921
3. Events	1,877
4. Books & Audiobooks	1,549
5. eBooks & eAudiobooks	1,369
6. Online Research & Learning	1,000
7. Corte Madera Library	858
8. Frequently Asked Questions	842
9. Fairfax Library	824
10. Kids & Families	773

POPULAR FEATURES & BLOG POSTS ON WEBSITE

Popular blog posts this month were: “Useful tips for the new catalog” (271 views in August), “LibraryReads has announced its September List” (151 views), and “Neshama’s Choices for August 22nd” (92 views). Staff contributed posts on resources such as “Live Tutoring and Homework Help” and “Self-Publishing with Self-E” and Neshama Franklin’s weekly feature “Neshama’s Choices” remains popular in its new location.

(Goal 3 - Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)

BOOKSITE E-NEWSLETTERS

Booksite newsletters continue to grow in popularity, with many new subscribers opting to receive the newsletters related to children's materials.

- 5,041 subscriptions to our reading newsletters
- 18575 emails sent in August; 17460 emails were opened (a 94% open rate!)
- 2393 people clicked through emails to catalog

(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn, and grow together; Goal 3 - Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)

NEW MOBILE APP

The MARINet Board voted to implement BiblioMOBILE, the mobile app counterpart to the new Bibliocommons catalog. An “integrated, easy-to-use mobile platform” is one of our outcomes for Goal #3, and although the website meets this requirement, many power users would like to use a library specific app. This will also better serve the large number of patrons who utilize city as well as MCFL libraries as it will make the experience more seamless. *(Goal 3 – Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy)*

Acquisitions (Vanessa Walden)

Technical Services Acquisitions group continues to work together on new and cross-training. Giao Nguyen took over the weekly data uploads to CollectionHQ, which is a collection management tool staff use to identify items in poor condition and the most popular subject areas that our patrons are using.

Technical Services Acquisitions group successfully completed the fiscal close of the materials budget while simultaneously training to implement the County's new financial system, Munis. Their hard work ensured that the funds were expended as efficiently as possible and materials received for our patrons.

Vanessa Walden, Sharon Ho, and Michelle Hirsch continued training on the County's new financial system, Munis, and began using it live in July. Sharon and Michelle worked well together while Vanessa was on vacation to find workflows that allowed invoices to be paid in a timely manner and cause a little disruption to the Acquisitions work as possible.

Kathy Grandemange completed her work upgrading the holiday book subject headings, allowing them to be more accurately searched and retrieved in the catalog by both staff and patrons.

Our cataloger, Mildred Arencibia, and Children's Selector, Clara McFadden, met with Kathy, Vanessa Walden and Jessica Anisman, to move this project forward with the goal of making this collection more accessible to everyone.

Sausalito Library began sending items that have been withdrawn from their collection to MCFL for resale to benefit the Friends of the Library. Jessica Anisman continues was able to effectively manage the new incoming materials and make collection management greener for libraries around the county. *(Goal 1: Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together)*

The Technical Services staff were assisted by more than a few people who work at the branches to process thousands of items at our Processing party, expediting the items with patron holds and getting them to all the branches as quickly as possible. *(Goal 2: Support Youth in our Community with opportunities for self-discovery and expression.)*

Michelle Hirsch continues to work with the California Room staff helping them to manage the archival collection and will soon be assisting them in the new California Room Annex at Los Gatos. *Goal 3: Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy*

West Marin (Bonny White)

For all of our West Marin branch-based summer learning programs, August was Wildlife Month! During August, docents from the Hungry Owl Project brought a Great Horned Owl to visit with children at the Stinson Beach Library and a Screech Owl to the Inverness and Bolinas libraries.

Docents from Wildcare visited the Point Reyes Library for the first time since we added the meeting room and found the new space to be just perfect for sharing live creatures including an opossum, a hawk, and a snake. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*



On August 2nd, Bonny attended the Marin County Office of Education's Summer Institute, along with teachers from West Marin School and other community partners. We are now planning joint activities for the upcoming school year. Sharon Ritchie, author of *First School: Transforming PreK-3rd Grade for African American, Latino, and Low Income Children*, was the presenter. This work is closely aligned with equity work that the Library and the County of Marin are currently working on. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

For the second year in a row, Point Reyes Library once again welcomed West Marin School's Wildcat Camp in August. Wildcat Camp, offered the last two weeks before school resumes, provides a bridge between summertime activities and school for local students. During the first week, Jennifer and Dan trained students on how to use the new catalog and led a library treasure hunt. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

During the second week, Bonny arranged for John McLeod and Andrew Maley of the Community Learning Center to demonstrate our new virtual reality equipment for Wildcat campers. John also brought a colleague, Mike Evans of CYARK Corporation, to demonstrate their product to students for the very first time. Different activities were offered at each of three stations. At station one, students explored the surface of Mars. An animated game was featured at station two, and at the third station students were invited to explore Mount Rushmore, sometimes climbing right up to the top of the monument and walking on the presidents' noses! In the pictures below, second grade teacher, Luis Burgos demonstrates a lesson we all learned – how hard it is to step off a “virtual cliff.” CYARK uses 360 degree photography to capture environmentally sensitive sites like Mount Rushmore, all over the world. They are hoping to imbed this technology in school curricula. If our experience is any indicator, this should be a great success; at the end of the program, when John asked how many people would like to do this again, every single hand was raised – a first in our experience. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.) (Goal 3 - Be a positive environment for mobile and digital literacy.)*



During August, the Point Reyes Library welcomed members of the Marin County Human Rights Commission. They wanted to hear from the community about some of the unique challenges facing West Marin children, families, and seniors. Their visit coincided with Bonny's one-week camping vacation, so Jennifer Livingston very ably welcomed them. Supervisor Kinsey's aide, David Escobar attended, along with the executive directors of local non-profits like West Marin Senior Services, West Marin Community Services, and the West Marin Fund. Many community members spoke up about local challenges with transportation, housing, and employment.



West Mariners continued to staff a very busy outreach table at the Point Reyes Farmers Market during August. On a recent Saturday, Kerry chatted with more than 50 people. This year, in addition to stocking the table with books about the “featured chef of the week,” Kerry suggested that people bring books that they personally enjoy recommending, and this led to great book

discussions. Each year, we end up in a little different location and this year, our next door neighbor has been Spring Coyote Ranch, tempting our staff with fresh and organically produced meat and eggs throughout the summer.

The Inverness Fair was on August 13 this year and as is our custom, the Inverness Library participated by hosting a book sale. Our book sale is an Inverness tradition where everyone comes and everyone helps to make it a success. Ann Bertucci had a volunteer crew of 17 people who helped collect, sort, price, sell, and clean up after the sale. Proceeds of the sale are split with the Inverness Association.

On August 23, Barbara Smith, Regional Recruiter for the Peace Corps, visited the Stinson Beach Library. Many West Marin residents are former Peace Corps volunteers too, so it's always a treat when Barbara visits to share her experience working in Zambia and to remind people that it's never too late to serve your country.

Incoming Point Reyes and Inverness kindergarteners who are enrolled in the Jumpstart program got brand new library cards and a little library tour from Inverness' Ann Bertucci on August 17. During this summer visit, new students learn a little about how the library works in preparation for their regular biweekly library visits which will resume in September. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*

On the evening of August 17, Bonny had the great pleasure of attending the Santa Rosa Junior College Circle of Honor, where student grant recipients and donors meet under the oak trees to welcome the new academic year. Eleven students from West Marin are receiving support from our partners at the Literacyworks Center this fall. The 5:30 start time of the celebration made it a little difficult for our working adult students to attend, but two intrepid Point Reyes people were there to celebrate with us.



Although FLAGship was technically off the road for cleaning and maintenance for most of August, we did two outreach events. FLAGship was featured at the National Night Out celebration at Parent Services Project on August 2. Then our new Mobile Library Assistant, Allie Cruz and FLAGship extra-hire, Linda Varonin, agreed to take the FLAGship to visit with children at the Corte Madera Library on August 24. Some of our FLAGship families were on-hand, and others who had never heard of FLAGship, were very interested to learn about our program. Everyone thought this visit was a real success. *(Goal 1 – Be the preferred place for children, families and caregivers to connect, learn and grow together.)*



In these reports, we tend to focus on “special events” and events for children and teens, but I also think it’s important every now and then to mention ongoing groups and classes that we offer for adults. With the exception of book clubs, almost all of our adult clubs and programs are facilitated by volunteer members of the community.

- Adult Coloring Club – 1st Wednesday of the month, 11:30-12:30 am, Inverness Library
- Stamp Collecting Club – 2nd Monday, 5:00-6:00 pm, Inverness Library
- Quilters’ Group – 2nd Tuesday, 2:00-3:00 pm, Inverness Library
- Apple Users’ Group – 3rd Wednesday, 2:00-3:00 pm, Inverness Library
- Inverness Library Coffee Klatch, Wednesday mornings at 10:30, Inverness Library
- Tell Tales: Story hour for Grown-ups - 4th Monday, 5:00-6:00 pm, Inverness Library
- Knitting Club – every Thursday from 4:30-5:30 pm, Point Reyes Library
- Point Reyes Library Memoir Writing Group – every other Tuesday, 10:30 am to noon, Point Reyes Library
- Point Reyes Book Group – 1st Monday of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm, Point Reyes Library
- West Marin Libraries on the radio: KWMR’s Swimming Upstream, every Wednesday, 8:00 am
- West Marin Men’s Reading Group – 3rd Monday of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm, Point Reyes Library
- West Marin Collaborative – 4th Wednesday of the month, 9:30 am, Point Reyes Library
- Spanish Language Book Group – 3rd Thursday of the month, 5:30 pm, Point Reyes Library
- Memoir Writing Group – every Wednesday, 4:00 pm, Stinson Beach Library
- Bridge Club – every Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Stinson Beach Library
- Monday morning coffee klatch and tech help, every Monday at 10:30, Stinson Beach Library
- Monthly Memoir Reading Group – 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Stinson Beach Library
- Monthly Poetry Writing Group – 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm, Stinson Beach Library
- Monthly knitting, coloring, and crafts group – 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Stinson Beach Library
- Jigsaw puzzles every open day, all day long – Stinson Beach Library
- Bolinas Book Club – 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm, Bolinas Library
- Adult Coloring Club – 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm, Bolinas Library



Library Director Activities

- August 11, celebratory lunch for the technical services group and the Bookmobile for their completion of the Library passport (Paid for by Library Foundation)
- August 13, Friends of the Library meeting
- August 24, Library Foundation Meeting at Corte Madera
- Attended Orientation for the Marin County Dominican Leadership Academy
- Continue to assist with Board transition for the Marin History Museum Board.
- Attended OrangeBoy Idea Exchange and IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) in Columbus Ohio, August 15-17
- *Read to Lead* county book club in August with Supervisor Kate Sears reading *Tribe* by Sebastian Junger
- MARINet Board Meeting, August 18, Worked on a video production for the County recommended Alison Howard to be the voice for the library and equity efforts in Marin
- Attended meetings on Marin Promise 3rd Grade Reading action group, which I have been asked to co-chair.

MARINet Board
July 21, 2016
Boardroom MARINet Offices
1600 Los Gamos Dr., Suite 180, San Rafael
9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Present: Sara Jones (MCFL); Auge Webb (Sausalito); Sarah Houghton (San Rafael); Jacki Dunn (Bel-Tib), Teresa Capasso (Larkspur), Brenda Brown (Larkspur), Linda Kenton, (San Anselmo); Dan McMahon (MARINet); Jessica Trenary (MARINet); Gary Gorka (Dominican University); Joey Della Santina (College of Marin) **Absent:** Anji Brenner (Mill Valley)

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

- I. **Public Comment Period.** No one from the public was present.
- II. **Introduction of Guests:** Brenda Brown, Interim Director of Larkspur Library
- III. **Approval of minutes from 6/16/2016:** The minutes were approved unanimously with no corrections. (SJ/SH).
- IV. **Old Business**

a. BiblioCommons update:

Jessica Trenary gave the Board a status update on BiblioCommons. Things are going well, the next two weeks will give staff more time to get comfortable with it and more time to prepare the public.

It was agreed that a press release should be made. Sara Jones will get the County PIO to draft one.

The major change that will occur with the Hard Launch is a search box on library websites. Each library will have to install it.

Jessica feels good so far. More feedback will come after Hard Launch.

b. CENIC:

Dan McMahon updated the CENIC deployment status. It is going well. All parts are in

for the core and installation will begin immediately. Dan reported no budget surprises and things are ahead of schedule.

The only problem was an error on Califa's part that omitted the Pickleweed branch from the schedule. It looks like this will be able to be remedied without too much impact. Northnet funds will be used to cover any additional expenses.

It was agreed that these funds will also be used for new Wireless Access points.

Dan also mentioned that libraries need to draft clear expectations for Help Desk problem resolution and response times.

c. 25th Anniversary of MARINet - update

Stamps for the Passports are in for each Library.

The Passport text was proofread and is ready to send to printers.

A Grand Prize (Airline ticket) and 2nd Prize (Amtrak tickets) will be given.

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d. Discards and Weeding

No one was present to speak to it. Tabled.

V. New Business:

a. Interim Director for Larkspur

Brenda Brown introduced herself to the Board. She will be at Larkspur for two months until a permanent Director is hired.

b. NorthNet grants.

They will be used for Pickleweed implementation and Access points.

c. Link+ Proposal to Expand to regional pricing.

Sara Jones reported on ideas coming from the California Library Services Board.

d. Proposal to shorten meetings.

A preliminary proposal was brought forward to shorten MARINet board meetings to 90 minutes and use the time afterwards to break up into sub working groups to work on specific issues, such as CENIC, budget, academic libraries, JPA, etc.

e. Budget Resolutions

Four budget resolutions were signed.

f. Other non-action items.

Linda Kenton proposed the Board discuss the status of Friends' bookstores at next meeting.

VI. Standing Items for the agenda

a. System Administrator's report.

Dan McMahon presented the latest system administrator's report.

b. Correspondence:

There was correspondence about the Grand Jury Report. They want a direct response from MARINet. Sarah Jones and Dan McMahon will reply.

c. Topics for future agenda:

BiblioCommons, Shared weeding, 25th Anniversary - update, CENIC, NorthNet grant, Shorten meetings proposal, Friends Bookstores reports.

VII. Announcements

San Rafael: Sarah reported on a huge Lego donation that will make San Rafael kids very happy. San Rafael has a parcel tax fund balance for collection augmentation and will be able to contribute to ebook purchases.

College of Marin: Will be sending a new representative to the next board meeting.

Belvedere-Tiburon: Beginning to use Hoopla. Seeing interest in Pokemon Go.

Larkspur: Brenda Brown will be Interim Director for 2 months. Recruitment has finished for new director. Interviews to begin shortly.

Sausalito: None.

MCFL: Sara Jones noted the success of their County Fair presence. There is big interest in virtual reality.

Mill Valley: Three more weeks of summer reading. They had a Golden Poppy Pass donation that they plan to make available.

Dominican University: None

San Anselmo: Summer Reading was very busy this summer. They are a Pokemon Go stop!

Submitted by Gary Gorka