

LIBRARY LEAVES

Friends of the Marin County Free Library

Fall 2017

Message From the Director

Sara Jones

Director of County Library Services

MCFL has completed another successful summer learning/reading program. The Friends of the Library are the primary sponsor for this important event. Kids who read can donate their prize money to help a charity. The charity of choice this year is the Marin Foster Parent Association, and the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation will donate \$1623.00 on behalf of our generous and voracious readers. We had 7161 sign-ups for the program this year. Youth who attended read 2,732,100 minutes. 262 programs were attended by 9383 kids and parents! For our teen program we had 931 sign ups, 53 programs attended by 766 teens. All of this would not be possible without Friends support.

You may not know about the Parks Pass program at MCFL. You can check out a Park Pass from your library and explore your local parks for free! Use your library card to reserve and pick up a Park Pass for free entry and parking at local parks. Hang the pass from the rear view mirror of your car or place it on your dashboard. Passes check out for one week and can be renewed twice (provided there is no waitlist).

There are three different types of passes available, each for different locations.

- For Marin County parks: This pass offers free entry and parking at Stafford Lake Park, McNears Beach Park, Paradise Beach Park, Black Point Boat Launch and Miller Boat Launch.
- For the Marin Municipal water district: This pass offers free parking

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Civic Center News

Penny Wells, Correspondent

Friends of the Civic Center Library

You Are Invited!

What:

- Wine and cheese reception
- Presentation on the legendary "Hotel Rafael" by historians from the Anne T. Kent California Room
- Annual Meeting

When:

Wednesday, October 11, 2017
6:30–8:00 PM

Where:

Under the dome at the Civic Center Library

Why:

- Learn about the history of San Rafael
- Learn about the role of the Anne T. Kent California Room
- Join or renew your membership in Friends of the Civic Center Library
- Meet other library aficionados

October 15–21, 2017

National Friends of the Library Week!

Celebrate and show your support:

- Become a Friend—envelopes at all branches and The Book Place
- Donate online at marinlibraryfriends.org
- Shop at The Book Place — books, movies and music

Let's Be Friends!

President's Corner

Virginia Schultz, President

Friends of the Marin County Free Library

October 15-21, 2017, will be National Friends of the Library Week. Please join me in visiting your local library. Take a look around. From seating to shelving to shades, much of what you will see was purchased by the Friends. Attend a lecture, conversation club, book club, or other activity. Bring your children to story time or Lego Club. All are welcome at library programs, and all programs are free to the public. The Friends pay for any speaker fees, materials costs, and refreshments to keep the **Free** in the Marin County **Free** library.

The County Friends budget \$34,000 for Summer Learning. It's our biggest budget item. 2017 was another terrific summer, with 8,092 children and teens signing up for the Summer Challenge. These young people read an amazing total of 2,732,100 minutes during the summer and returned to school ready to learn. Kids and teens earn Book Bucks for reading that may be redeemed for prizes or donated to a nonprofit. Our youngsters generously donated \$1,623 to the Marin Foster Parents Association. The County Friends paid the first \$500 of this amount, and the Library Foundation gave an additional \$1,123. Our thanks to the Library Foundation!

The Friends earn money for these programs and materials through book sales at our used book store, the Book Place on Grant Avenue in Novato, and through your donations. If you're looking for a good book, think the Book Place first! You'll enjoy the experience of shopping there, and you will be supporting our libraries. For fantastic bargains, come to the sale at

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at Sky Oaks Gateway, Bon Tempe Lake and Lake Lagunitas.

- For Mount Tamalpais: This pass offers free parking at Pantoll, Bootjack, East Peak, Rock Spring and Mountain Home. Use your library card for this great added benefit.

I hope everyone had a lovely summer and is ready for fall.



A trip to the Bookmobile is so much fun!

Library Leaves is published quarterly; the next issue will be in January. The deadline for submission of copy is December 29. News of library activities, updates, photos, ideas, and suggestions for improvement are welcome.

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Notes from Novato

Joan Davis, Correspondent

Friends of the Novato Libraries

Coming soon: the annual wine and cheese party for members of the Novato Friends of the Library. On Sunday, October 29 at 5 pm all current Friends of the Library are invited to attend an evening of Time Travel with the Anne T. Kent California Library. Librarian Laurie Thompson and Digital Archivist, Carol Aquaviva will bring Marin history to life with footage of Marin County schools in 1915 and an audiovisual tour of the elegant Hotel Rafael, which was located in the Dominican area. A program you won't want to miss. If you are not a member of the Friends or have a lapsed membership, renewal and memberships will be available at the door. Hope to see you there!

Both the Novato Library and the South Novato Library are celebrating another very successful Summer Challenge program. For every 100 minutes of reading children did during the summer, they could earn a Library Book Buck at their local library branch which they could choose to exchange for a grand prize raffle ticket or save up to buy prizes such as the newest Raina Telgemeier books. This was the third year for the Book Buck system and engagement was much higher this summer than previous summers as families became increasingly comfortable with the game and the goal-setting. 1992 kids actively participated in the program between the two Novato libraries this summer. 218,900 minutes of reading were logged at the South Novato Library and 1,097,800 minutes of reading were logged at the Novato Library for a grand total of 1,316,700 minutes of reading by Novato Kids this summer! Participants really went after the challenge goals the Novato Libraries set for them this summer. We had a record number of children meet the Gold Medal Challenge (900 minutes) to attend the Super Secret Party in July (over 190 people attended) and 76 kids completed the Super Readers Challenge (3000 minutes) to attend a special pizza party – well above the 19 who completed in 2016. Kids are celebrating remembering what they

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the Book Place October 6 to 8, when everything is half off, with a bag sale on Sunday.

As the end of the year approaches, please remember the Friends in your giving. You can now give online via PayPal on our website at www.marinlibraryfriends.org/Membership.html. Also, holiday shopping is coming up soon. If you shop online, please sign up with Amazon Smile, and designate the Friends of the Marin County Free Library. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to the Friends. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> to sign up. It's also time to sign up for workplace giving through United Way or other program. You can designate the Friends. Many employers also have matching gift programs for your charitable giving.

eScrip is another easy year-around way to give to the library. Nugget Markets, Mollie Stones, and many local restaurants participate in eScrip. Register your credit card online, and a percentage of your purchase will be given to the library.

However you support the library, you have my heartfelt thanks!



learned last year, parents are celebrating not having to go through the trauma of kids who have lost what they learned last year, and teachers are celebrating not having to reteach what they did last year. That's what we call a win, win, win situation!

Marin City News

Suki Sennett, Correspondent
Friends of the Marin City Library

After another busy and productive summer at the Marin City Library, September promises to be just as eventful. The 32nd Annual Floating Homes Tour on Saturday, September 30, themed "Home Front on the Waterfront," commemorates the 75th anniversary of Marinship, the World War II shipbuilding area on Richardson's Bay that is so much inter-twined with Marin City's history. The Tour is sponsored by the Floating Homes Association with proceeds benefitting the Friends of the Marin City Library. The Marin City Friends provide about 30-35 volunteers for the Tour each year.

Due to organizational changes at the Marin County Free Library System, Marin City Library's branch manager, Julie Magnus, is stepping down and the branch will be reporting directly to Library Director Sara Jones. (Julie will continue as Corte Madera Branch Manager.) This is a part of a restructuring effort to include branches with the greatest equity issues under Sara Jones's direction. Diana Lopez will continue her leadership of the branch, with Etienne Douglas continuing on as WebStar Coordinator. The Marin City Friends will miss Julie who has been such an asset in our efforts to support the branch over her four years as Branch Manager. Julie has promised to continue to support us.

Staffers Diana Lopez and Etienne Douglas traveled to Atlanta for the 10th National Conference of African-American Librarians (NCAAL) titled, "Culture Keepers X: Beyond Library Walls: Innovative Ways to Engage Our Communities." They presented the Marin City Library's outreach programs, Marin City Makers and Digital Literacy. Marin City Makers is an after-school program in conjunction with Bayside/MLK Academy, the community's public school. This program consists of hands-on science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics activities. The Digital Literacy program is a partnership between The Phoenix Project (headed by Felecia Gaston), the Marin City Community

Corte Madera News

Julie Magnus, Branch Manager
Corte Madera Library

Summer at the Corte Madera library: learning, exploring and fun! A definite highlight was the visit of the Bay Area Discovery Museum's "Try It" Truck, an engineering-lab-on-wheels that provides hands-on early engineering experiences to young learners, including high- and low-tech tools, while encouraging them to take risks and try new ideas. We transformed the garden, bike pad and Community Room into interactive engineering labs where kids could solve problems like how to build a raft that would float and support animal figures, how to build kites that could fly, create monsters from blocks of wood, how to disassemble things like DVD players and



The "Try It Truck," ready for action!

sanders, not to mention checking out a 3D printer and laser cutter. Many parents joined their kids in attempting to explore all the stations. It was a great day of creative play and learning how to do things like hammer, create bubble blowers, build structures out of cardboard, and more! Pictured is one of our Corte Madera Friends, Edith Stover, who volunteered to help at one of the learning stations, where kids got to see what was inside all sorts of electronics.

The Friends also supported Children's and Teen's programming for Summer Learning, including our Life-Size Clue event for Teens, complete with scavenger hunt, giant Jenga and Connect-4. And, the Friends made it possible for us to add a new cabinet to support a library catalog for quick and easy "stand up" access for searching adjacent to our high-demand browsing area.



Corte Madera Friend, Edith Stover, helping with the fun.



Services District, and the Manzanita Child Development Center that taught basic computer skills and coding to nine students from Manzanita's after-school program. The conference provided valuable ideas and resources to be implemented at the Library. Diane and Etienne said a highpoint of the conference was their meeting Congressman and civil rights hero, John Lewis.

Welcome New Members!

Amy Benner
Judith Brady
Vina Daniels
Disha Divakar
Donna Emerson
David Jackson
Kate Johnston
Alix Madrigal
Nancy McCarthy
Susan L Miller
G. Rogers
Carol Teller
Rachel Weinstein

Fairfax News

Susan Brandborg, Fairfax Correspondent
Friends of the Fairfax Library

Fairfax Fall Programs:

October 11 - Crazy Science begins again and continues through May every second Wednesday of the month.

October 19 - Not so Scary Halloween Magician for school-age children.

October 21 – Adult Henna Workshop.

For more information on these and any other programs, please contact the library 415.453.8151. All library events are free.

Celebrating the end of summer, Fairfax Library had a Kids Party which featured tie-dying, back strap weaving, music and games. During the Fairfax Summer Reading Program over 350 children earned 160 book bucks, and ninety-nine teens wrote over 200 book reviews. It was a great event, lots of families, perfect weather. Perfect day.



Dedication of the Peter Arrigoni Community Room

In August our library community room was dedicated to Fairfax resident Peter Arrigoni. Peter, a County Supervisor, was instrumental in negotiating with the owner of the property and with the County Supervisors to purchase the land for the present location of the Fairfax Branch. That was 1975. It opened for patrons in 1978. The recent unveiling of the Peter Arrigoni Community Room sign was an informal gathering with standing room only.

The Fairfax Library had four locations in downtown Fairfax before its permanent location. The first Fairfax Library opened in 1927 on the second floor of the Alpine Building. Virginia Keating, who was the Marin County Library Director for 38 years, was glad when the library moved to the ground floor of another commercial building because people had a hard time climbing the stairs. The second move was to a former bar. She recalled in an oral interview that it was a great location, although there was quite a smell of beer for a while. The Fairfax Branch was built on the site of the former famed restaurant and resort Bon Gusto Villa which had operated for 70 years when it closed in 1962. The Bon Gusto pillars mark the entrance to the road leading to the library.

The Arrigoni family has contributed to the Fairfax Library over the years. There is a plaque on the fireplace in the Community Room dedicated to Peter's

father and mother. As Margaret Miles said in her introduction, "As the hearth is the heart of a home, this room is the heart of our library, which is the heart of Fairfax."

Supervisor Katie Rice introduced Peter and spoke of his part in important decisions made while he was a supervisor, i.e. voting against a freeway going through the Ross Valley to Point Reyes and voting for the agriculture zoning of West Marin.

When Peter spoke to the crowd he noted that the Bon Gusto land was going to be sold to build a shopping center. Thank you Peter for having the vision of the Fairfax library to be placed on this historic beautiful site!



Peter Arrigoni and his family at the dedication ceremony.





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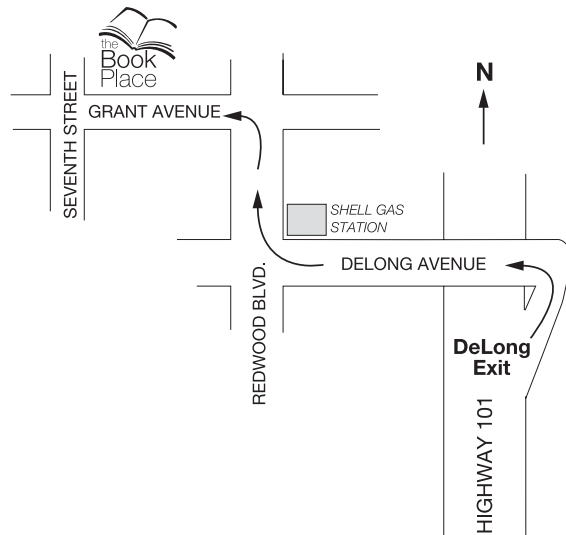
Book Place News
Barbara Madrid

Change. For some people, change is stressful. So buckle up, we've made a few changes at the store, but we guarantee you'll like them as much as we do!

The first, and biggest, change is that we quietly converted our arrangement of the Fiction Wall into "alpha-grouping." It's not full-on alphabetical, rather, arranged by author into all A's, all B's, and so on. It improves your browsing experience, while also still not requiring the constant shift when restocking/weeding, slowing us down. We have a lot of donations to keep moving! So far, response has been enthusiastic.

Our second change is that we've created a section just for middle school readers. We found a tangible difference, not quite teen, but too advanced to be children. It's attractive, inviting, and hopefully a destination for readers, parents, and teachers.

Speaking of teachers, they get a 20% discount off regularly priced books for the classroom. Tell all teachers you know; they deserve all the help they can get.



Something we won't change is the value. Our next Half-Price Clearance sale is set for October 6-8. Half off of EVERYTHING. It's a hard deal to pass up. And Sunday, we pull out all the stops with an \$8 Bag Sale. Although priced-up materials may not go in the bag, we still take 1/2 off sticker price. Bring your own cloth standard grocery-style bags if you like; no extra large Costco or Trader Joe's bags (at this price). Friday and Saturday, 10-4 and Sunday, Noon-4. Bring a friend! Parking is available behind the store, with entry off 7th Street.

Now, a request for you to make a change. If you've been shopping online at (gasp) Amazon or eBay, consider us first. We beat their price virtually every time, and your purchase supports our libraries. It's a "two-fer," and one we should all practice. Shop local (and often).

For more news, follow us on Facebook or Twitter (and now Instagram too) at "The Book Place: Friends of Marin County Free Library."

Fall Clearance Sale at the Book Place!

October 6-8, 2017

50% off storewide!
*Special bag-sale (\$8!)
Sunday!*

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Tell Your Friends!



Happy shoppers at the Spring Clearance Sale—lots of wonderful books to find!

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Friends Scheduled Meeting Dates:

- Friends of the Marin County Free Library: 2nd Saturday of every month, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; Corte Madera or Novato Library.
- Friends of the Civic Center Library: For information, contact Penny Wells at Kayakqueen@msn.com.
- Friends of the Corte Madera Library: 3rd Wednesday of the month in January, May, and September, 10:00 AM; Corte Madera Library.
- Novato Friends of the Libraries: 2nd Wednesday of every month, 5:00 PM; Novato Library or South Novato Library.
- Friends of the Fairfax Library: 2nd Monday of every month, 7:00–8:00 PM; Fairfax Library.
- Friends of the Marin City Library: 3rd Wednesday of every month (except July and August), 5:00–6:00 PM; Marin City Library.
- Tomales Bay Library Association (TBALA): Meets as needed; West Marin School.
- Bolinas–Stinson Beach Library Improvement Society (BSBLIS). Quarterly meetings at Bolinas Library or Stinson Beach Library.