

LIBRARY LEAVES

Friends of the Marin County Free Library

Fall 2016

Message From the Friends of the Marin County Free Library

*Friends of the Library Week
October 16-22*

This newsletter is published by the Friends of the Marin County Free Library. The mission of this group, simply stated, is to provide funding and support for all ten branches of the Marin County Library system. We are the group that provides most of the funding for the Summer Learning Program for Marin children. We support teen programs, Spanish language programs and countless adult events, and even some of the furniture and carpeting in the branch libraries. We do this through monetary donations and memberships from the general public, and by selling community-donated used books at our Novato store, The Book Place.

We need your help! Libraries are more popular than ever, and library budgets cannot cover what the public now expects from their libraries. We must increase our members, donations, and sales at The Book Place, to adequately support our libraries. Donations are accepted via our website, www.marinlibraryfriends.org. You may also designate the Friends in your workplace giving programs, now underway. Please join the Friends and ask your friends to join. And if you love your library, please add a little extra when you write that check. October 16–22 is National Friends of the Library Week—what better time to join and help the Friends?

Thank you!

Fall Clearance Sale at the Book Place!

October 7–9, 2016

50% off storewide!

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Sunday!*

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Tell Your Friends!



President's Corner

Virginia Schultz, President
Friends of the Marin County Free Library

We need your help!

Our libraries are energizing, exciting places to be. Patrons are diverse, ranging in age from newborns to folks in their nineties. When I walk in the library, I see people of many colors, speaking many languages. Did you know that the Friends of the Library support or sponsor the programs at the library, ranging from *Music and Movement* for toddlers to *Preventing Elder Abuse*?

The Friends do a lot for our libraries, but we need your help; we especially need more members for our board of directors of the Friends of the Marin County Library, aka "County Friends." Specifically, we need:

- Representative to the One Book/One Book committee—this committee includes library staff and Elaine Petrocelli—you have the privilege to read and review books and participate in the decision for the One Book/One Marin selection.
- Annual meeting chair—help us find an exciting speaker and venue for next year. Everyone pitches in for refreshments.
- Mailings—pick up Library Leaves and occasional other mailings at the Civic Center print shop, do a minimal amount of sorting, and take it to the Novato Post Office. The bulk mailing woman at the Post Office is very nice and helpful.
- And we need more help with publicity, marketing, and more for our Book Place manager.

Would you like to be more involved in an organization that is vital to the educational and literacy community of Marin? Please give me, Ginny Schultz, a call at 415 883 5488.

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Annual MCFL All Staff Day

Damon Hill,
MCFL Correspondent

The annual Marin County Free Library All Staff Day was held on Friday, September 23 at the Osher Marin Jewish Community Jewish Center. The theme this year was “Connect Collaborate Create” to highlight the evolving activities and partnerships of the 21st Century Marin County Free Library.

The day kicked off with a high energy start—the very entertaining “Happy” video (available on the MCFL Library YouTube Page) created by the staff committee responsible for the planning of the day. County Administrator Matthew H. Hymel then spoke about the County of Marin’s 5-Year Business Plan. Library Director Sara Jones spoke next, praising and highlighting the accomplishments of the past year in the State of the Library Address. The Library has made major movement on the goals of the Strategic Plan and she spoke of the accomplishments related to Youth, Digital Services and Equity.

Barbara Madrid eloquently spoke about the Friends of the Marin County Free Library fundraising and accomplishments over the past year to thunderous applause of gratitude from the staff. The “Top 10 Ways to Support the Friends!” flyer was distributed stressing simple ways to financially support the Friends in the work they do for the community.

After a break MCFL staff members Sara Hathaway and Kathleen Fitzhugh-Remitz highlighted an upcoming life skills training supported by a recently awarded grant for “Mind in the Making” based on the work of Ellen Gallinsky. Digital

Initiatives Manager detailed the numerous enhancements in the electronic world including a new catalog and website. Daniel Avalos presented about what the staff committee related to communication accomplished.

Sara Jones and John McLeod, executive director of the Community Education Center Makerspace – Media Studio, engaged in a provocative discussion over the collaboration of the South Novato Library, Novato Unified School District and New Media Learning to create the Community Education Center. The discussion talked about the future of libraries and exciting new technologies such as Virtual Reality and creating in the Maker Space.

During lunch MCFL staff had an opportunity to present numerous branch initiatives in poster sessions on topics such as the Seed Library at Fairfax, the Career Online High School Diploma and similar projects throughout the system.

The day started to wind down with a presentation from Katie DeKorte from the Sacramento Library who demonstrated simple creative projects libraries can do with children and teens with minimal cost. The day concluded with the heartfelt employee recognition and staff photo.

The MCFL All Staff day is the only day of the year staff from across the County are able to connect, share and learn together to make the organization stronger to serve the community. Staff left happy, fulfilled and energized to continue the work of serving the community.

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Your membership donation

County Friends voted at its August meeting to increase the share of the membership dues going to the county from 50% of the first \$25 to 50% of the first \$50. That means when you join a local chapter at the \$100 level, \$25 will go to the County Friends, and \$75 will stay with your local branch. This decision was made in order to continue and fully fund important programs that benefit all of our libraries, including Summer Learning, STEAM activities, One Book/One Marin, year-round children’s and teen programs and more.

In an effort to increase revenues, we are also emphasizing other ways to give financial support to libraries, such as eScrip, AmazonSmile, and workplace giving with corporate match.

Signing for eScrip is easy. Go to eScrip.com to register with the Friends of the Marin County Free Library and register the credit card you use at local participating stores and restaurants, including Nugget Markets, Fairfax Market, Woodlands Market, Marin Coffee Roasters, and more. Let me know if you would like help signing up. I look forward to hearing from you.



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Library Leaves is published quarterly; the next issue will be in January. The deadline for submission of copy is January 5. News of library activities, updates, photos, ideas, and suggestions for improvement are welcome.

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Corte Madera News

Julie Magnus, Branch Manager
Corte Madera Library

The Corte Madera Library is excited about hosting **Indie Author Day** on Saturday, October 8, from 10am-5pm. Authors of multiple genres will be speaking, including Rhys Bowen and Dewey Livingston. The Library's own Jen Robinson, Digital Initiatives Manager, and Laurie Thompson, California Room Librarian, will be presenting. The goals of the program are to support local writers, showcase SELF-e and other MCFL resources, and to partner with local organizations that support self-publishing. SELF-e, the Library's new, free, online self-publishing platform, is a collaboration between *Library Journal* and BiblioBoard to bring self-published books to a wider audience through their local libraries. There will be food, and chocolate! Speakers will be selling their books and we hope to raise some money for the Friends of MCFL. More information is available on the Library website: marinlibrary.org/indieauthoraday/.

Continuing our productive partnership with CMA Parks and Rec Dept., another Senior Seminar is in the works on Monday, October 24, 10:30am–noon: “Know the 10 Signs: Early Alzheimer’s Detection,” a presentation by the North Bay Alzheimer’s Association.

On the culture front, the next in our series of Art Talk Tuesdays will be on October 18, when Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco Docent Rita Dunlay will present an illustrated lecture “The Brothers Le Nain: Painters of 17th Century France” at 7pm. We’ll also be featuring an “Evening of Classical Guitar” with Joseph Bacon on Thursday, October 20 at 7pm. All are welcome to come to the library and actually view art, as we will be exhibiting “Extra-Ordinary Shapes” from the Marin Watercolor Society from October 1-November 17. Come meet the artists on Saturday, October 22, from 10am -12 noon.

Of course, with Fall our regular storytimes return, with Baby Bounce on Tuesday mornings at 10am, for babies 0-2 years old, Toddler Time with Ollie for 2 year olds on Wednesdays at 10am,

and Preschool Storytime for ages 3 and up on Wednesdays at 11 am. The Kids’ Book Club for grades 4 and up meets on Wed. October 19 at 7pm to talk about *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. And, we’re gearing up for another exciting season of the Newbery Guess—our children’s librarians will be visiting local schools to talk about the frontrunners in the contest for the Newbery Award for Children’s Literature. We invite all kids to vote for their favorites at the library—prizes generously donated by the Friends of the Corte Madera Library.

Always wanted to try downloading books? Or streaming a movie? Come in and talk to a friendly librarian to get started. Individual appointments are available, or drop by on Wednesday nights from 7-8pm for help with downloading ebooks from OverDrive or the Cloud Library.

And finally, a few highlights from our summer. We had over a thousand kids and teens participate in summer learning this year, and here is one of our very happy raffle winners showing off the great book she won, and the amazing Sterling the Bubblesmith in action—“en-bubbling” a kid whole!



We had a special visit from the FLAGship’s Linda Varonin and Allie Cruz. They did a wonderful storytime for the kids, and all the kids got to visit the FLAGship and see what it looked like. The FLAGship acts like a mobile preschool, and travels around the County to provide access to preschool for kids who don’t get the opportunity to attend. Linda Varonin performed our storytime and did a craft activity with the kids.



The Friends of the Corte Madera Library meet the third Wednesday of the month in January, May and September. Our next meeting is on Wed., January 18, 2017. We welcome all to attend! September is Library Card Month....

Happiness is a new library card!



Fairfax News

Cindy Swift, Fairfax Correspondent
Friends of the Civic Center Library

Fairfax Friends have been busy lately supporting our branch. On Sunday, August 28th, Fairfax held its fifth annual 'Streets for People' event, and the Fairfax Library had a table there. In addition to checking out books and issuing new library cards, they also promoted becoming a Friend as well as the Book Place.

We've also been busy providing funding for Fairfax Library programming such as the branch's Seed Saving Workshop and Seed Swap, teen programming and a new upcoming series of Crazy Science programs for children. This is in addition to our popular Afterschool LEGO Club. We also provided funding for the new deck umbrella, providing a little shade during our hot afternoons.



Streets for People table with library staff member, Marcia Stieger (left) and Friends of the Fairfax Library board member, Lini Bodian (right).... and Snoopy on the far right.

Welcome New Members!

Joy and Leo Andrade	Novato
Patricia Bacich	Novato
Eric Bubna	Novato
Christine Carroll	Novato
Gail Lynn	Novato
Namita Nayak	Novato
Kate Shilvock	Novato
Mike Sjoblom	Santa Rosa

Marin City News

Suki Sennett, Correspondent
Friends of the Marin City Library

Marin City Branch Has Busy Summer!

Librarian I Diana Lopez reports a busy and successful summer at the Marin City Library. Diana worked at the Marin County Fair for all five days with her new giant Jenga game. Staffer Etienne Douglas was there for three days with the library's 3D printer—a big hit, as usual.



Giant Jenga at the Marin County Fair!

The Marin Housing Authority has purchased \$650 worth of books to create a nonfloating, parent shelf for our branch. Books about encouraging literacy, parental involvement in education, helping your children with learning disabilities were included in the order. The books are being processed and staff is hoping to receive them in October.

Diana and staff worked with Bridge the Gap College Prep to bring over 50 kids to the library for activities and to participate in our summer learning program. Diana continues to visit the Marin City Learning Center once a month to do a story time and an educational activity/craft.

Staff also worked with the Hannah Project so that the young kids and teens from Freedom School could visit the library and receive free books and prizes.

The Marin Independent Journal had an article on June 7 about our Wi-Fi hotspot project for Marin City students' families. [Http://marinij.com/NO/20160726/NEWS/160729841](http://marinij.com/NO/20160726/NEWS/160729841)

Misbah, one of our WebStars participated in the *My Place, My Story* video program (<http://cfieducation.cafilm.org/my-place-my-story/>) through the California Film Institute. The Marin County Office of Education was so impressed with her video it plans to broadcast it through the school systems via the internet.

We participated in the Marin City Back-to-School Rally. The Marin City Friends purchased pencils, and other school supplies to hand out.

Diana and staff are working with Bayside/MLK school to ensure that all new students at the school have library cards.

October is Science Month at the library with *The Sounds of Science* on Thursday, October 13th 3:00-4:30PM, an exploration of sound and science through a variety of experiments and crafts; and *Art and Science* on Thursday, October 20th, 3:00-4:40 PM, an exploration of art and science through watercolor techniques and experiments.

Plea for help from the editor of *Library Leaves*!

This newsletter is produced four times a year, in January, April, July, and October. It is printed at the Civic Center print shop, and mailed from the Novato Post Office. I need help with the mailing process, just four times a year. I need someone to pick up the printed newsletters, take them home and sort them (takes less than one hour) and get them to the Novato Post Office to be bulk mailed. I usually do this in a total of about 2-3 hours. If there is anyone reading this who can take over this quarterly job, I would appreciate it very much! Call me at 415-883-8309 or email at Hess949@comcast.net. Thank you!



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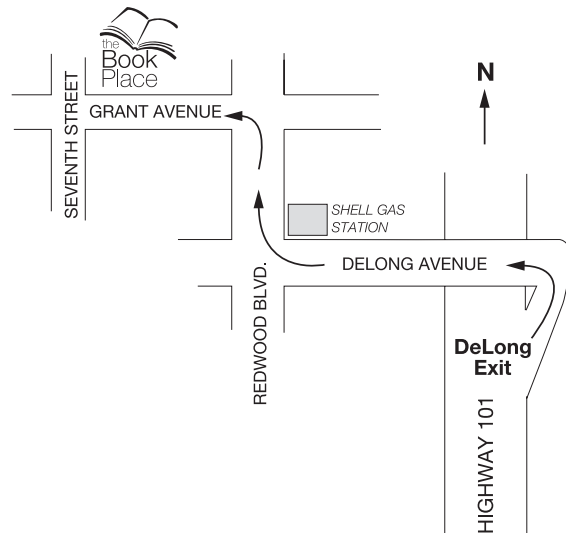
Book Place News *Barbara Madrid*

Where has the year gone? Here we are, the Summer Olympics are over, and the football season is starting up. The holidays are just around the corner.

Let's ease into the season with a Clearance Sale. You know the story: 1/2 off of everything in the store. For those who know and usually attend, it's a regular pilgrimage to stock up on winter reading. However, if you know of someone who's not taken advantage of our sales, introduce them to us!

Our sale takes place Friday through Sunday, October 7–9. Hours are Friday and Saturday 10am–4pm, and Sunday (Bag Day) Noon–4pm. Once again, it's 50% off on the first two days, and a Bag Sale on Sunday. Bags are standard-size grocery bags, and they are \$8 each. Please, do not bring GIANT Costco-type totes; we have standard paper bags, but if you bring your own, standard-sized only. Some restrictions apply: a full set of the parameters of the Bag Sale will be posted around the store.

Then, post-cleanup, we look forward to another tradition of the season. The Merchant Safe Trick or Treat event on Saturday, October 29 (typically runs 11am–2pm). The goblins descend upon the store to get two treats: the usual piece of candy, and then a trip into the Children's room to pick a FREE book of their choosing! It's not unusual to have over 300 kids or more pass through the store during this event! We



love seeing the excitement on kids' faces when they leave with their books. Bring yours by and experience this as well.



The Holiday rush seems to start earlier every year, and we're already tucking away special books to entice gift shoppers. We'll also do the Holiday Weekend Specials every weekend between Thanksgiving and Christmas to help stretch the gift budgets. We'll put 1–2 categories on sale every weekend. But you'll need to come by or call to see what they are.

And then, it's all over. Nothing to do but take the decorations down, prepare for the Superbowl, and most likely, have a Winter Clearance Sale. The cycle continues...

We hope to see you at our Fall Clearance. Don't miss it! For more news, follow us on Facebook or Twitter at "Friends of Marin County Free Library."

Notes from Novato

Joan Davis, Correspondent
Friends of the Novato Libraries

Friends of the Novato Library held their annual Wine and Cheese Night on Sunday, September 25th in the Library Community Room. The audience enjoyed snacking while visiting and catching up with friends. When the program started, everyone was urged to reach back to their third-grade persona and take a "walking" (actually sitting) tour of Old Town Novato with a suitably costumed docent of the third-grade program at the Novato Historical Museum, Laurie O'Mara. Laurie is a Director of the docent program and brims over with enthusiasm and knowledge of her material. The third-grade adults thoroughly enjoyed their walk into the past.



Summer Learning at the Novato Library!





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Special Events Calendar

- Fall Clearance Sale, The Book Place, October 7–9.
- Indie Author Day, Saturday, October 8, 10am–5pm at the Corte Madera Library.
- National Friends of the Library Week, October 16–22.

CALENDAR

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: Meets quarterly; for date and time, contact Linda Cullen at linda.cullen@comcast.net.
- 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 (TBLA): Meets as needed; West Marin School.
- Bolinas–Stinson Beach Library Improvement Society (BSBLIS). Quarterly meetings at Bolinas Library or Stinson Beach Library.