

MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION
Proposed Agenda
Wednesday, August 10, 2022
4:00 p.m.

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

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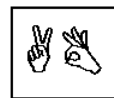
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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	
4:00	1. Call to Order	Ream	Action
	2. Roll Call	Ream	Action
<i>"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me."</i>			
			C.S. Lewis (British writer and lay theologian)
	3. Approval of Agenda	Ream	Action
	4. Approval of 06-15-22 Minutes	Ream	Action
	5. Open Time for Public Expression		
	6. Reading & Correspondence File	Ream	Information
	7. President's Report for June, July	Ream	Information
	8. Old Business		
	9. New Business	Ream	Information
	a. Story Walk	Bryant	Information
	b. W. Marin Branch Reports	Bryant	Information
	c. 2022-2023 Lib Com Mtg Schedule	Ream	Action
	d. Library Commission Bylaws	Ream	Action
	10. Director's Report for June, July	Adlawan	Information
	11. Announcements	Ream	Information
5:30	12. Adjournment	Ream	Action

Numbered List of attachments:

4. Minutes for June 15, 2022
11. Library Director's Report for June, July, 2022

Unnumbered Attachments:

MARINet Board minutes of June 2nd and June 9th, 2022 held at Tech Services

Marin County Free Library

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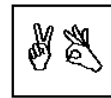
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- (2) all votes must be taken by roll call;
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- (6) the agenda must provide the public with an opportunity to address the legislative body at each teleconference location. Cal. Gov't Co).

Meeting Locations

Bolinas Library	14 Wharf Road, Bolinas, CA 94924
Civic Center Library	3501 Civic Center Drive, Ste. #427, San Rafael, CA 94903
Corte Madera Library	707 Meadowsweet Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94925
Fairfax Library	2097 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Fairfax, CA 94930
Inverness Library	15 Park Avenue, Inverness, CA 94937
Marin City Library	164 Donahue Street, Marin City, CA 94965
Novato Library	1720 Novato Blvd., Novato, CA 94947
Point Reyes Station Library	11431 State Route One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956
South Novato Library	931 C Street, Novato, CA 94949
Stinson Beach Library	3521 Shoreline Highway, Stinson Beach, CA 94



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MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY
Meeting in person and virtual

--PROPOSED MINUTES--
Wednesday, June 15, 2022

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order @ 5:03 pm.

(2) ROLL CALL

Present

Sue Ream	Nick Javaras	Loretta Farley
Ann Kaplan	Anya Schandler	Alison Blume
Claudia Wilson	Linda Ward	
Daniel Sherman via Zoom		

Absent with Notification

Ali Iqbal	John Macleod	Sally Hauser
Margaret Kathrein		

Also Present

Lana Adlawan, Director of County Library Services
Diana Barrera, Administrative Assistant I
Madeline Bryant, Sr. Librarian – Education Initiatives Coordinator
Augusto Conde
Janet Doerge, Sr. Librarian – Branch Manager
Etienne Douglas, Library Technology Program Coordinator
Leslie Galiani, Administrative Service Manager
Itoco Garcia, Superintendent of the Sausalito Marin City School District
Edna Guadiana, Administrative Services Associate
Stephanie Hartwell – Mandella, Sr. Librarian – Branch Manager
Jesse Lumb, Mobile Library Assistant
Lynn McDermott, Friends of the Marin County Free Library
Margaret Miles, Sr. Librarian – Branch Manager
Julia Noble, Friends of the Marin County Free Library
Eva Patterson, Sr. Librarian – Branch Manager
Ginny Schultz, Friends of the Marin County Free Library
Suki Sennett, Friends of the Marin County Free Library
Jim Stephens, Technical Support Chief
Raemona Little Taylor, Deputy Director of County Library Services
Neil Vickers, Community Library Specialist
Chantel Walker, Assistant Director of County Library Services
Penny Wells, Friends of the Civic Center Library

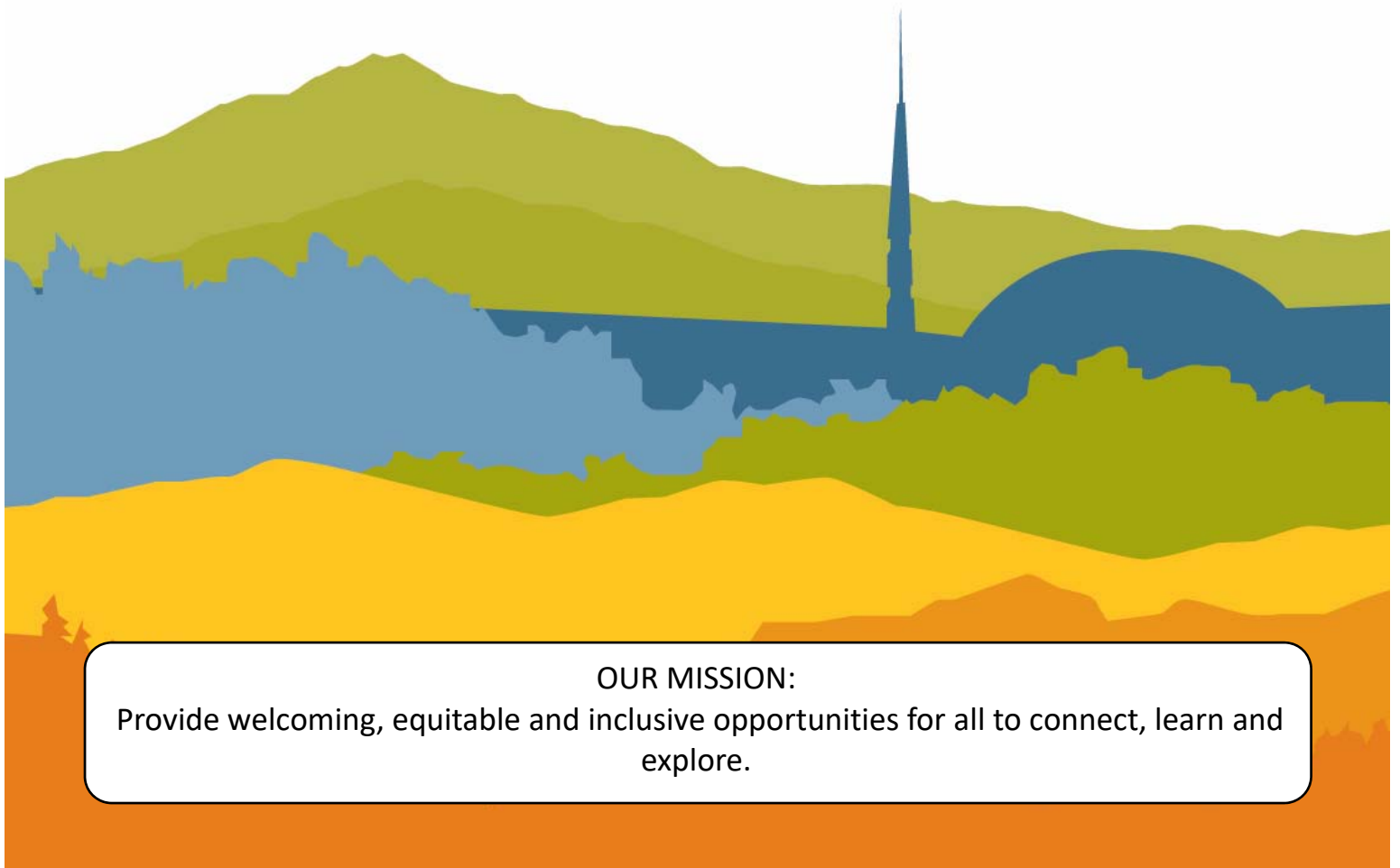
- (3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA M/S/C – Javaras/Schandler Agenda approved as submitted
- (4) ADOPTION OF May 11, 2022 MINUTES - M/S/C Schandler/Farley Minutes approved as submitted.
- (5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION – None
- (6) READING & CORRESPONDENCE FILE – Materials were sent to the Library Commission prior to meeting
- (7) PRESIDENT’S REPORT MAY
President Ream asked each commissioner to introduce himself and the district they were from. Then everyone in the room introduces themselves.

According to President Ream a committee has been working on the review of the bylaws.
- (8) NEW BUSINESS –
August meeting will be hybrid on Wednesday, August 10th and will stay hybrid for a couple of months.
- (9) DIRECTOR’S REPORT FOR MAY – Director Adlawan reported on the following:
 - She confirmed that the hybrid meeting scheduled for August would take place at the Fairfax Branch, which received the highest marks from Commissioners for meeting venues.
 - There will be more information on Zoom versus in-person meetings, but for now, it will be hybrid until at least October.
 - At their meeting in August, the Commissioners will vote on the meeting schedule for the following fiscal year.
 - There is information available regarding the County Counsel-adopted budget.
 - She invited the commissioners to join the Library booth at the county fair.
 - She thanked Dr. Itoco Garcia for speaking at the event.
- (10) APPROVE AUGUST MEETING DATE AT FAIRFAX - M/S/C Schandler/Javaras
- (11) ANNOUNCEMENTS -- None
- (12) ADJOURNMENT – M/S Ward/Javaras Meeting ended @ 5:14 pm



Marin County Free Library Commission Report
Lana Adlawan, Director of County Library Services

JUNE AND JULY 2022 ACTIVITIES



OUR MISSION:

Provide welcoming, equitable and inclusive opportunities for all to connect, learn and explore.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES AND OUR EQUITY FOCUS

Children's Services



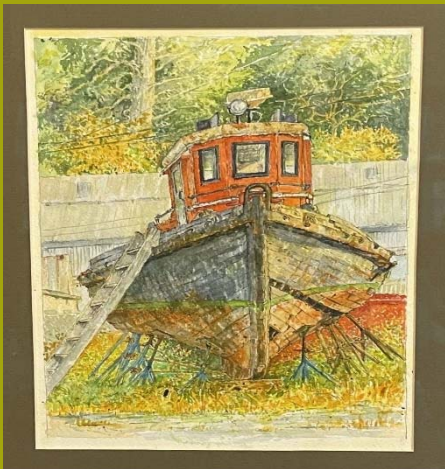
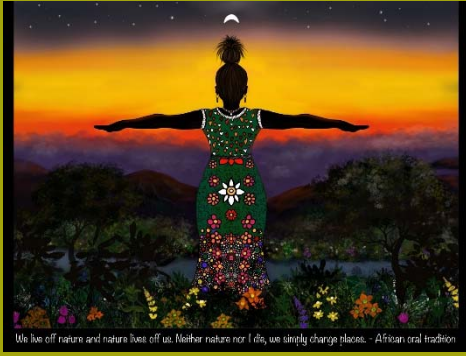
Marin County Free Library's partnership with First 5 Marin is resulting in free distribution of tote bags this summer to promote learning year-round and ensure school success.

The tote bags include pencil, paper, a sharpener, crayons, a coloring/activity book, glue stick, scissors, colored markers, coloring books, watercolor set, and containers of Play-Doh. The bags themselves are adorned with MCFL's summer reading logo "Tales to Trails." Learning Bus staff plus staff at numerous branches took on the Herculean task of assembling the 2,000 tote bags.

Children will receive free tote bags at events hosted at each branch, and at locations visited by the Learning Bus. Learning Bus staff will provide outdoor storytime and free books at each event, courtesy of Friends of the Marin County Free Library and the Marin County Library Foundation.

First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission (Commission) provides strategic investments, policy leadership and community partnerships to support families and empower all children grow, learn, and thrive. The Commission has invested \$1 million over the last 20 years to support the important work of the Learning Bus staff and approved \$25,000 to purchase the supplies included in the tote bags this year.

Adult Services



Ahh, Summer! The warmth, the beauty! MCFL responded with striking works of art on its walls at locations around the County:

The Stinson Beach Library invited members of the public to an exhibit of artwork by Kit Shepard, who paints mostly in the impressionist and colorist style.

An art series and exhibit by local Fairfax artist Wawi Amasha was a dynamic and colorful representation of life in various parts of Africa and was on display in the Fairfax Library Community Room. It portrayed lively landscapes and people with intricate textures and patterns. Before colonial rule penetrated the continent, people lived simple lifestyles and communities were strong. A reverence for both animal and plant life allowed them to live symbiotically with Nature. A reception was held on Saturday July 16th.

The Point Reyes Library welcomed an exhibit of watercolor paintings by Dennis Dierks, an artist and organic farmer from Bolinas.

Novato Library's Wednesday Night Book Club met virtually to discuss The Color of Water by James McBride. In this poignant memoir, an African American man describes life as the son of a white mother and Black father, reflecting on his mother's contributions to his life and his confusion over his own identity.

Fairfax Library's Bilingual Book Club/Club de Lectura Bilingue read The Night by Rodrigo Blanco Calderon. Awarded the French literary prize "Rive Gauche," this novel of today's Venezuela takes place in its capital, Caracas, and deals with the energy crisis in 2010 brought on by the revolutionary government.

One-on-one help using eBooks and other library resources continues at branches around the County, with Novato recently adding 30-minute sessions on Thursday afternoons at 2 and 2:30. Point Reyes has drop-in Tech Help available in English and Spanish on Thursdays from 6-8pm and Fridays from 11am-12pm. Marin City also offers one-on-one tutoring that patrons can sign up for.

Collection Development & Management



June and July have been busy months for our team in Technical Services. The Board of Supervisors approved our new [Collection Development Policy](#) at their July 12 meeting. This was the culmination of a team effort to align our policy more closely with our mission statement.

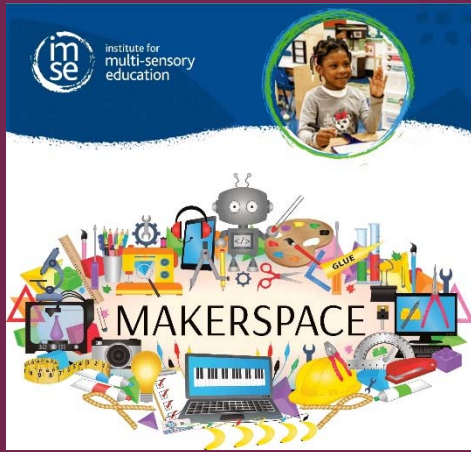
The return to the Fair this year was an exciting moment! Our team worked to support the library presence at the Fair by ordering books to give out to kids and teens with funds generously donated by the Marin Library Foundation and the Marin County Friends. Team members helped sort the books to make it easier for distribution. The books were very popular and close to 1500 were given away to eager readers!

After completing fiscal close, which necessitates a pause in our ordering processes, we were raring to go with getting new books for our communities. Our team members selected new materials, placed orders, and received a significant influx of boxes – and rose to the logistics challenge of getting them inside our offices when a huge delivery came all in one day! Because of the large delivery, a special UPS truck was needed, and our team members helped transport the boxes inside when they started to pile up on the sidewalk outside. The boxes were quickly dealt with, and materials were sped on their way to our branches.

The addition of new [Tech Connect Pack Chromebooks](#) was another recent successful project that continues to provide opportunities for our communities to access the Internet. Led by our Tech Support team, our Processing and Library Marketing team assisted in preparing the Chromebooks for circulation at our branches.

We received more of the popular [California State Library Parks Passes](#) to make available to our communities. Based on programs like our own [Marin County Park Passes](#) that was started here in 2017 with a partnership between the Marin County Free Library and the County Parks & Open Space Department, this project of the California State Library and State Parks Department makes accessing the outdoors easier by allowing free entry to most state parks through passes available at public libraries.

Educational Equity



Two staff members from the South Novato Library completed the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education's (IMSE) intensive week-long Orton-Gillingham training. Orton-Gillingham is a modern, measurably effective literacy approach that is designed to help struggling readers. The system was originally designed for students with dyslexia, but has proven effective with all students, including English Language Learners. The OG literacy program breaks reading and spelling into smaller skills, using sight, hearing, touch, and movement to help learners connect language with letters and sounds. South Novato staff is planning to use this program to deepen the Reading Buddies program and create new literacy support, services, programs, and collaborations with Hamilton School.

The South Novato Library is officially recruiting for the next Makerspace Program Coordinator. In collaboration with Library Administration and HR, the South Novato Team is sharing the job posting across diverse networks in the hope of getting a great pool of candidates.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/marincounty>

Communications & Publicity



The Fairfax Library Garden Project is underway, and Library Marketing is creating [updates](#) as the project progresses. The groundbreaking ceremony was held June 27, and present to help celebrate were (left to right): Michael Shane, Department of Public Works; Chantel Walker, Assistant Library Director; Margaret Miles, Fairfax Branch Manager; Cindy Swift, Friends of the Fairfax Library; Lana Adlawan, Library Director; Sue Reams, Library Commissioner; Damon Hill, Library Services Manager. Estimated completion is October 2022.

We highlighted in our Library newsletters, calendar, [website](#) (sharing the County press release) and social media the Children's Services project partnering with First 5 to distribute Summer Learning tote bags through the Learning Bus.

We promoted library resources in honor of Pride Month and Juneteenth in June and Disability Pride Month in July, including staff booklists and Kanopy movies and documentaries. Highlighted in July was the Big Library Read, an OverDrive ebook campaign with unlimited access to a chosen book.

In addition to our monthly Library email newsletters, we created a couple of email announcements to highlight special events. The first was a unique children's author event at Corte Madera where the author, Tera Kelley, one of our very own staff members, read her children's book [Listen to the Language of the Trees](#). The second was to promote a special children's program, a performance by Cascada de Flores, in combination with the Learning Bus Summer Learning tote bag giveaway in Bolinas.

Through the efforts of our team, several online programs were added to the library [YouTube channel](#), including presentations on Fairfax history, Legal Aid, and Backyard Birds.

Helping communicate about and connect people with the materials the library has to offer through curated lists created by library staff is a focus of our virtual presence through the website and social media. Recent topics for book and material lists included Happy Birthday Frida Kahlo, Bay Area African American History, Juneteenth, Pride Month, Disability Pride Month, Demystifying Affordable Housing through a Racial Justice lens, Summer Reads, Teen Activism and Social Justice, NIMBYism and Environmentalism- Barriers to Affordable Housing, Books to Take you on a Vicarious Vacation, It's no joke, Dad –Father's day, Coping with Stress and Anxiety, #Voiced Women of Color, Star Wars Canon, plus monthly new books for all age groups. Check out [Explore all – staff lists](#) to see a complete list.

Our "Did You Know?" series in the monthly Library Newsletter, featuring library resources and services, highlighted our [Community Seed Exchange](#) in July and our free access to [online newspaper and magazines](#), including the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal, in June.





PERSONNEL UPDATE

Thank you to the MCFL interview panel members, hiring managers, admin staff, and Finance Accounting Human Resources (FAHR) Team Members for helping us to recruit, promote and bring in new staff.

Please help us welcome:

Anne De Souza, Library Aide, who joined our Fairfax Branch
Brooklyn Swanson, Library Aide, who joined our Civic Center Branch
Carri Abrahms, Library Aide, who joined our Technical Services Unit
Emily Strempek, Librarian I, who joined our Fairfax Branch

The application phase of recruitments for **Library Assistant I**, **Librarian II**, and **Community Library Community Library Specialist** positions closed in July. The application periods for **Library Technical Program Coordinator/Makerspace Coordinator** and **Librarian I** are open through August. The **Community Library Specialist** recruitment has now moved on to the interview stage with hiring for all open positions in these classifications expected by mid-August.

The following full-time and part-time vacancies are under review:

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| ▪ Library Services Mngr. | 1.0 FTE – Tech Services |
| ▪ Media Technician | 1.0 FTE – Marketing & Communications |
| ▪ Sr. Librarian/Branch Mgr. | 2.0 FTE – Civic Center, Marin City |
| ▪ Library Assistant II | 1.0 FTE – Fairfax |

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES, LANA ADLAWAN

Happy Summer, all!

I am pleased to be able to offer a new meeting schedule for our 2022-23 year. I hope it meets your needs in staying connected to all the diverse communities that we serve in Marin. Our diversity in staff, communities and geography make us the cherished system that we are.

The County of Marin's budget (which includes Marin County Free Library) was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 22. Here is a link to our budget, as well as staffing breakdown for FY 22-24 (page 168): https://www.marincounty.org/-/media/files/departments/ad/management-and-budget/budget/fy-202224-proposed-budget_vf.pdf?la=en. These are our goals for the next two fiscal years:

- Engage and obtain input from library staff and community members to complete the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan for the Marin County Free Library system.
- Work with the Board of Supervisors and community to explore a ballot measure for the November 2022 election which will renew the Marin County Free Library Measure A parcel tax in order to maintain and enhance library services.
- Conduct a comprehensive building assessment of County-owned library facilities for future capital improvements in FY 2023-24.
- Form new community-based partnerships that prioritize digital literacy, support low-cost or free internet access for residents and expand technology skills for seniors and youth.
- Complete minor interior refresh project for library branches in FY 2022-23.
- Support and deepen MCFL's educational equity goals for children zero to eight years old by increasing connections to community and County based organizations focused on school readiness. Collaborate with the Marin County Office of Education to support school library services in all school districts and ensure that all students have access to a local library card.

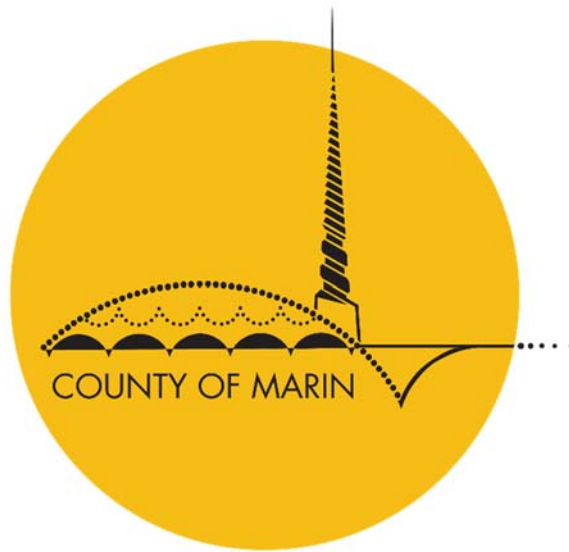
We also had a few successes in June and July!

- Great participation in the County Fair. Thanks to Commissioner Javares and McLeod for all their support. We also provided 1500 brand new books in English and Spanish for children and teen fair attendees to take home. Literacy on the go!
- The library's parcel tax renewal has been approved by the Board of Supervisors and will be on the November 8 General Election ballot. The terms of the renewal are \$98 per parcel, for nine years. There will be an annual Consumer Price Index adjustment not to exceed 3% and a senior exemption allowed. The renewal and increase will allow the library to address outstanding facility issues for all County-owned branches and meet the needs of residents expressed in our 2021-2022 Community Survey.

Thank you all for your dedication and support in serving our communities,

Lana





COMMISSION MEMBERS:

MCFL and the County of Marin

THANK YOU for your commitment to welcoming, equitable, and inclusive library services.

MARINet Board Special Meeting – Minutes

Online Meeting June 9, 2022

Approved by the MARINet Board on July 7, 2022

Present: Henry Bankhead, Franklin Escobedo, Lana Adlawan, Jessica Trenary, Dan McMahon, Linda Kenton, Crystal Duran, Abbot Chambers, Chantel Walker, Anji Brenner

Meeting convened by Chair at 11:33 a.m.

This special meeting of the MARINet Board is being held so we can have a demonstration session from the makers of Aspen, an open-source-based library catalog.

The Aspen Reps are Bill Kessler, Nate Curulla and Jessie Zailo, who work for Bywater Solutions Inc.

Bill: Aspen is a Discovery layer, makes e-content available along with physical content. (Overdrive, Hoopla, Kanopy, other archives.) They can set up a single interface or different interfaces for each library.

Nate: Open-source technology can provide lower cost technologies for libraries. The customers are library partners. Everything is included in support. About 3,000 libraries now using Koha. Aspen started in 2014 with a product called Turning Leaves. Their key goal is that service should be better. Quality and functionality is above any other product on the market now. Staff is 85% librarians, “of librarians for librarians.” Aspen Discovery works on any ILS.

Jessie: The first site we’ll demo is <https://wvls.aspenddiscovery.org> (Sierra ILS)

Features pointed out:

- Browse Categories: at the top, they are curated lists.
- Allows holds from Overdrive etc. directly.
- Predictive text.
- Available now, available online filters.
- Records for different formats grouped together (FRBR-ized)
- “Explore More section,” options outside of traditional catalog. Events, other Resource pages, lists.
- Book jackets can be from Cozy server, Content Café or Syndetics. Cozy grabs from open source jacket db. Similar titles, pulling from Aspen Discovery. Other options, NoveList, GoodReads, Staff View.
- Self Registration, can tie into ILS.
- Suggestion for “While you wait?” (While placing holds.)
- Placard, used for items without MARC record. (Programs, events. Can be branch or library specific.) Ex is one for Mango, keyed to any search for any language. Triggers or keywords.
- Side loading of records for Overdrive, Hoopla, Kanopy, Axis 360 and Cloud.
- Aspen Discovery App
- Librarian login, Aspen Admin button on left. Set end date on any object created. Can be specified as to which libraries will display the object.
- Using Freeze for pause holds. Buttons to cancel all, freeze all, thaw all. Export to Excel.
- Reading History, sort by date, search and sort.
- Fines and messages section, 5 or 6 different e-commerce options.

- Linked accounts, way for users to opt in with sharing their info. (No link on ILS side.) People need to know username and password of any account they want to share.
- Threshold for online payments is set in Aspen
- There's a don't recommend button.
- Barcodes in app, including linked cards. Pickup locations, contact info (from ILS). Users can update information if we allow it.
- Search history, saved searches created automatically.
- Staff can have lists show up in circ results, can upload lists "cover" for these
- App can be customized for small fee +/- \$500.

Uintah County Library is using the Web Builder feature of Aspen. Users can create web pages. (The entire library website is on Aspen Discovery.) There is integration with Library Market's Library Calendar. Uintah County has almost every option implemented.

Everything they're showing exists now, and is for the basic support cost.

Jessica asked if we could see a larger example of reading history, as that's where the issues come up.

Implementation: all live at once, or particular libraries? 4 to 6 months. Could be 8 weeks at fastest. They set up their server and the ILS connection first so it's actually visible quickly for staff. They record the implementation meetings and post them in case anyone misses one.

Item updates take place definitely within 5 minutes, normally within 1 or 2 minutes.

Response time is partly about the servers allocated for each customer. They try to overpower their servers.

Meeting adjourned at 104 p.m.

MARINet Board Meeting –Minutes

June 2, 2022 Online meeting

Approved by the MARINet Board on July 7, 2022

Present: Henry Bankhead, Anji Brenner, Franklin Escobedo, Linda Kenton, Abbot Chambers, Gary Gorka, Lana Adlawan, Joey Della Santina, Dan McMahon.

Absent: Sarah Frye

Guests: none

Meeting called to order at 12:01 p.m.

Approval of minutes for May 5, 2022 meeting, unanimous.

Reflections on the Patty Wong discussion in the January retreat: Are we serving the whole community? How do we adjust to change as a consortium? One thing MCFL and SRPL have done is a joint Summer Reading Program. Could all of MARINet do that? Do we need a strategic plan to address how we serve the County? Some libraries have a boutique approach to summer reading to serve their communities more closely. This would be a good topic for the Children's Services Working Group. Should there also be a joint teen and adult summer reading program?

There is a discussion on whether to add a collaboration item to the agenda. One Book One Marin is a chasm on this, nothing replaced it. COM is doing a big One Book read, if we had the discussion ongoing we might have all joined on something like that. We need more cross promoting events, and more ways to discuss DEI issues. Like the one teen even that was cooperative by the Teen Services Working Group in 2019, we should do more of that. Services to homebound adults, H&HS is willing to pick up books and deliver them, there are services that fall between libraries, or on several of them equally.

RFID Project Update: Lori Ayre is offering a contract extension for FY23, to cover the selection and setup of an AMH sorter at Tech Services. We'd budgeted \$6,400 for her already, but selecting the sorter and writing up the RFQ are more complex, so we are asked to increase the contract to \$29,400 to cover that. This should take us to the end of the project, or very close to it. We are working on how to clear down the space needed for this in technical services, which involves relocating about 8 staff workstations somewhere else in the facility.

Moved to approve Lori's FY23 contract at \$29,400, seconded, Yes: BET DUC LRK MCFL MVY SAN SRF SAU. No: none. Motion Passes.

Report from Cost Sharing Working Group: We'll have a report in July, the survey did go out to directors.

Regional Working Group: No new info this month. PLP seems like it would be a huge deal, financially and in getting approvals. Who would directors talk to at the state library about this issue?

Baker & Taylor's Diversity Tool and Collection HQ: Marin County Free Library has CHQ, San Rafael is exploring it. Mill Valley would like the diversity tool. It's about \$45k for the CHQ and Diversity Tool for everyone, there are other menu options too. They'd refund MCFL their contract if MARINet subscribes. The shared option (by funding formula) does increase the MCFL cost a bit, but they're willing to go there. Everyone would get their own CHQ instance plus the DEI tool. If the first year is paid from the

Sinking Fund we don't need to decide on partitioning the bill yet. The Diversity Tool is potentially useful to the academics. Is the proposal this a multiyear contract or year to year? We can consider it but it's not an action item this month. We will vote on this at the next meeting.

Related to this issue, cancelling Decision Center should be looked at separately. It is useful but we are paying over \$50k per year due to a decade of 5% increases. We'll discuss this at a later meeting, but we could use the DC money for CHQ.

LGBTQ Affinity Groups: Jill Tokotumi of San Rafael joins the meeting: Staff tend to feel isolated about LGBTQ issues, as they're often the "only one" at their library. A group to just counter this isolation and develop connections would be good. There could be collaboration around programming but mostly not looking for another workload. Around the table, people are happy to have their libraries take part. If Board approves action item at next meeting, Jill will move ahead with organizing and scheduling it. Should it include extra hire folks? The feeling around the table is yes. The group could start on zoom, so there's no travel time.

MCFL Community Survey: Jessica Trenary joins the meeting: In the MCFL Community Survey results, she looked for MARINet related comments, grouped into categories like delivery, and Overdrive. The comments were really positive, and cast a very wide net of topics. This info should help the librarians in practical ways. The physical item and e-item patrons are definitely two distinct groups, but seem to be merging slowly. Both groups want more money spent on their content.

FY 2022-23 Vice Chair needed: Lana of Marin County Free Library is willing to volunteer, motion that she be vice chair next year. Motion passes, Lana is Vice Chair for FY 22-23.

Equity discussion: Gary: Dominican University really wants to do more than make statements and outline policies. Dominican hired a new archivist 2 years ago from Humboldt State, who has worked with Indigenous people's groups. They found a chest of Coast Miwok artifacts in the archive, from construction on the gym facility. The archivist then connected with the Coast Miwok Tribal Council, this has become a powerful connection. They set up a JTF, the University Tribal Circle, whose primary purpose is to acknowledge that we're on Miwok land. There needs to be a process of reconciliation about that. There was a Coast Miwok village on the site now occupied by Dominican's campus.

Systems Report: We could use Brown Act updates, as much to learn the existing law as to find out to what extent are issues around remote meetings being addressed? Lana says that the County will be doing a refresher on the Brown Act for staff. County committees are returning to meeting in person but looking at changes to rules, to see if they can do hybrid meetings going forward. For now, we should indicate on the agenda if something is an action item, if there's going to be a vote of the Board.

Topics for future meetings: email Franklin or Dan.

We will add a vote for the affinity group, would give weight to the group and show director support. CHQ, Decision Center also come back.

Announcements:

Bel Tib Library: Sept. 17 is the opening date, for the whole building.

Dominican Univ.: Summer will be for construction, they're moving the library into one side of building.

Larkspur: The new librarian starts in July. They've moved the furniture back into the library.

Marin County: All branches will be closed on Jan 10 for All Staff Day, which starts online and is followed with a picnic at McNear County Park.

Mill Valley: Thanks to Henry for a year of being Board chair.

San Anselmo: Second to that, he should be getting a logo coffee mug. The new circ supervisor is working out well. The whole staff is reading "So You want to Talk About Race" at staff meetings.

San Rafael: Staff did 2 presentations at CLA.

Sausalito: The Mezzanine level will be closed for a while, as they're working on water leak.

The meeting is adjourned at 1:47 p.m.