

*Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services,
great libraries build communities. ~ R. David Lankes*

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Who We Are

The Foundation is comprised of a group of dedicated volunteers who are committed to supporting dynamic library facilities that have up-to-date technology, books, and other materials to serve the people of Marin County. We raise funds and create visibility for Marin County Free Library's work to ensure that it continues to be an innovative and equitable library system.

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:

- **Fairfax Library Garden Project**
- **Marin City-Sausalito School District Libraries**
- **Conscious Kids Book Kits & Little Learners Kits**
- **MarinCity 80 Celebration**
- **FastForward Magazine, voices of youth**
- **The Marin County Poet Laureate Program**
- **Anne T. Kent California Room**

Program Support Highlights

Expanding Access and Equity: 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 and schools issue 800 WiFi hotspots during the pandemic to benefit youth in neighborhoods lacking internet access for homework and attending online classes.

Thank you for your support and contributions toward raising over \$200,000 for WiFi hotspots and increased educational equity.

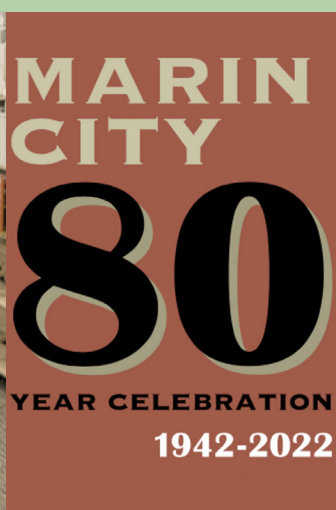
Opportunities for Support

- **Early learning:** literacy support for children 0 to 8 years old, to maximize **educational equity programs** and broaden access to books.
- **Action for Equity:** celebrates youth and adult leaders who champion access to libraries, technology, and community voice.
- **Increasing mobile access** for children and adults. Sprucing up the Bookmobile with a new exterior wrap and supported the Learning Bus preschool and early childhood programs.
- **Promoting S.T.R.E.A.M:** Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, Mathematics education and College-Career Readiness (WebStars and XRStars).
- **Engaging students, parents, and caregivers in opportunities for self-development:** high level support for school and community libraries in Marin City, West Marin, and Novato. Funded the purchase of books and materials to update the collection.

The Marin County Library Foundation has been steadfast in its promotion of literacy, equity, and life-long learning. We continue to fill the gap in our community so that children and adults have access to quality materials, technology, and people dedicated to equity for all. We have been so grateful for the generous support we have received from so many over the years.

Libraries, as a critical component for quality of life, need your help to achieve community goals through library services and local partnerships!

We thank you!



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