

*Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.* ~ James Baldwin

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## Successful Campaign Highlight

### The Learning Bus

We replaced the original preschool mobile outreach vehicle, F.L.A.G. ship, with the Learning Bus, a FREE drop-in mobile preschool program of the Marin County Free Library. The bus delivers bilingual activities that support early childhood development through exploration, stories, songs, games, art, and lots of fun! The program, designed for children age 0 to 5, provides a great opportunity for parents to engage with their children and prepare them for school.

The Marin County Library Foundation raised and contributed over \$50,000 toward the purchase of this important educational asset.

## Ongoing Campaigns

### Marin City-Sausalito School District Libraries (formerly Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. and Willow Creek)

The Marin City Library partnered with Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. Academy, a TK-8 community school located in Marin City, to develop two new school libraries: The Phillips Drive Campus in Marin City (TK and 6th-8th grades) and the Nevada Street Campus (K-5th grades). The Marin County Library Foundation provided seed funds to purchase books and continues to provide financial support. Marin City Library provides staff and manages all aspects of both school libraries, including collection development, class visits, and after-school activities such as Reading Buddies, Smarty Ants, and STEAM programs.

### Educational Equity Campaign

During the pandemic the Marin County Library Foundation ramped up efforts to assist Marin's most economically vulnerable residents. Our efforts included supporting access to WiFi hotspots, Learning Hubs, Book Bistro/book giveaway programs, and summertime Learn At Home Kits.

To increase educational equity, we helped the library issue 350 WiFi hotspots to benefit youth in neighborhoods lacking internet access for homework and attending online classes.

The result? Increased internet access—at its height of usage, 299 of the 350 library-issued devices were used.

For 75 families, the hotspots provided essential daily resources. In its first year, children logged 50,000 homework hours.

Everyone who received a WiFi hotspot also received a library card, creating whole-family engagement beyond the child who received the WiFi device. In addition, collaboration increased between the library system and the schools.

Thank you for your support and contributions toward raising over \$200,000 for WiFi hotspots and increased educational equity so students could maintain access to schoolwork and other learning opportunities during the pandemic.

## Who We Are

**Our Vision** Raise funds, create visibility for Marin County Free Library's work, and ensure it continues to grow as an innovative and equitable library system.

**Our Mission** Support the Marin County Free Library with financial resources directed to support dynamic facilities, leadership development, and technology that serves people of Marin County.

### Our Goals

- Spearhead capital campaigns to help meet the long-term needs of the Marin County Free Library system
- Encourage local community initiatives in support of the libraries, equity, and inclusion
- Promote recognition and support of the Marin County Free Library system as a vital community resource

This year, the Marin County Library Foundation (MCLF) continued support of operating needs by funding:

- **3rd Grade Literacy and Educational Equity**
- **Marin City-Sausalito School District Libraries** (Formerly Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. and Willow Creek)
- **Anne T. Kent California Room**
- **Conscious Kids Book Kits**
- **Little Learners Kits**
- **The Marin County Poet Laureate Program**

Libraries, as a critical component for quality of life, need your help to achieve their goals!

Thank you, Kate Rabbe  
President, Marin County Library Foundation



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