

### MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION



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# MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION Proposed Agenda Wednesday, August 13, 2025 4:00 p.m.

### Civic Center Building 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 410B, 94903

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PRESENTER	<u>STATUS</u>	
Call to Order	Christian	Action
Welcome and Introductions	Christian	Information
Approval of Agenda	Christian	Action
Approval of June 11, 2025 meeting minutes	Christian	Action
Open Time for Public Expression	Christian	Information
Announcements/ Book Recommendation(s)	Christian	Information
Reading & Correspondence File	Christian	Information
President's Report	Christian	Information
Director's Report for June & July	Adlawan	Information
New Business		
a. Strategic Plan Update / Racial Equity Alliance -	Adlawan, Schiller Little Taylor & Bertucci	Information
	Call to Order Welcome and Introductions Approval of Agenda Approval of June 11, 2025 meeting minutes Open Time for Public Expression Announcements/ Book Recommendation(s) Reading & Correspondence File President's Report Director's Report for June & July New Business a. Strategic Plan Update /	Call to Order Welcome and Introductions Approval of Agenda Approval of June 11, 2025 Christian











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Action

Numbered List of attachments:

4. Minutes for June 11, 2025

5. Library Director's Report for June & July 2025

Unnumbered Attachments:

None

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### The Club Restaurant at McInnis Park 350 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael, CA 94903

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#### --PROPOSED MINUTES-

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

### (1) CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm. Sue welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### (2) ROLL CALL

### In Attendance

Sue Ream Glynda Christian Ted Ridgeway
Sally Hauser Linda Ward Ann Kaplan
Claudia Wilson Ted Ridgeway Amelia Lahn
Anya Schandler Crystal Lewis

#### Absent with Notification

Doug Sides Nick Javaras

#### **Absent Without Notification**

Alison Blume

#### Also Present

Lana Adlawan, Director of County Library Services
Raemona Little Taylor, Assistant Director of Public Services
Gina Turrini, Administrative Assistant I
Leslie Galiani, Administrative Services Manager
Leching Chan, Administrative Services Associate
Andre Clemons, Media Manager
Ahmad Merza, Library Services Manager
Diana Barrera, Administrative Services Associate
Jose Rodas, Administrative Services Technician
Etienne Douglas, Library Technology Program Coordinator
Alison Howard, Library Foundation
Lois Moore, Library Foundation
Lynn MacDermott, Friends of the Marin County Free Library
Ginny Schultz, Friends of the Marin County Free Library
Sheila Rokech, Friends of the Marin County Free Library

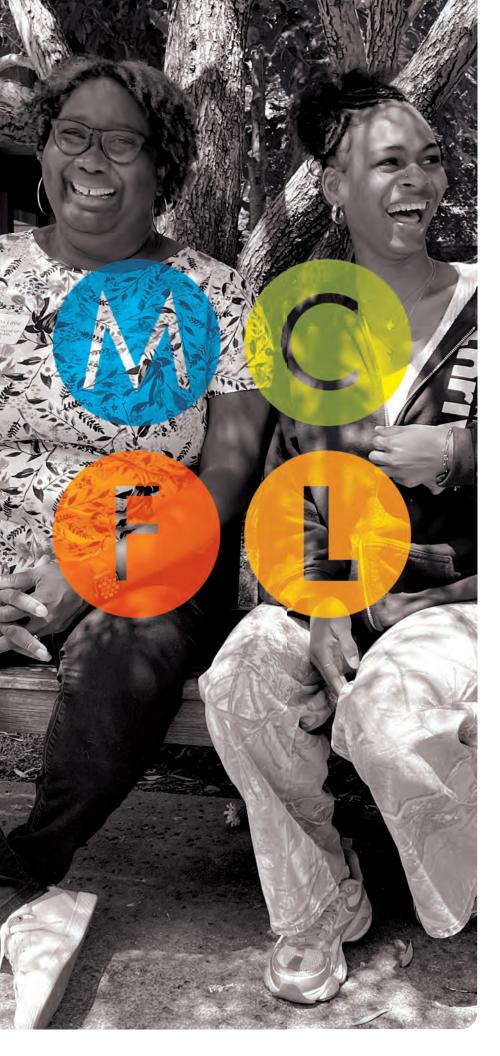
Julia Noble, Friends of the Marin County Free Library Rich Panter, Member of the Public Malikah Taylor, Member of the Public

- (3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA M/S/C Glynda Christian / Claudia Wilson approved as submitted.
- (4) ADOPTION OF April 2025 MINUTES M/S/C Ann Kaplan / Claudia Wilson Minutes approved as submitted
- (5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION No member of the public.
- (6) OLD BUSINESS a. Commission Meeting Schedule 25-26 M/S/C Ann Kaplan / Ted Ridgeway schedule approved as submitted

#### MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE JULY 2025- JUNE 2026

MONTH	DATE	LOCATION	PRESENTATIONS	PRESENTER(S)
JULY	9		NO MEETING	
AUGUST	13	CIVIC CENTER 4 PM	STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE / RACIAL EQUITY ALLIANCE	ADLAWAN, LITTLE TAYLOR, SCHILLER & BERTUCCI
SEPTEMBER	10	CORTE MADERA 4 PM	MEASURE A/B FUND REVIEW FACILITIES OVERVIEW	GALIANI, CHAN, MERZA & SCHILLER
OCTOBER	8	LOS GAMOS 4 PM	YEAR-ROUND LEARNING	LITTLE TAYLOR
NOVEMBER	12	FAIRFAX 4PM	MOBILE OUTREACH SERVICES	CRUZ & LUMB
DECEMBER	10	CIVIC CENTER 4 PM	WINTER CELEBRATION	
JANUARY (FRIDAY)	16	THE SHOP 4 PM	MEASURE A/B FUND REVIEW FACILITIES OVERVIEW	GALIANI, CHAN, MERZA & SCHILLER
FEBRUARY	11	FAIRFAX 4 PM	MARIN HOUSING AUTHORITY PARTNERSHIP	SCHILLER, SADLER & MERZA
MARCH	11	NOVATO 4PM	NOVATO CAPITAL PROJECT PRESENTATION	SCHILLER & MERZA
APRIL	8	POINT REYES 2PM	MEASURE A/B FUND REVIEW FACILITIES OVERVIEW	GALIANI, CHAN, MERZA & SCHILLER
MAY (FRIDAY)	15	MARIN CITY 10 AM	STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE / RACIAL EQUITY ALLIANCE	ADLAWAN, LITTLE TAYLOR, SCHILLER & BERTUCCI
JUNE	10	LOCATION TBD 5 PM	ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS / SOCIAL EVENT	

- (7) PRESIDENT'S REPORT Sue Ream opened her report speaking about signing up for the Marin County Fair to volunteer. Sue gave her thanks to all about her time being president for the past five years. The time during Covid lockdown, the achievements of the library during that time. Mentioning Curbside pick-up, hotspots for students, website retooled for home usage in that time. Lana joining the library, Measures A & B work, and looking to the future of the library.
- (8) NOMINATING SUBCOMMITTEE
  - a. Election of Officers Sally Houser announced the committee (Ted and Anne) Linda will be staying in the position of Vice President and that Glynda Christian will be taking on the position of President.
    - President Elected M/S/C Ann Kaplan / Sally Hauser. Glynda Christian was approved as President.
- (9) COMMISSION & STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Lana recognized Sue Ream for her two terms as president from 2020 2025 and for all the work she did and being her welcoming president. Sue was presented with a small award for her time with the commission. Lana thanked those returning Commission members Nick, Ann, Claudia, Amila and Anya. She acknowledged the staff that had retired Margaret Miles, Terry Peck, Edna Guadiana and Tom McGibney. Lana also recognized staff who had been recognized by the Board of Supervisors for their service Leching Chen for 25 Years of Service, Ann Mahoney for 25 Years of Service, Etienne Douglas for 20 Years of Service, David Morgen for 20 Years of Service and Neshama Franklin for 35 Years of Service.
- (10) ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at @ 5:18 pm



June - July 2025

# Library Commission Report

Lana Adlawan, Director of County Library Services





This summer, Marin County Free Library brought stories, creativity, and connection to communities across the county. Families gathered for Pride celebrations and found relief from the fairgrounds at MCFL's booth at the Marin County Fair. Children explored hands-on activities through the Learning Bus, while "Lunch at the Library" brought books, crafts, and enrichment to West Marin, South Novato, and Marin City.

Park trips introduced rural students to places like Alcatraz and Tunnel Tops. Teens led and joined programs in STEM, public speaking, and creative arts — and were celebrated with a Giants game! Bolinas kids exchanged letters with "Marshmallow," their Library Dragon, and Point Reyes hosted successful literacy programs like Book Scouts and Reading Buddies.

Digital services expanded with new learning platforms and updated web pages, while The Shop and The Lab deepened school and community partnerships. Staffing remained stable, with an 8% vacancy rate and active recruitment for key roles.

Whether in a park, a branch, or online, the Library continued to meet people where they are — centering equity, imagination, and access in every interaction.

### Our Mission

We provide welcoming, equitable, and inclusive opportunities for everyone.

### Our Vision

We believe in empowered and thriving communities built on diverse voices and perspectives. We believe in a just Marin that advances equity for communities of color.



### **Children Services**

This summer, Marin County Free Library was alive with energy, creativity, and community. Families gathered across branches for programs that sparked imagination and brought people together.

At our annual Pride celebration with the San Rafael Public Library, families and friends came together in a joyful display of inclusion and color, fostering a sense of community and togetherness. At the Marin County Fair, MCFL provided a cozy space to rest, explore books, and check out mobile services; a welcome break from the summer heat, further strengthening the bond within our community.

The Library Card Design Contest wrapped in early July, and the public is now voting on their favorite designs, fostering a sense of belonging and inclusivity. The contest inspired artistic expression across all age groups, with hundreds of beautiful entries submitted, further strengthening our creative community.

The Learning Bus, in partnership with First 5 Marin, visited branches with free backpacks, toys, and school supplies. Each stop included sensory activities, crafts, bubbles, and a special storytime or music session; making it one of our most beloved summer traditions.

In West Marin, MCFL and Marin County Parks teamed up to take Shoreline Summer Camp kids to Alcatraz, Stafford Lake, Tunnel Tops, and McNear's Beach; blending library joy with nature exploration and expanding access to regional treasures.

At Bolinas Library, children closed out the school year with a special "read to a stuffy" storytime where they became the storytellers, radiating joy and excitement. This summer, a new letter-writing station invites kids to correspond with "Marshmallow," the Library Dragon; encouraging creativity, storytelling, and literacy through play, and keeping the youthful energy alive in our library.

Librarians from Civic Center and Novato tabled at the Marin Child Care Council Conference, connecting with over 75 caregivers and sharing early learning resources.

Fairfax Library brought books, journals, and outreach to the Fairfax Festival and National Park Day at Samuel P. Taylor Park. Staff showcased our new Stargazer telescope (available for checkout!) and even participated in a podcast interview. At Corte Madera, one family loved the library so much they celebrated a child's birthday right in the children's room; a reminder that the library is a place for joyful memories as much as learning.













# **Children Services**

In West Marin, the Lunch at the Library program launched with help from two local Webstars, offering pea planting, decorated planters, and book giveaways. Kids were thrilled to learn, create, and take home books to keep. Finally, Point Reyes and Fairfax libraries welcomed back puppeteer Risa Lenore Dye, whose handmade, giant pop-up book version of Jack and the Beanstalk delighted audiences with music, laughter, and wonder.

From parks to puppet shows, backpacks to birthday parties, MCFL continues to meet families where they are; celebrating learning, creativity, and belonging all summer long.









### **Teen Services**

At the Corte Madera Library, teens and tweens tapped into their creativity and curiosity with hands-on programs designed just for them. From building intricate tracks in our Marble Run Engineering Challenge to relaxing with snacks and paint-by-numbers, the branch was buzzing with summer energy. Our Teen Movie Night, featuring Beetlejuice, brought a dose of retro fun and lots of laughter, promising more entertaining events in the future.

At Fairfax Library, public speaking took center stage during a four-week workshop led by an award-winning student from Branson High School. The program fostered a robust learning exchange between older and younger youth, creating a supportive community where confidence, voice, and collaboration thrived.

In South Novato, the Summer Baddies program was brought to life by the inspiring leadership of teen interns and volunteers. Their dedication and creativity in blending reading, writing, science, and the arts made the program engaging and memorable for younger participants, showcasing the powerful impact of youth supporting youth.













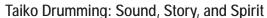
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### **Adult Services**

### **Civic Center Library**

### Library Tour with Vision Impaired Marin

Eight community members from Vision Impaired Marin embarked on a unique journey through the library, guided by our staff to showcase our accessible services. They were introduced to key resources, including audiobooks on CD, Playaway devices, Large Type books, and information about the Braille and Talking Book Library in Sacramento. The accessible computer station was demonstrated, and the use of Libby for digital borrowing was highlighted. In the California Room, our knowledgeable staff emphasized the importance of preserving oral histories, inviting the group to engage with stories rooted in local experience.



Patrons were not just spectators, but participants in the world of Japanese taiko drumming. They felt the thunderous rhythms, heard the bamboo flute melodies, and were immersed in the folktales. This performance was not just a show, but a cultural experience that deeply connected the audience to the art form, with a follow-up performance at the Fairfax Library.

### **Novato Library**

### Marin Poetry Center's Traveling Show

Local poets shared their work as part of the Marin Poetry Center's Traveling Show. The event was a celebration of personal expression, community voice, and the power of poetry to create a space for reflection and connection. It was an inspiring evening that encouraged everyone to find their voice and share their stories.

### **Estate Planning Workshop**

Attorney Karly Roberson guided patrons through key components of building or updating an estate plan. Topics included guardianship for children, powers of attorney, and what happens without a plan in place. The session encouraged participants to take action for their families and futures.

### Worldwide Knit in Public Day

Knitters of all ages filled the atrium at the Novato Library, bringing with them their projects and spending time knitting together in a peaceful shared space, celebrating the craft and connection that come from working side by side.









### **Adult Services**

### **Fairfax Library**

### A Grand Love: Trans Stories and the Freedom to Read

The Fairfax Library hosted A Grand Love, a heartfelt panel conversation on the experiences of transgender teens and grandparents of trans youth. Moderated by author Janna Barkin, the event centered on the importance of family support and affirmed the right to read, to be seen, and to belong.

### Blood Drive with Stanford Blood Center

The Fairfax Library partnered with the Stanford Blood Center to host a community blood drive in the lower parking lot. With the help of generous donors, the event collected 20 units of lifesaving blood. Plans are already underway for a second drive in November.





# **Educational Equity**

### South Novato: Growing with Purpose

This summer, South Novato blossomed — literally and symbolically. The library's youngest volunteers filled the branch with rainbow hearts, kites, and plants, celebrating both Pride Month and the community's shared values of equity and inclusion. Their creativity transformed the space into a vibrant reflection of belonging and youth leadership.

While the energy was high, The Shop faced the challenge of upgrading aging infrastructure amid shifting summer schedules. The slower pace and reduced foot traffic created an opportunity, but also revealed how vital it is to invest in spaces that nurture creativity and connection.

With the help of teen interns, The Shop began renovations that will benefit the community long after summer ends. A new sewing table and expanded art table now welcome more projects and people. At the same time, the team deepened its role as a community partner by supporting Hamilton School PTA, helping rebuild their garden, and constructing a custom 2-meter picnic table — their largest to date. In celebration of the season's accomplishments, the Webstars and their friends were treated to a Giants game, filled with fun, recognition, and pride.

### West Marin: Literacy, Nature & Local Leadership

In West Marin, summer meant stories, soil, and stars. At Point Reyes, staff brought Lunch at the Library to Camp Shoreline each week in July, engaging K–8 students with seed planting, rock art, beading, and button-making, alongside the gift of bilingual books to build home libraries.

For families in rural and remote areas like Tomales, access to parks, enrichment, and library services remains a challenge. Summer presents a rare chance to bridge this gap — but it requires coordination, transportation, and support across agencies.

MCFL partnered with Marin County Parks to organize four unforgettable field trips for over 40 students, bringing them to Alcatraz Island, Stafford Lake, Tunnel Tops, and McNear's Beach. Staff Jesse and Brooklyn ensured the Bookmobile made special appearances, extending access beyond the library walls.

Back at the branches, Career Explorers led the way, supporting children's programs, refreshing collections, and offering tech assistance. In Point Reyes, the new Book Scouts after-school program ended with a joyful celebration, supported by the Tomales Bay Library Association, staff, and volunteers. Based on its success, it will expand to Bolinas this fall.













# **Educational Equity**

In Inverness, the Family Literacy Bags pilot exceeded expectations: students read thousands of books at home, setting the stage for the program's expansion to Tomales Elementary. Meanwhile, Caroline Brabbee wrapped up another beloved year of storytimes for TK–1st–grade students, pairing stories with puppets, songs, and baskets of books for classroom visits.

### Marin City: Learning in Every Direction

Summer at Marin City Library filled the air with energy and imagination. From Lunch with the Library art projects like clay pinch pots and library card designs to dinosaur cities created by Bridge the Gap students, every week brought new ways to explore and express.

Many children in Marin City face barriers to enrichment opportunities and learning continuity during the summer months. Community partnerships can help — but they require trust, alignment, and shared effort.

The library met the moment by expanding its reach — hosting Play! Marin, welcoming weekly visits from Creative Gardens, and showing up at key events like Marin City Pride, Juneteenth, and the Golden Gate Village Playground reopening. Together with the Learning Bus, staff helped distribute backpacks to young learners, supporting school readiness and excitement for learning.

Innovation continued at The Lab, where digital conversion services now allow families to preserve memories on DV and Hi8 tapes. Community partners like the Marin County Cooperation Team used the laser engraver to create canvas bags for Mental Health Awareness Day, and 3D printers buzzed with new patron creations. Preparations are underway for Tinker Tech Camp and a Repair Fair with Zero Waste Marin.

At Bayside MLK Jr. Academy, library staff supported summer learning programs for Bridge the Gap and Play! Marin, providing access to books, space, and storytime magic. In collaboration with Lisa from Mt. Tamalpais School, and her reading dog, Stinson, MCFL helped deliver weekly reading sessions and curated a summer collection for rising third graders.

In June, Marin City staff said a heartfelt goodbye to Charmaine Bonner, Librarian II, whose leadership left a lasting imprint. As she begins her next chapter at Sacramento Public Library, MCFL honors her dedication and the lasting impact she has had on the Marin City community.













# **Collection Development and Management**

This summer, MCFL took another step toward equitable access with the purchase of the LibCabinet by Lingsoe Systems — a 24/7 mini-library solution. Once installed, the LibCabinet will allow us to bring books and library materials to areas without nearby branches, offering round-the-clock access for community members who need it most. This project reflects our commitment to meeting people where they are and ensuring that distance is never a barrier to discovery.

In our ongoing effort to bridge the digital divide, MCFL's collection of Wi-Fi hotspots is now visible in the public catalog. Patrons can browse and place holds directly, making it easier than ever to connect to reliable internet and essential digital tools. (bit.ly/3J1DHJz)

Our Digital Library team also welcomed several new resources that elevate diverse voices and perspectives.

### New offerings include:

- Liñgöpie (language learning through streaming TV) (marinlibrary.org/resource/lingopie/)
- Asian Life in America (marinlibrary.org/resource/asian-life-in-america/)
- Indigenous Life in America (marinlibrary.org/resource/indigenous-life-in-america/)
- LinkedIn Learning (for career growth and professional development) (marinlibrary.org/resource/linkedin-learning/)
- To support lifelong learning and seasonal engagement, the team launched a refreshed Summer 2025 webpage, spotlighting events, reading lists, and activities for families and learners of all ages. (marinlibrary.org/summer/)

### Two key pages also received a major redesign:

The Seed Library page now better showcases how patrons can access free seeds and contribute to a sustainable, community-powered gardening network. (marinlibrary.org/seed-library/)

The Learning Bus page highlights our preschool backpack giveaway, designed to support early learning and school readiness across the county. (marinlibrary.org/learning-bus/)

These updates reflect our values of access, inclusion, and innovation — and they ensure our digital presence matches the vibrant, welcoming energy found in every branch.





### **Communications & Publications**

This summer, the MarCom team supported a season of storytelling that celebrated identity, uplifted community voice, and connected patrons with library resources across every platform. From bold visuals to inclusive messaging, our work focused on helping the library show up clearly, consistently, and meaningfully — both in person and online.

We produced a full suite of communications for several major initiatives:

### **County Fair**

Captured photo and video coverage of MCFL's presence at the Marin County Fair, highlighting our mobile services, reading spaces, and joyful engagement with fairgoers.

### **Disability Pride Month**

Drafted and distributed a countywide press release marking the 35th anniversary of the ADA. This initiative, along with the support for three connected exhibits (Sound Advice, Making Waves, and the Disability History Exhibit) with accessible visual assets, signage, and cross-platform promotion, aimed to raise awareness and foster understanding of disability issues in our community.

### **Library Card Design Contest**

Produced a cohesive promotional toolkit including a custom logo, posters, flyers, web banners, and social media graphics for the Library Card Design Contest. The messaging, which highlighted youth creativity, civic pride, and community voice, aimed to encourage community members to express their creativity and pride in our library system.

### Pride'25!

Designed digital materials to support Pride events across branches, with messaging that not only emphasized belonging but also celebrated the diversity and inclusivity of our community.

#### Juneteenth Banner

Developed and distributed a Juneteenth banner to branches, reinforcing the library's recognition of Black liberation, culture, and joy.

#### Fairfax Event: A Grand Love

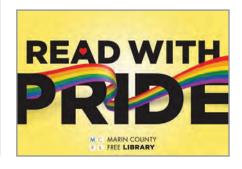
Documented this community-led transgender support event with photos and video, centering love, affirmation, and inclusive storytelling in alignment with MCFL's equity mission.













## **Communications & Publications**

### Summer at MCFL Design

Created a seasonal campaign identity for Summer at MCFL, including social graphics, landing page visuals, and materials promoting events and reading lists for all ages.

Looking ahead, MarCom will continue to build tools that help staff and patrons tell their stories. We are developing an updated Brand Kit, continuing the Library Newsletter redesign, and laying the foundation for a refreshed internal communications platform. Our focus remains on helping MCFL be a strong, visible guide — supporting patrons as they navigate their journeys toward learning, belonging, and personal growth.









# **Personnel Report**

### **Team Growth Spotlight: New Arrivals**

We are pleased to introduce several new and returning staff members to the Marin County Free Library Department:

 Carolina De Legaretta Lorenzo joins the Fairfax branch as our newest Library Assistant II.

### **Current Openings & Career Pathways**

To better serve our community, we're actively welcoming new team members into essential roles:

- Technology Systems Specialist II at Technology Support Services First in-person interviews have been scheduled.
- Administrative Assistant II at Administration First in-person interviews have been completed.
- Librarian II at the California Room A recruitment plan is in progress.
- Library Assistant II at the Fairfax branch A recruitment plan is in progress.

### Staffing Snapshot: Trends & Open Roles

Our journey toward a stronger library continues, with a clear focus on maintaining consistent staffing and fostering a culture of inclusion and engagement across all branches. We remain committed to strengthening our services by building diverse, supported, and engaged teams—laying the foundation for long-term, system-wide stability.

Thanks to intentional hiring, ongoing recruitment, and the strategic leadership of our internal HR team, we're proud to report that the library has sustained a reduced vacancy rate of 8% for seven consecutive months. This achievement reflects our dedication to smart workforce planning and steady onboarding, ensuring reliable staffing and enhanced service delivery at every location.



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# **Director's Report**

On June 11, MCFL staff, Library Commissioners, Friends of the Marin County Free Library and Marin County Library Foundation members came together for their annual celebration and meeting. Our featured speaker was Mo de Nieva-Marsh who provided a compelling overview of the landscape of services to immigrants, children and families under the new federal administration and the impacts families are seeing immediately, especially in her work as a San Rafael School Board Trustee. It was a call-to-action event to center libraries in communication of much-needed information and the local support and advocacy present and able in our communities. The event also recognized the legacy of Library Commission President Sue Ream, serving in this role from 2020-2025 and shepherding the library through the COVID-19 pandemic, renewal and passage of the Measure B tax measure and the adoption of a new Anti-Racism & Equity Strategic Plan. Glynda Christian was elected as the new Library Commission President, with Linda Ward continuing to serve as Vice President.

### Marin County Fair - Bug-Tastic!

The Marin County Free Library was full force again at the County Fair with our Bookmobile and mobile pre-school, the Learning Bus. We offered access and a quiet sanctuary to enjoy Marin County Free Library materials and library cards on our Bookmobile; a fun, free sensory exploration event space for 0-5 years olds with our Learning Bus early childhood education team and a pop-up library of beautiful books centered for all to enjoy. We also created delight with our portable 3-D printer technology and incredible expertise from our teen Webstars on site. This year was not as hot, thankfully, and the Fair welcomed almost 80,000 attendees over the week, with over 108 volunteers providing their time to connect with their community members to support the County Fair.



From left to right: Library Commissioner Crystal Lewis, San Rafael School Board Member, Maureen "Mo" de Nieva-Marsh, MCFL staff member Jose Rodas, Library Director Lana Adlawan and Assistant Director of Library Services, Raemona Little Taylor.



From left to right: Library Director Lana Adlawan praising Library Commission President, Sue Ream, for her many years of service (and fun!).



From left to right: Zion Ingraham, Anthonio Swan, Etienne Douglas, Elisa Lacerda, Raemona Little Taylor, Xitlalli Lechuga.



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# **Director's Report**

### Corte Madera Library Reopening

The beloved Corte Madera Library celebrated its new outdoor space and refreshed interior improvements on Saturday, June 21, to bubbles and music! Supervisor Dennis Rodoni, Corte Madera Councilmember Eli Beckman and Friends of the Library President Susan Topher and a full contingent of MCFL and Marin County Department of Public Works staff gathered to welcome the community back to full-service hours after a year-long construction project. Improvements included new restrooms, electronic vehicle charging stations, parking lot and landscaping improvements, essential new ADA paths of travel from all parking lots and Meadowsweet Drive and a new heating, venting and air conditioning central unit. Thank you to our Corte Madera patrons and staff for their patience, confidence, and celebration of this essential community resource in Corte Madera.

It's been a busy few months of summertime fun, celebrations, and Reading with Pride at MCFL, all in service to our communities. Thank you for loving, using, and exploring with your local library system! We're headed into back-to-school, changing seasons, and look forward to seeing you in one our libraries very soon.



Supervisor Dennis Rodoni, Corte Madera Council Member Eli Beckman, MCFL and Department of Public Works staff, and Friends of the Corte Madera Library at the Corte Madera Library re-opening.

In community,

Lana



Lana Adlawan,
Director of County Library Services





### **COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

MCFL and the County of Marin THANK YOU for you commitment to welcoming, equitable, and inclusive library services.