

MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION



Lana Adlawan
Director of County Library Services

MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION Proposed Agenda Wednesday, April 8, 2026 2:00 p.m.

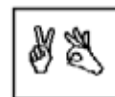
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Point Reyes Station Library 11431 State Route 1, Point Reyes, CA 94956

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	
<u>2:00pm</u>			
(1 min)	1. Call to Order	Christian	Action
(5 min)	2. Welcome, Introductions & Meeting Agreements	Christian	Information
(1 min)	3. Approval of Agenda	Christian	Action
(1 min)	4. Approval of March 11, 2026, meeting minutes	Christian	Action
(20 min)	5. Open Time for Public Expression	Christian	Information
(5 min)	6. Announcements/Book Recommendation(s)	Kaplan	Information
(5 min)	7. Reading & Correspondence File Comments	Christian	Information



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(10 min)	8. President's Report	Christian	Information
(10 min)	9. Director's Report for February	Adlawan	Information
(40 min)	10. New Business		
	a. Measure A/B Fund Review	Schiller, Chan	Information
	b. Measure B Allocations	Adlawan	Action
	b. Facilities Overview	Merza, Schiller	Information
(1 min)	12. Adjournment	Christian	Action

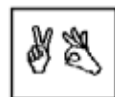
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Numbered List of attachments:

4. Minutes for March 2026
5. Library Director's Report for March 2026

Unnumbered Attachments:

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**Novato Library,
1720 Novato Blvd, Novato, CA 94947**

Directions: Highway 101 to DeLong Avenue/Downtown exit. Cross over the freeway continue to Novato Blvd (4th stop light), turn right. Continue north on Novato Blvd going through next traffic light. Pass intersection, the Library is on the right-hand side with a red tile roof.

--PROPOSED MINUTES--

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm. Glynda Christian welcomed everyone to the meeting . The Commission read through the Meeting Agreements. Commission went through introductions.

(2) ROLL CALL

In Attendance

Crystal Lewis	Glynda Christian	Ann Kaplan
Sue Ream	Sally Hauser	
Claudia Wilson	Doug Sides	Nick Javaras
Kathleen Cage	Linda Ward	

Absent with Notification

Anya Schandler
Ted Ridgeway

Absent Without Notification

Also Present

Lana Adlawan, Director of County Library Services
Juliet Schiller, Assistant Director of Support Services
Gregory Salas, Administrative Assistant II
Janet Doerge, Novato Sr Librarian Branch Manager
Natalie McCall, South Novato Sr Librarian Manager

(3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA M/S/C – Crystal Lewis/Doug Sides approved as submitted.

(4) ADOPTION OF February 2026 MINUTES M/S/C – Ann Kaplan/ Nick Javaras. Minor corrections were identified and incorporated. The minutes were approved as amended.

(5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION – No member of the public spoke up.

- (6) **ANNOUNCEMENT / BOOK RECOMMENDATION(S)** – Kathleen Cage shared several book recommendations and reflections from recent reading. Highlights included works by Raymond Carver, with mention of *Cathedral* and *Carver Country*, which offer insight into the author’s life, personal struggles, and literary style through short stories, letters, and photographs. Additionally, a cookbook titled *Bayou* by Melissa Martin was recommended for its rich storytelling, cultural context, and recipes rooted in Louisiana cuisine.
- (7) **READING & CORRESPONDENCE FILE** – Materials were sent to the Library Commission prior to meeting.
- (8) **PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – Glynda provided updates on community and Commission-related matters. This included sharing information about upcoming civic events and encouraging participation. In recognition of Women’s History Month, the Chair highlighted the contributions of women leaders in Marin County, particularly those connected to public service and libraries. The Chair also addressed current Commission vacancies in Districts 2 and 3 and encouraged members to assist in recruitment efforts. Additionally, Glynda introduced a discussion regarding potential updates to the Commission’s bylaws, particularly related to attendance expectations and overall governance practices.
- (9) **DIRECTOR’S REPORT FOR October** – Director Adlawan provided an update on key operational priorities and initiatives. The County budget process is currently underway, and early indicators show strong public support for library services, with approximately 80 percent of surveyed residents expressing satisfaction. Director Adlawan reported that the systemwide branch refresh project is approximately 60 percent complete, with several libraries currently undergoing temporary closures to support renovations. The project remains on track, with anticipated completion later this year. The Director also shared updates on statewide advocacy efforts, including participation in legislative discussions to restore critical library funding.
- (10) **PRESENTATION: BUSINESS AND SOUTH NOVATO LIBRARY UPDATES AND FUTURE PLANS**

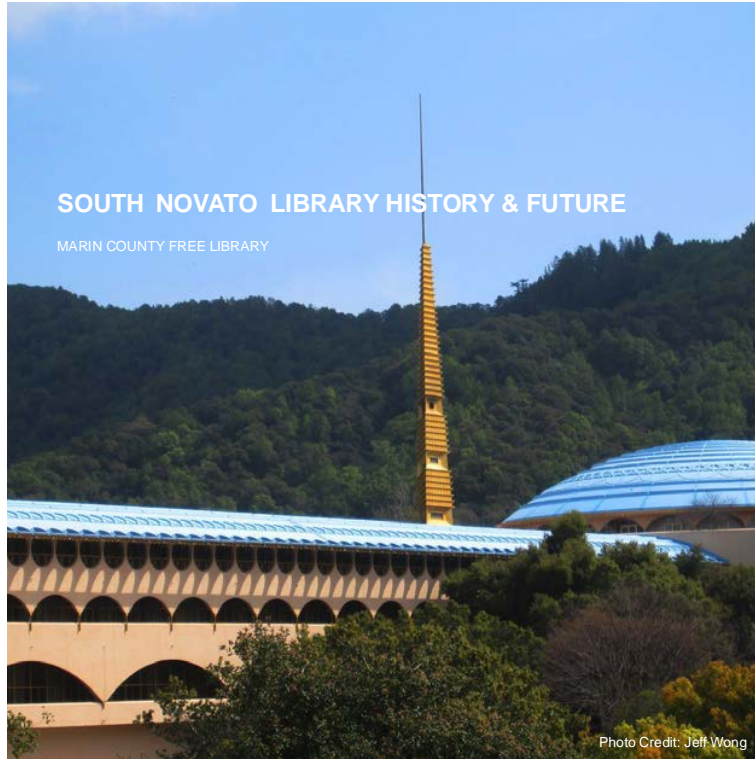
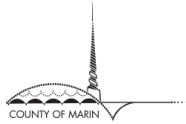
Lana Adlawan and Juliet Schiller presented an update on the South Novato Library, highlighting current operations, recent improvements, and future planning efforts. The Novato and South Novato libraries continue to serve as key community resources, offering extensive service hours, strong circulation, and a wide range of programs and technology access. The South Novato Library is currently undergoing a scheduled refresh, including updates to interior spaces and The Shop makerspace, with a temporary closure through April.

Staff provided a brief history of the library and outlined ongoing coordination with the Novato Unified School District regarding potential workforce housing development on the site. Both the County and School District expressed a shared commitment to maintaining a library presence while exploring long-term partnership opportunities.

Staff also summarized a 2025 community visioning workshop, which emphasized the importance of an inclusive, multi-generational space that supports learning, creativity, and community connection. Key priorities included flexible spaces, expanded programming, technology access, and sustainable design features.

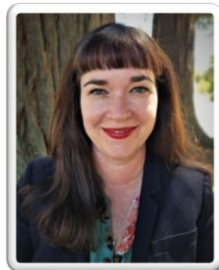
Conceptual options for the future library were presented, including joint use with the school, co-location with housing, and a standalone model. These concepts remain exploratory and will require further evaluation to determine feasibility and alignment with community needs.

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PRESENTERS

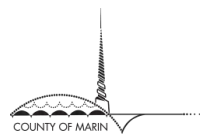
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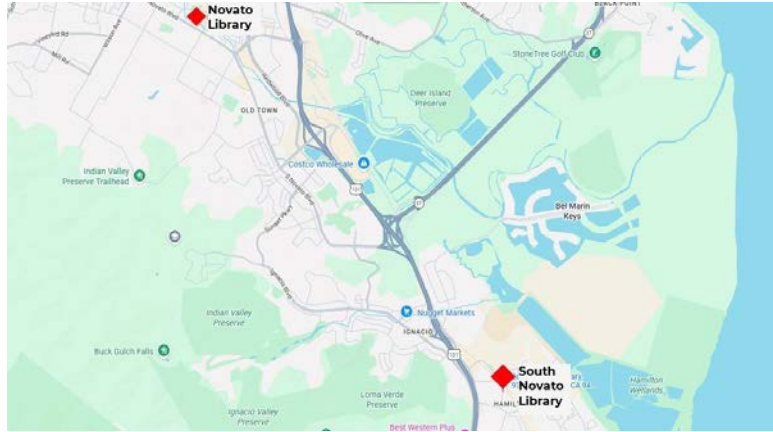
Dr. Juliet Schiller
Assistant Director -
Library Support Services



MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY BRANCHES

CITY OF NOVATO

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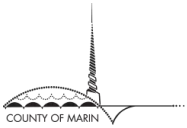


Novato Library

1720 Novato Blvd, Novato, CA 94947

South Novato Library

931 C St, Novato, CA 94949



COMMUNITY RESOURCES & SERVICES

NOVATO & SOUTH NOVATO LIBRARIES

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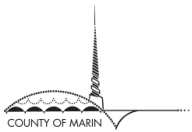
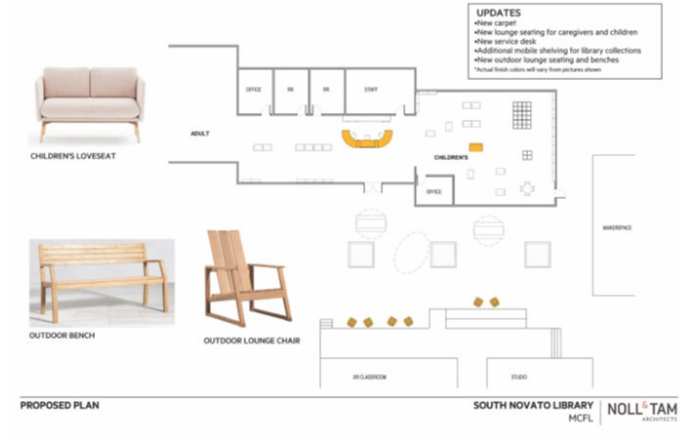
- Number of visitors to both branches **126,547** (July 2025-March 4, 2026)
- 91 hours of service per week
 - **South Novato Library** Tuesday-Saturday
 - **Novato Library** Monday-Saturday
- Two libraries circulated over 246,00 items (non-digital)
Collectively offer 85,000 books to the Novato community
- **Year-Round All-Ages Programming**, including out-of-school time. 375 programs offered, reaching 13,283 participants
- 41 public computers and free technology / Wi-Fi to residents



2026 LIBRARY REFRESH

SOUTH NOVATO LIBRARY & THE SHOP
TEMPORARY CLOSURE MARCH 5 - APRIL 20

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SOUTH NOVATO LIBRARY HISTORY

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- o **1998** – Pacheco Plaza (picture in top left)
- o **2004** – relocated to a former Air Force hanger in Hamilton Landing, sharing space with the Library's Technical Services office (picture in top right)
- o **2015** – Relocated to 931 "C" Street, in partnership with Novato Unified School District, New Media Learning expanding to 6,000 square feet
- o **2023** - Reimagined existing makerspace with community and staff to create The Shop



FUTURE PLANNING

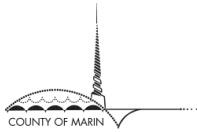
SOUTH NOVATO LIBRARY

PARTNERSHIP WITH NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Novato Unified Workforce Housing
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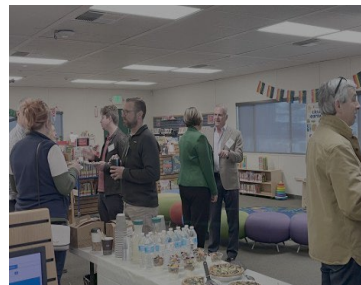
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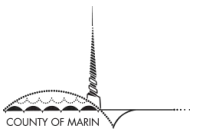
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South Novato Library Visioning Workshop March 7, 2025

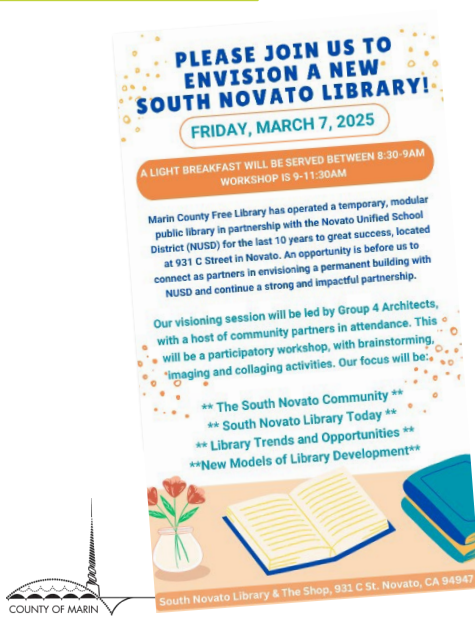
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- o Facilitated by Group 4 Architecture Research & Planning
- o 24 community stakeholders and staff attended



INTRODUCTION



SOUTH NOVATO LIBRARY VISION

Top themes per workshop participants:

- **Welcoming + inclusive** space for the community (multilingual, intergenerational, celebrating diversity, comfortable)
- **Lifelong learning** (support reading + literacy, education, life skills, career exploration, entrepreneurship)
- **Play**
- **Technology**
- **Art + music**
- **Makerspace** + maybe tool library
- Flexible, **multipurpose** spaces
- Space for **tutoring, co-working, meeting, reading, hanging out**, etc.
- **Wellness** rooms + maybe healthcare access/clinic partner?
- Opportunity for **food trucks**
- **Sustainable** with a potential green roof + solar power
- **Greenery** + garden opportunities
- **Outdoor program** space + recreation opportunities such as a climbing wall + playground



JOINT-USE LIBRARY WITH SCHOOL

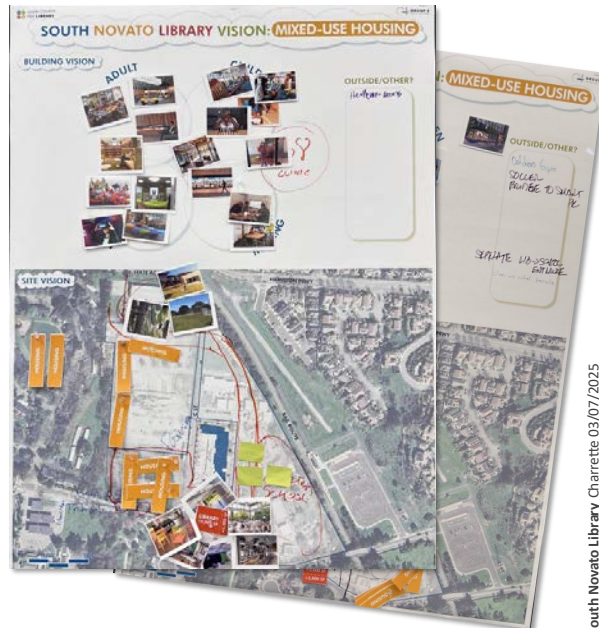
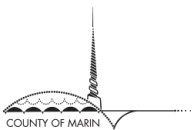
- Library as public anchor, maybe on corner of C St. + Main Gate Rd.
- Relocating to vacant part of site would eliminate need for temporary facilities during construction
- Alternatives to central parking possible if drop-off close to school entry
- Explore co-located + cooperative models with careful controlled access + flexible use to serve both community + school + fulfill school's "in loco parentis" duties



South Novato Library Charrette 03/07/2025

JOINT-USE LIBRARY WITH HOUSING

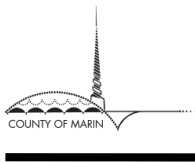
- If housing multi-family + multistory, library maybe on ground floor
- Library can be neighborhood anchor but also needs general public visibility + accessibility + parking
- If charter school relocated west, library could be anchor on Main Gate Rd, together with housing
- Consider planning with owners of site's SW corner parcel



South Novato Library Charrette 03/07/2025

STANDALONE LIBRARY

- Similar to current model
- Many ideas from joint-use models also apply
- If fully standalone, library + parking will need more dedicated space

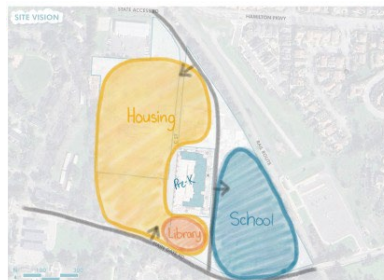
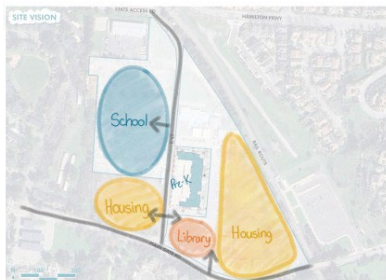
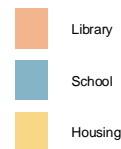
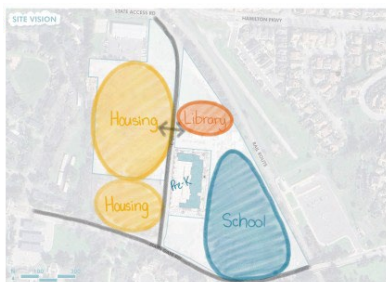


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CONCEPTUAL ADJACENCIES

To be analyzed for feasibility and desirability



Overall, charrette activity posters proposed:

- 2 new library locations (center-west + south by Main Gate Rd) + existing location
- 2 school locations (existing + north by maintenance yard)
- 2 housing areas (west or east of C St)
- Relocating C St eastward

There are other possible combinations and considerations like parking. Some combinations may not be feasible.



South Novato Library Charrette 03/07/2025

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(11) ADJOURNMENT – Glynda adjourned the meeting at 5:28pm



March 2026

Library Commission Report

Lana Adlawan,
Director of County Library Services



Our *Story*

March 2026 | Marin County Free Library

Spring is here, and March arrived with movement. Not just in our buildings, but in the ways the community showed up for one another across Marin.

In libraries, schools, recovery homes for individuals working toward stability and wellness, farmers' markets, and community centers, MCFL's work was in real time. We brought poetry to juvenile hall. Families stepped onto the Bookmobile and left with more than books. Future careers were explored, and a patron paused to say, "You just keep getting better every day."

Even as some branches prepared for closure and transformation, the work did not pause. It shifted and stretched outward. Programs moved into schools and partner spaces, such as XRLibraries in South Novato, while our South Novato Library is closed for the Library Refresh, creating opportunities to adapt, collaborate, and deliver services directly into the community. This is the model of our Strategic Plan in action.

What emerges is a clear picture of how MCFL is evolving. Not just our places that people visit, or our responsibility as stewards of information, but the network of relationships, partnering in learning, belonging, and opportunity.

This is your library in motion.

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.

PARTNERSHIPS, PROGRAMMING, AND OUTREACH

Partnership Engagement

From civic leadership to grassroots organizations, March reflected how partnerships extend the library's reach into the everyday lives of community members.

The Bookmobile served as a visible hub of civic engagement, hosting Supervisor Mary Sackett's office hours at the Sunday Farmers Market, which created an accessible point of connection between residents and local government.

Systemwide, partnerships expanded across education, health, and community service sectors. Civic Center Library collaborated with OD Free Marin to install a Naloxbox, reinforcing the library's role in public health awareness and harm reduction. Library Beyond Walls (LBW) strengthened relationships with recovery programs, housing providers, and senior centers by delivering services directly to residents in transitional and supportive living environments. This work included a visit to Kruger Pines, a low-income senior living community in Strawberry, during the unveiling of Marin County's first Library Vending Machine, StoryStop (LibroStop).

In West Marin, Point Reyes Library partnered with the Magnolia Project to host middle school students exploring career pathways in library services, connecting them to multiple branches and departments. Fairfax Library partnered with AARP to provide tax preparation services and collaborated with community organizations to deliver educational and cultural programming.

South Novato Library's closure became an opportunity to reimagine how services are delivered. Through partnerships with Hamilton School and XRLibraries, programs were sustained and embedded more deeply into the community, maintaining consistent access for youth and families while strengthening relationships.

Programming

At Civic Center Library, programming included author talks, cultural celebrations, performances, and hands-on learning experiences. Highlights included a multi-author event featuring local writers, a ballet performance connected to Black heritage programming, and a Shakespeare performance led by youth.

Fairfax Library engaged patrons through bilingual storytimes, technology classes, cultural celebrations such as Lunar New Year performances, and hands-on activities, including craft programs and swaps. Corte Madera supported both youth and adult engagement through storytimes, creative workshops such as embroidery, and ongoing tech support services.

In West Marin, Point Reyes Library delivered intergenerational programming through macramé workshops, literacy programs such as Reading Buddies and Book Scouts, and culturally responsive programming including bilingual storytimes and a Ramadan presentation led by a local father-daughter duo. Stinson Beach Library contributed to this effort through art exhibits, book clubs, and creative gatherings that foster connection and expression.

During its Library Refresh closure, South Novato Library continued its programs by moving ESL classes, tutoring, and youth activities to partner locations so the community could keep participating.

Outreach / Community Education Support

Education and outreach remained at the center of MCFL's work, with services designed to support patrons across all stages of life and delivered both within and beyond library walls.

At Civic Center Library, Homework Helpers expanded access by embedding tutoring services directly into Venetia Valley School's after-school program, removing barriers for families unable to travel to the library.

Library Beyond Walls continued to deliver Adult Literacy Tutoring and educational programming across Marin, including at recovery homes, which provide supportive living environments for individuals working toward stability and wellness, as well as at mental health centers and low-income housing sites. These efforts increased access to learning while strengthening relationships with underserved populations and supporting new library card registration.

In West Marin, Point Reyes Library supported youth literacy through Reading Buddies and Book Scouts, while Inverness Library sustained bilingual storytimes and community-based programs such as Mending Mondays, creating opportunities for both skill-building and connection.

Fairfax Library extended its reach through preschool visits and early literacy outreach, while South Novato Library maintained a strong presence in local schools through outreach at Lynwood School, sharing resources with families and reinforcing a whole-family approach to library engagement.

THE GEARS THAT DRIVE US

Joyful Learning, Collective Impact, and Community Power

Joyful Learning showed up in moments of discovery and creativity across all ages. From youth designing imaginative projects and engaging in storytimes, to adults participating in workshops, book discussions, and hands-on programs, learning remained active, engaging, and deeply human. These experiences created space not only for knowledge but for curiosity, connection, and shared joy.

Collective Impact was strengthened through partnerships that expanded access and sustained critical services. Embedded tutoring, outreach to recovery and housing communities, and continued literacy programs across branches ensured that learning opportunities reached those who need them most. Even during closures, collaboration with schools and community partners enabled programs to continue uninterrupted, reinforcing the library's role as a consistent and reliable presence.

Community Power was evident in the ways residents, volunteers, and partners shaped the life of the library. From advocacy efforts that led to new Friends of the Library chapters to community-led programs, volunteer support, and shared spaces for dialogue and creativity, the library continues to reflect the voices and energy of the people it serves.

Together, these forces continue to move the library forward, grounded in community and growing through shared experience.

THE STORIES THAT SHAPE US

A parent paused after storytime to share appreciation for the care and creativity behind each detail, recognizing not just the program, but the people who make it possible. In another moment, a long-time patron reflected on decades of visits, sharing that the library has remained a place of happiness and consistency through different stages of life.

For some, the library shows up at just the right time. One patron, preparing for a family member's return home from the hospital, expressed deep gratitude for the simple ability to access and print essential instructions. In that moment, the library became a source of calm, support, and problem-solving.

For others, the connection is rooted in belonging. A patron, moved by a message of inclusion displayed in the library, shared that after fifty years of visits, the space continues to grow in ways that reflect care, safety, and welcome for all.

Even the youngest voices remind us what the library represents. One student imagined flying over their local branch, describing it as a place where they feel relaxed, excited to read, and at home.

And sometimes, the story is simply joy. A family stepping onto the Bookmobile lingered, reluctant to leave after discovering music, books, and the excitement of something new.

SNAPSHOTS OF MCFL



Lion Dancers - Lunar New Year Celebration at Fairfax



Seed & Plant Swap at Civic Center



Goodbye, Anthony! We wish you a happy retirement.



MCFL staff and community partners kick-off workshop at the Bay Area Discovery Museum.



The Bookmobile stuck in the mud after narrowly avoiding a hay-truck that had veered into its lane.



Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters presents the StoryStop vending machine at Kruger Pines.

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY

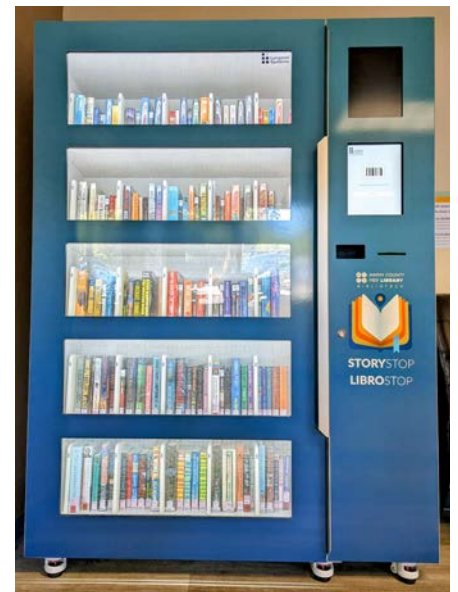
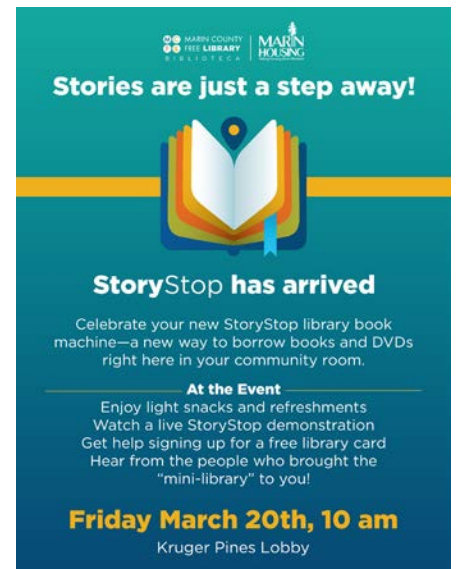
Looking ahead, we also recognize the role of Marketing and Communications in reinforcing these connections throughout March.

Efforts centered on supporting major systemwide initiatives, including the Library Refresh Project, Women's History, and National Reading Month. Targeted messaging ensured that patrons impacted by temporary closures received clear guidance, while signage across branches helped orient and welcome the community. A press release and a short reopening video for Marin City Library further extended this communication, reinforcing both transparency and anticipation for refreshed spaces.

The team also supported the rollout and visibility of new services and innovations. Content was captured for the unveiling of the StoryStop Library Vending Machine at Kruger Pines, and design coordination for its exterior wrap helped establish a strong and recognizable visual presence. Work also began on the design of a new West Marin vehicle wrap, extending the library's identity into the community in new ways.

Communications expanded through media and outreach channels as well. A new connection with KALW Radio is laying the groundwork for sharing weekly library programming with a broader audience, increasing visibility and access to events and services.

Internally and digitally, the team continued to support systemwide communication needs. This included providing graphic design for new webpages, creating Community Chat Boards to foster collaboration among staff and the public, and producing visual materials such as the All Staff Day photo frame to support internal engagement.



TECHNICAL SERVICES

Partnership Engagement

Technology Services continued to support systemwide collaboration by working closely with vendors and internal partners to strengthen both digital and physical infrastructure. Collections staff met with Hoopla to explore expanded access through their Flex program and coordinated with Lyngsoe Systems in preparation for the implementation of an Automated Materials Handling system at Tech Services.

Online Library staff engaged with digital platform partners at the BiblioCommons quarterly meet-up, focusing on improving accessibility and user experience. These efforts reflect an ongoing commitment to ensuring that MCFL's digital services remain responsive, inclusive, and aligned with evolving standards.

Programming

Technology Services supported programming indirectly by strengthening the digital platforms that connect patrons to library content and events. The Online Library team created web features, carousels, and event highlights to promote Women's History Month, National Reading Month, and Civic Learning Week, ensuring that systemwide programming reached broader audiences through accessible and engaging digital channels.

In addition, investments in collections supported learning opportunities across programs. Youth collection development included significant funding for book giveaways and the Lunch at the Library program, expanding access to reading materials for children and families throughout the county.

Outreach / Community Education Support

Technology Services played a key role in expanding access to information and digital equity. Online Library staff advanced accessibility efforts by gathering compliance data from digital vendors and auditing website content to meet ADA Title II requirements. This work included reviewing web pages, updating content, and adding alternative text to images to ensure that all users, including those using assistive technologies, can access library resources.

Documentation developed for hotspot and Chromebook circulation further supports digital access across MARINet libraries, helping standardize processes and improve usability for both staff and patrons.

Operational and Infrastructure Support

Behind the scenes, Technology Services ensured that infrastructure kept pace with systemwide changes. The team supported multiple branch refresh projects by installing, removing, and reconfiguring equipment across locations, including Marin City, Bolinas, and South Novato. These efforts ensured service continuity while preparing spaces for upgrades.

New technology installations enhanced community access and programming capabilities. Fairfax Library received a large mobile display system to support presentations and events, while Point Reyes Library upgraded its sound system to improve accessibility and usability in shared spaces. Network configuration for the new LibCabinet at Kruger Pines enabled it to go live successfully, expanding access to library materials in a new format.

LIBRARY COMMISSION HR INSIGHTS

Welcoming Talent That Moves Us Forward

New employees are joining our department, helping us advance our mission and goals.

- **Keith Waye** has demonstrated strong leadership and been promoted within the **Electronic Services** team from Media Technician to **Media Specialist**. Through his work in this role, visual storytelling and campaign productions for the library system will help advance MCFL's strategic efforts.
- **Martin Santacruz** is joining the **Electronic Services** as the new **Media Technician**. Martin has a strong background in film production, storytelling, and community-focused campaign engagements. Marketing & Communications looks forward to supporting a more robust library marketing strategy focusing on the shared stories between patrons and the Library with a full team!

The Path to Growth: Open Roles and Updates

We continue to move forward in our efforts to fill important positions across the department.

- Librarian I in the California Room – First-round interviews have wrapped, and we're now moving into the next phase, second interviews, bringing us one step closer to welcoming a new addition to the department.


Honoring Years of Commitment and Care

We extend our heartfelt thanks to those whose careers have helped shape our organization.

- After 18 years of dedicated service, **Anthony Puga, Library Desk Supervisor** at the **Fairfax Branch**, concluded their remarkable tenure with the Marin County Free Library. Throughout their time, they provided steady leadership, thoughtful guidance, and a welcoming presence to both staff and the community they served. Their final day with the County was March 14, 2026, marking the close of a meaningful chapter defined by commitment, professionalism, and lasting impact. We extend our sincere gratitude and wish them all the best in their well-earned retirement.
- With an extraordinary 25 years, **Leslie Galiani, Administrative Services Manager** in **Administration**, brings to a close a career defined by dedication, precision, and quiet excellence. A guiding force behind the department's financial stewardship, accounting integrity, and human resources operations, she was instrumental in ensuring that the organization not only functioned but also thrived. Often working behind the scenes, their influence was felt in every corner of the library, serving as a steady pulse that kept everything moving forward. As they depart, we reflect with deep appreciation on the legacy they leave behind and extend our warmest wishes for a fulfilling and well-deserved retirement.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Some of the Library's key leaders kicked off the month with a presentation to the League of Women Voters of Marin County. The Library team focused on how Marin County Free Library is "Meeting the Moment" to rapidly respond to community needs and ensuring community members have access to essential information and support as state and federal resources continue to diminish. We focused on showcasing our work in educational equity regions in Marin County, as well as our growing immigration and citizenship services.



MEETING THE MOMENT:

MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

Meet the Marin County Free Library's Leadership Team and receive a 2026 snapshot on current library services in response to rapidly changing priorities on both local and federal levels. The team will provide an overview on the structure and priorities of the Marin County Free Library system and then dive in for a deeper look at some of the current programs directly impacting community members with the greatest needs.

See you on Monday, March 2nd at 11:30am in the LWVMC Conference Room (address above) or on Zoom!

Measure B at Work!

March showcased and two closures – South Novato and Bolinas libraries -- to keep the 10-branch Library Refresh Project moving. Both branches have been closed since early March and will reopen mid-April to new carpet, paint, comfortable furniture, updating shelving units and new ergonomic service desks for staff.

Bolinas Library is scheduled to re-open on Thursday, April 16 and South Novato Library on Tuesday, April 21. Mark your calendars for a look at these revised spaces along with the annual Primavera festival at the South Novato Library on April 25, 10am-4pm. All improvements for the community are thanks to Measure B! We shared a milestone press release with the community on March 18 updating them on the progress of the project to date. <https://www.marincounty.gov/news-releases/voter-backed-library-refresh-project-reaches-mid-way-milestone>

This project has been long in the making and I thank our village of staff within MCFL and the Department of Works for their hard work in keeping to rapid timelines and good decisions in service to our communities.

Book Bites, Anyone?

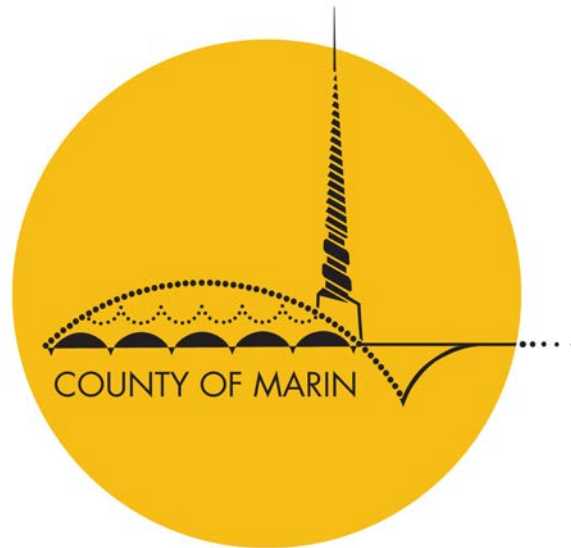
We also celebrated the installation of the first-ever book vending machine in Marin County! Building off of our digital literacy project with the Department of Information Services and Technology and Marin Housing Authority sites, we installed a vending machine for residents of Kruger Pines, a senior housing site for low-income adults and adults with disabilities. Supervisor Moulton-Peters joined us on March 20 for an official ribbon cutting and celebration with residents. The vending machine holds up to 200 items and collections will be updated weekly. This project is an impactful project brought forward by our Support Services team and I thank them all for this innovation and community responsiveness. See more on the project and celebration here: <https://www.marincounty.gov/news-releases/marin-county-opens-its-first-library-vending-machine>

Testimony in Support of California's Libraries

March was also a month for advocacy on the state level! I joined a group of Library Directors and library staff from the North Bay in Sacramento and provide testimony to a State Senate Budget Subcommittee in support of restoring funding at the State level for the Library Services and Technology Act. A restoration of \$3.5 million dollars in funding would stabilize funding for essential services across the state, such as Lunch at the Library (provided by MCFL), literacy, broadband access, and English as a Second Language services. We are hopeful that our advocacy was successful as the Senate passes the state budget for next year and will continue to advocate with our elected officials for essential services for our communities.



Lana Adlawan,
Director of County Library Services



THANK YOU

As we reflect on another season of growth, creativity, and connection, we are grateful for the continued guidance and support of the Library Commission. Your dedication helps us expand opportunities, nurture equity, and celebrate the voices of our diverse communities. Thank you for championing the work of MCFL and for walking alongside us as we bring joy, learning, and belonging to Marin. Together, we are building a stronger, more vibrant Library for all.

Marin County Free Library Commission

Facilities Overview

April 8, 2026



MARIN COUNTY



FREE **LIBRARY**

FACILITY IMPROVEMENT GOALS

MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKPLAN FY 2024-2026

Revamp the interior space for library patrons and staff at all 10 branches in FY 2024-26, with improvements ranging from new furniture, paint, and accessible technology.



MEASURE B – Approved by voters at 76.59%

Upgrade library facilities

BIENNIAL LIBRARY COMMISSION GOALS FY 2024-26

Complete a facility assessment of four County-owned branches to identify a Multi-Year Capital Plan for Measure B funds. The priority of improvements will be determined by community need through a racial equity lens. The Library Commission, as the fiscal oversight committee for Measure A and B, will approve an allocation of Measure B funds to complete necessary capital improvements for the library system.

Complete interior refresh project for all 10 branches of the Marin County Free Library system. Upgrades to our spaces include additional support for technology access and use; new furniture, carpet and paint; and flexible shelving to allow for additional program and event space.



Photo by Terry Peck

Library Improvement Projects Now - 2030

INTERIOR
10-BRANCH
REFRESH
PROJECT

HEALTH &
SAFETY
BUILDING
IMPROVEMENTS

COUNTY-
OWNED
BUILDING
RENOVATIONS

INTERIOR
10-BRANCH REFRESH
PROJECT

Noll & Tam Architects Interior Refresh Project *Implementation*

Communication strategy for the 10-branch Interior Refresh Project:

- Overall purpose of refresh project on [webpage](https://marinlibrary.org/refresh/) – (<https://marinlibrary.org/refresh/>)
- Plans per branch (similar to Corte Madera, each branch will have designs, photos, and updates)

LIBRARY REFRESH 2025-2026

[Versión en español / Spanish version](#)



The refresh project for all ten branches of the Marin County Free Library will revamp our interior spaces for library patrons and staff, with improvements ranging from new furniture, paint, and accessible technology. This project is a direct outcome of the voter-approved 2022 Measure B funding for library services, operations, and facility improvements.

This project makes recommended improvements to better serve the local communities of each library branch consistent with the MCFL [Anti-Racism & Equity Strategic Plan](#).

Upgrades will vary from branch to branch. You can find more details for each branch below. Click on the designs to get a closer look at the plans.

As the project starts to take shape, we'll be sharing more information here - including updates and any service impacts.

Fairfax Library



[View Fairfax Design Plan](#)

Fairfax Library Upgrades:

Nature-Themed Children's Area: A nature-inspired theme with new shelving and engaging, interactive elements.

New Seating & Workstations: New tables, chairs, and lounge areas to provide quiet reading and study spaces for all age groups.

Outdoor Seating: New outdoor seating options, including tables and lounges, to create a relaxing outdoor space.

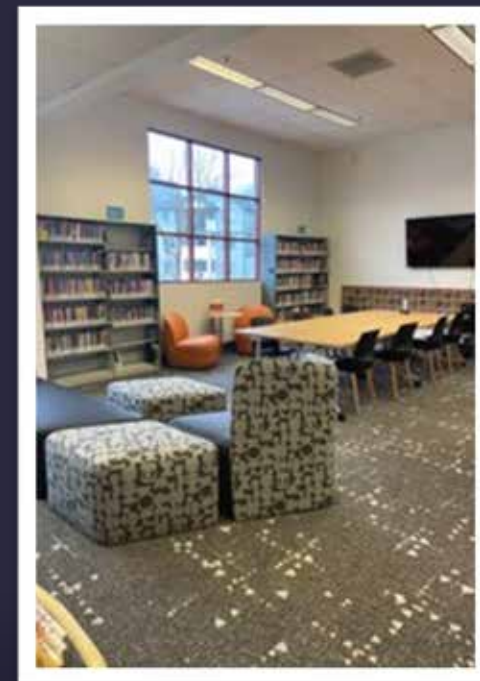
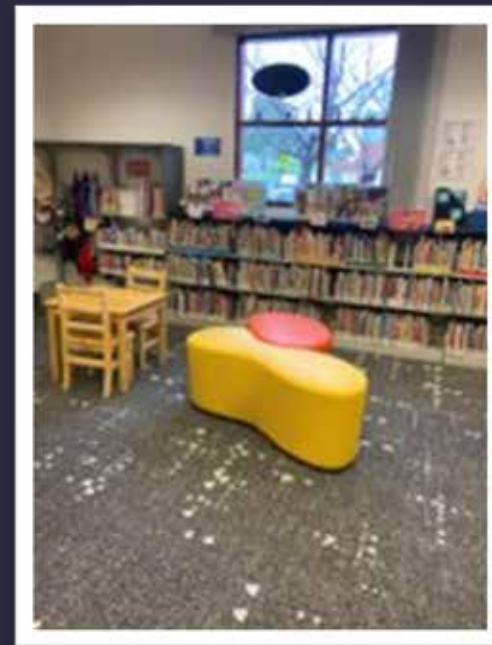
New Carpet: Fresh new carpet to rejuvenate the space and create a more welcoming atmosphere.

10 Branch Draft Refresh Timeline



Complete In Construction Starting soon

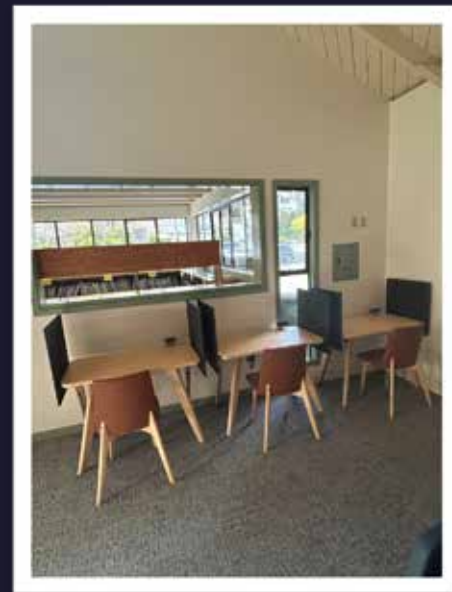
Completed Refresh Marin City Library



A Glimpse Into the Joy of Reopening!



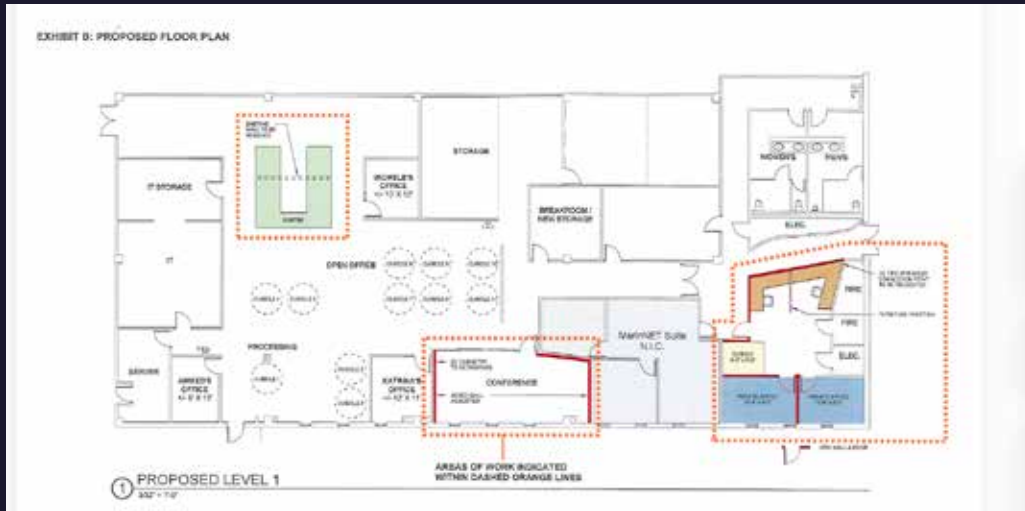
In Progress Refresh Bolinas Library



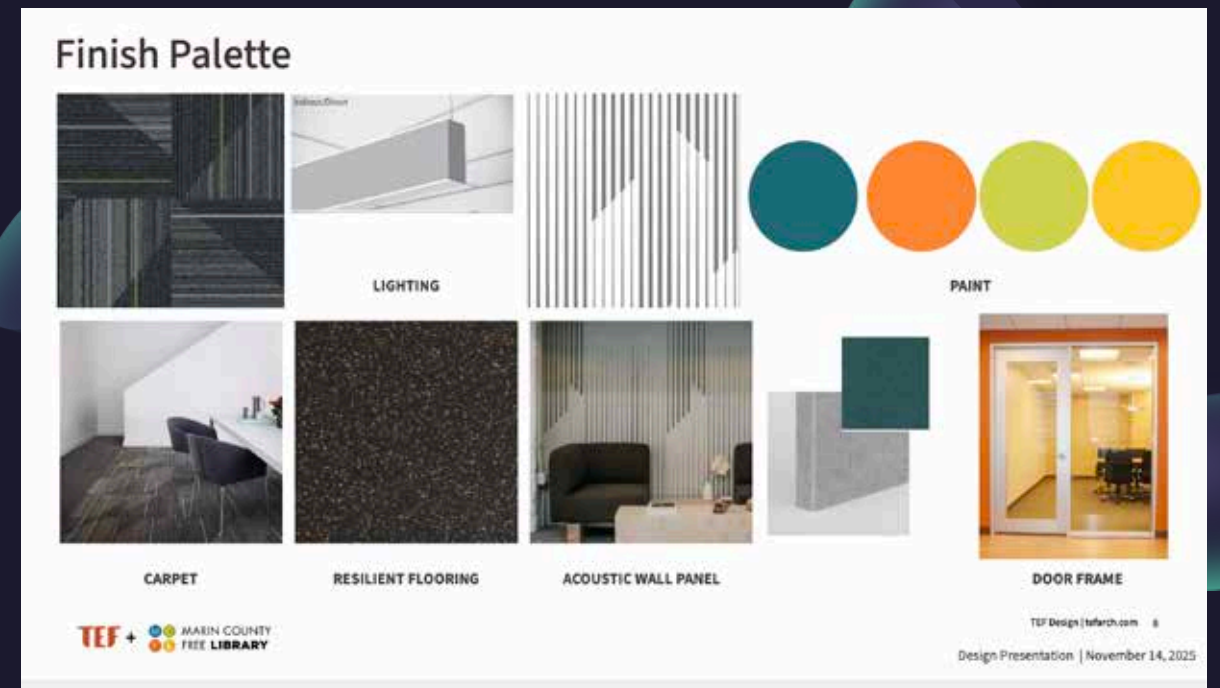
In Progress Refresh South Novato Library



2026 Technical Services Refresh (Los Gatos offices)



New automated materials handling machine, New TEC space and design!



HEALTH &
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Health & Safety





From May 2024 Multi- Year Capital Plan Review

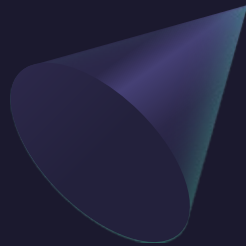
**Construction Cost Estimate – Four County Facilities*

BRANCH	ESTIMATED IMPROVEMENT COSTS
CIVIC CENTER (2026-27)	\$3,427,583.00
NOVATO (2025-27)	\$7,000,358.00
FAIRFAX (2027-29)	\$4,525,088.00
CORTE MADERA (2028-29)	\$5,619,437.00
TOTAL	\$20,572,466.00

** Additional financing and soft costs will be incurred.*

Key Takeaways

- All refreshes and capital improvement projects are supported by Measure B funding. Great recent press release to share: <https://www.marincounty.gov/news-releases/voter-backed-library-refresh-project-reaches-mid-way-milestone>
- Library Refresh Project ends in 2026 and Capital Improvement Project in 2030
- Community & staff gathered and incorporated for all projects
- Future capital projects / library expansions are not currently funded



Thank You!
Any
Questions?

