

# LIBRARY LEAVES

Friends of the Marin County Free Library

Spring 2016

## Message From the Director

Sara Jones

Director of County Library Services

### *Libraries Transform!*

#### National Library Week April 10–16, 2016

The Marin County Free Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating the dynamic changes that are happening in today's libraries. April 10-16 is National Library Week!

Libraries of all types are evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve. The South Novato Library, the Novato Unified School District, Marin County Office of Education and New Media Learning are working together to establish programs employing 21st century tools in a Makerspace, Media Studio, library and model classroom. The focus of our partnership is on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) and career pathways in medical, biotechnology, media, and engineering—with some good old-fashioned books available too!

Libraries aren't only a place of quiet study, but also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies like learning how to use a 3D printer in Marin City. A library card allows you to visit a museum through our popular Discover and Go program where you can get free or discounted museum passes with your library card. Anyone can discover the beauty, history and culture of Marin County through the expert assistance and resources of the Anne T. Kent California Room located in the Civic Center Library.

Celebrate your library during this special week!

## President's Corner

Virginia Schultz, President

Friends of the Marin County Free Library

Spring is here, and our wonderful library staff is busy preparing for Summer Learning. In 2015, over 6,600 Marin kids and youth participated in Summer Reading, supported by the Friends of the Marin County Free Library. New for 2016, the program has been changed to Summer Learning, and the theme will be "Read for the Win." Children can earn Book Bucks by reading or being read to. Book Bucks can then be redeemed for prizes like new books. Children can redeem a Book Buck immediately, or they may save them up for a bigger prize such as a hard cover book. Book Bucks can also be donated to a local nonprofit, which this year will be Marin Special Olympics. Last year kids donated \$500 to the Marin Foster Parents Association. What a great example these kids are setting!

Summer Learning is the Friends' largest funding item. Library Director Sara Jones has requested \$33,500 for Summer Learning for 2016-2017, and we don't want to disappoint her! Your membership donation will go directly to Summer Learning and the many other programs we support, including Spanish language programs, STEAM activities, year-round youth programs, and One Book/One Marin. These funds are in addition to donations from local Friends chapters.

Something new! You can now donate online to the Friends through PayPal at <http://marinlibraryfriends.marin.org/Membership.html>. Look for the "Donate" button. Your donation will go to the County Friends to help support programs like Summer Learning. If you wish to support a local chapter, you'll still need to download the printable membership form and mail it in with your check, or pick up a membership envelope at your local library. When you join a branch Friends chapter, half of the first \$25, up to \$12.50



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It's Our 13th Anniversary on  
Grant Avenue, and  
National Library Week!

We're celebrating with a sale on  
some of our most popular book  
categories.

April 15–16, 2016  
10am–4pm

## Welcome New Members!

Pamela Castillo  
Lesley Chapman  
Pat Eklund  
Karen Fitzpatrick  
Mark Schatz and Amy Peele

goes to the County Friends, and the remainder stays with the chapter.

On a personal note, I love all of the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities at our libraries, bookmobile, and special events. As a chemistry major, I think science is *fun*, for both boys and girls. I'll be sharing the Strawbees building tools that bookmobile librarian Terry Jones gave me with elementary school children in a classroom where my husband Bill and I volunteer. And who wouldn't enjoy a Star Viewing Party at the Marin City Library, or How an Electric Car Works at the South Novato Library? Whatever your interest, there's something for you at your library!

## Marin City News

*Suki Sennett, Correspondent*  
Friends of the Marin City Library

Librarian Diana Lopez made a presentation to the Library Commission that met at the Marin City branch in early March which highlighted some of the outstanding activities that the Marin City Library team put together during the past year. Most notable was to issue library cards to all 150 students at Bayside/MLK school in Marin City. Library staff distributed them in early March along with backpacks from Brainfuse (Live Homework Help) that Sara Jones arranged to be donated for the Marin City branch. The Marin City Friends provided the funding for school supplies to go into the backpacks—pencils, erasers, sharpeners and spiral bound books. Staff reported the kids were thrilled with the backpacks and the library cards. They heard excited whispers of “library cards!” as they went class to class. Most important, they have seen an increase in school kids in the library.

Diana Lopez is currently enrolled in the County’s Management Academy. WebStar Coordinator Etienne Douglas, is teaching a 3D printing and design class and has also been accepted to a leadership academy at C.L. Dellums Leadership School. Etienne is also teaching at the new Youth Digital Literacy Program, sponsored by Performing Stars and the Marin City Community Services District and funded by the Marin Telecommunications Agency and the County of Marin.

*Library Leaves* is published quarterly; the next issue will be in July. The deadline for submission of copy is June 24. News of library activities, updates, photos, ideas, and suggestions for improvement are welcome.

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Samual Walsh, designing his very own alien? monster? creepy guy!



Lots of possibilities on this table!



All kinds of people having a lot of fun!

## Notes from Novato

*Joan Davis, Correspondent*  
Friends of the Novato Libraries

The Open House at the new SNO library last month was a huge success. Everyone was very impressed with the library and had a grand time with all the activities planned. This novel three-way partnership between the Library, the School District, and the Makerspace Program is an opportunity to provide some outstanding programs. Aren't we lucky to have it?

Another success this period is the Language Play program. Both librarians and parents are delighted with results already appearing.

And, as always, many new programs are in the works. Check at the libraries for good things that are coming.

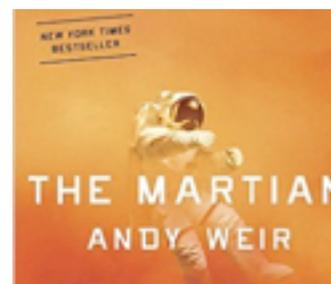
There will be another sale at the Book Place (April 15-16) to celebrate their 13 year anniversary at their current location! And people still come in and ask us how long we've been there!

The annual Friends of the Libraries thank-you tea for volunteers and staff will be held Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 PM, at the downtown library. All volunteers, or would-be volunteers are welcome.

April 10-16 is National Library Week. Don't forget to give a thank you to the librarians who work so hard to give Novato two outstanding libraries.

## One Book One Marin

At the final event of this year's OBOM program, Andy Weir, author of *The Martian*, will be joined by KQED host and author Michael Krasny in a discussion of his novel. This free capstone event will be held at Angelico Hall, Dominican University, April 13 at 7 PM. (Doors open at 6 PM.)





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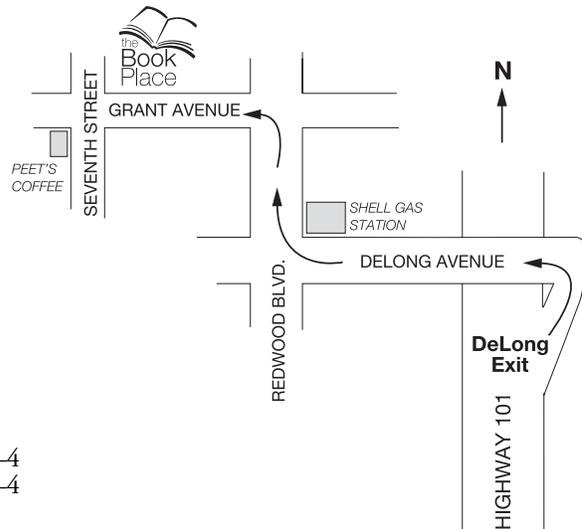
### Book Place News *Barbara Madrid*

Can you believe it's been 13 years since we set up shop on Grant Avenue in Novato? We are celebrating with an Anniversary Sale during National Library Week, and you can support the library while stocking up for spring and summer reading.

It feels like only yesterday that we received notice that our landlord was preparing to renovate his property. After more than seven years at Pacheco Plaza, we began the search for a new location. It was not easy; many available properties were too small, too expensive, or had costly maintenance fees. Still others required a minimum number of evening hours until 9 or 9:30, which would impact volunteer availability.

We finally found our current spot on Grant, although some were skeptical. "There's nothing else down there" and "no one will come to shop" were the typical laments. Yet, with great rent and a parking lot behind the store, we went ahead and took the space. It seemed very big at the time, and we were not sure we could fill it.

With a lot of help from the community, we set to work. A long-time customer/book dealer donated most of the shelving, giving us a clean, uniform look. We scored a wonderful sales counter and some chairs from another local business moving out of Novato, replacing a funky folding table. On moving day, a number of longtime customers helped us assemble shelving, hauled furniture, and



shelved inventory. We love our space, and customers agree it's a great place to hang out and browse. So, if you haven't been to Book Place, we've got a sale to tempt you.

The Anniversary Sale on April 15–16 features savings on our most popular categories: Fiction \$2 each, hardcover Mysteries 50¢, and History half price. We may slip in a few more categories, so come by and celebrate with us!

Also, if you have little ones, ages 2–6, Story Time happens at 11 am on the third Saturday of every month. Laura, a Children's Librarian at the Novato branch, leads the group through a fun story, singing, and interactive play.

For the latest in Friends news, sales at the Book Place, or other library information, follow us on Facebook or Twitter. "Like" us and "share" our postings with your Facebook friends. Thanks.

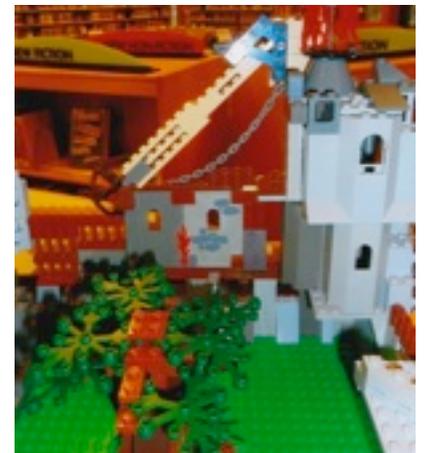


Opening Day 2003 at our Grant Avenue store—The Book Place!

## Fairfax News

*Susan Brandborg, President*  
Friends of the Civic Center Library

Our Afterschool Lego Club members have made creations which adorn our library. This club meets the first and third Wednesdays 4–5:30pm. It is open to Grade K–8. Upcoming meetings are April 6 and April 20. Lego bricks are provided. Bring your imagination!



**PAJAMA–RAMA!** This is a family program with songs and stories. It will be April 19, 6:30–7:30pm. Don't forget to wear your pajamas and slippers!

Make a Flashlight on Saturday, April 23, 3:30–5pm. Learn about basic soldering and simple circuits. This program is for 6–12<sup>th</sup> graders. Sign-up and permission form are required. Please call 415-453-8151.

Upcoming programs sponsored by the Friends of the Fairfax Library include a favorite writing workshop by Suzanne West, a music concert in May, and in June there will be a jewelry workshop for adults. The dates have not been set. Please call the Fairfax Library (415-453-8151) for more information. All Library events are free.



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- Anniversary Sale at the Book Place, April 15–16.
- One Book One Marin Capstone Event — Wednesday, April 13, 7 PM, Angelico Hall. Andy Weir, author of *The Martian*, will converse with Michael Krasny.

## CALENDAR

### Friends Scheduled Meeting Dates:

- Friends of the Marin County Free Library: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:linda.cullen@comcast.net).
- Friends of the Corte Madera Library: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of January, May, and September, 10:00 AM; Corte Madera Library.
- Novato Friends of the Libraries: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, 5:00 PM; Novato Library or South Novato Library.
- Friends of the Fairfax Library: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, 7:00–8:00 PM; Fairfax Library.
- Friends of the Marin City Library: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month, 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.