

# LIBRARY LEAVES

Friends of the Marin County Free Library

Winter 2018

## Message From the Director

*Sara Jones*

Director of County Library Services

Marin County Free Library completed another very successful year with the support of our Friends. This year the Friends continued their generous support for our summer learning/reading program. We provided a fun and educational program for 8092 Marin county kids (children and teens. They read 2,732,100 minutes! This program would simply not be possible without the Friends' support. We also, with the help of the Library Foundation, Marin Community Foundation and the County, are providing nearly all the funding needed to purchase a new early literacy vehicle or FLAGship. The current FLAGship is 17 years old and broken down. The new vehicle will be here in late 2018.

The library was part of the Marin County Fair and gave away thousands of children's books from those we removed from the collection that were no longer needed—it was huge success!

Library staff had an entertaining and educational All Staff day—a time for us to get together and share our work experiences. It ended with an optional trip on the SMART train to Petaluma for food and drinks. The Friends provided door prizes for tickets to see some incredible authors with Bay Area events including Andy Weir, Ta-Nehisi Coates and Trevor Noah.

During the tragic North Bay fires we served the evacuation center for several days with both of our Mobile services. For that outreach activity we provided books and soccer balls! Our partner, New Media Learning at South Novato provided a virtual reality experience too in the evacuation center. It was gratifying to offer

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## Winter Clearance Sale at the Book Place!

January 19–21, 2018

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Return your Marin County Free Library items to any of our branches or bookdrops and we will automatically waive any late fees on those items.\*

\*Exclusions: Does not include fines for items belonging to city libraries, College of Marin, Dominican, or fees for lost or damaged items.

## President's Corner

*Virginia Schultz, President*

Friends of the Marin County Free Library

Thank you for your membership and donations to the Friends of the Marin County Free Library and its affiliates! The Friends is an all-volunteer organization, with no overhead for paid staff. I've been keeping a database of our memberships since 2000, and as I enter membership donations, I'm very grateful for our long-term members (see list on page 2). Even though I don't know all of you personally, I recognize your names, and I appreciate your contributions. Special thanks go to people who have been members fifteen years or more.

If you are reading this and you are not a member, we fund Summer Reading for thousands of Marin children and youth, as well as contributing to One Book/One Marin, Spanish services, STEAM activities and more. Your local affiliates also support (meaning pay for!) a wide variety of projects like art docent programs, children's programs, materials, furnishings and landscaping for your library.

The Friends receive income from two sources:

- the Book Place at 1608 Grant Avenue in Novato, managed by volunteer Barbara Madrid and staffed by over 100 volunteer sorters and cashiers
- your membership donations

Benefits of membership include:

- Advance notice of used book sales, as well as a 10% discount anytime
- An invitation to the Friends' annual meeting and program
- The satisfaction of knowing that your contribution directly supports our libraries

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library services to those worried about their homes, and we successfully provided some distraction to kids and adults.

As a thank you to our community the Board of Supervisors approved providing amnesty for library fines (past and present). Through January 31 late fees will be waived for all MCFL-owned late materials. Simply return your materials to any MCFL branch or book return and the fees will not be applied to your account. In some cases, people have avoided visiting the library for years because of money owed, and that's heartbreaking for us to hear. This kind of policy is used by lots of public libraries across the country, and there is trusted documentation to prove that it increases the sustained use of the library. We'd like to say thank you to the community and welcome back patrons who might have been away for a long time. We are also hoping to retrieve some long-lost materials that are no longer being published and would be useful to our collection. The existing fine schedule is 25 cents per item per day and lending services suspended after the amount reaches \$10. The temporary amnesty policy is intended to reduce barriers in the use of materials and give people a new chance to visit the library branches and use online services. Fines for youth materials were eliminated a few years ago to reduce barriers to library use.

The library is a vibrant and critical part of our community. All the work that the Friends do for the library, especially running the Book Place, is sincerely appreciated.

*Library Leaves* is published quarterly; the next issue will be in April. The deadline for submission of copy is March 31. News of library activities, updates, photos, ideas, and suggestions for improvement are welcome.

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I'm eager to increase our membership and build a community of library supporters. To this end, we'll be concentrating on communications with our members and donors. Email, snail mail, social media or all of these? More events for members only? How often do you want to hear from us? Please join in the conversation. Our next board

meeting is Saturday, January 20, at 10 am at the classroom at the South Novato Library campus. Make January 19-21 a Friends long weekend. Shop the half price sale at the Book Place on Grant Avenue in Novato, and join us at our meeting on Saturday morning. Or be in touch with me at: [virginia\\_schultz@hotmail.com](mailto:virginia_schultz@hotmail.com) or 415.883.5488.

## Long-Term Members of the Friends

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Did you know that you can easily join, renew your membership, or donate online? Go to:  
[www.marinlibraryfriends.org/Membership.html](http://www.marinlibraryfriends.org/Membership.html)

If you prefer, you can pick up a membership envelope at your local library and mail it in with a check.

## Marin City News

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

At the Marin City Friends December 20 meeting, Floating Homes Association 2017 Houseboat Tour Directors, Larry Clinton and Flo Hoylman, presented the Friends with a \$2,610 donation, proceeds from the 2017 Annual Tour. Each year the Friends have provided 30-35 volunteers for the Tour. Joining the volunteers this year again were County Library Director Sara Jones, Corte Madera Branch Manager Julie Magnus, and Marin City Branch Manager Diana Lopez.

Branch Manager/Educational Initiatives Coordinator Diana Lopez, who started her new position October 2017, prepared a Power Point presentation for the December 20 Friends meeting highlighting how the FHA's on-going financial support was utilized during 2017. Lopez said, "Because you have supported us we have been able to

accomplish a lot of work towards bridging equity and accomplishment gaps." Her Power Point presentation highlighted continuing partnerships with the nonprofit Marin City-based Performing Stars of Marin, Marin Housing Authority (Marin Housing), Marin County Sheriff's Department and the National Park Service with programs for Marin City toddlers, K-12 students and parents.

Sara Jones reminded the attendees that the Board of Supervisors had approved a second Educational Initiatives Coordinator (the other is at the South Novato branch) because of the recent contractual partnership with the Sausalito–Marin City School District to provide oversight of school library services. Diana had been the driving force behind this educational partnership. Library staff will be embedded at Bayside–Martin Luther King Jr. Academy school library allowing access to a substantial book collection, a mini-makerspace, and information and media literacy support services in the school library. Marin City Library staff members

Etienne Douglas, Becky Tuttle and Kevin Luu will also be utilized.

County Library Services Director Sara Jones, who was in attendance, announced that the Marin City Library staff had been contracted by the Sausalito–Marin City School District to provide library professional oversight and support services for the District students, and a \$10,000 grant had been awarded for early education by the State Library fund.



Sara Jones (Director of County Library Services), Flo Hoylman (FHA Board), Wyna Barron (Marin City Friends President), Diana Lopez (Branch Librarian).

## Notes from Novato

*Joan Davis, Correspondent*  
Friends of the Novato Libraries

The Teen Advisory Group held a Hot Chocolate Fundraiser in December at the Novato Library for the Redwood Empire Food Bank. They raised \$200! It was their idea, and they planned and implemented the event themselves to help the wildfire victims. These young people will miss teen librarian Carla Avitabile very much when she leaves for a new job.



The Novato Library has some fascinating programs coming up. On Wednesday, January 17, 7 pm, there will be a talk on the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project. San Francisco Bay has lost more than 80 percent of its tidal wetlands. The Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project represents a significant step in reversing historic habitat loss and recovering imperiled wildlife. Nursery and Field Operations Manager Christina McWhorter will discuss the development of the project, the plant and animal life in the wetlands, and the numerous opportunities for citizen science.

Disappointed in your wisteria? On Saturday, January 20, 11 am, Marin Master Gardener Rod Kerr will teach you how to do structural wisteria pruning this winter to produce a healthier vine with bountiful flowers in the spring.

The recent wildfires in the North Bay and southern California prompt us all to think about fire prevention. On Tuesday, January 30, 1–2 pm, Sandy Wargo, Fire Prevention Specialist of the Novato Fire District, will discuss how to prevent fires in the home, prepare for an emergency, and what to do in case you encounter a fire.

Is brushing up on your Spanish on your New Year's resolution list? The Spanish Conversation Club meets every Tuesday at the Novato Library from 11 to 12:30. The club is facilitated by the talented Maria Lee Goodrich, and with laughs, fiestas, and food, it's nothing like high school Spanish!

## Corte Madera News

*Julie Magnus, Branch Manager*  
Corte Madera Library

Happy New Year from the Corte Madera Library! We wish for peace on Earth for all, and share this sentiment on our internal bookdrop, courtesy of talented staff member Kim Turoid, who crafted the piece.

One of the highlights of the last few months was our extended hour Study Hall for high school students during Finals Week in December. Leading up to Finals, students filled the Teen Area and our Community Room, working individually, and in groups. Corte Madera Library staff members graciously agreed to adjust their schedules to cover the extra 9–11pm Study Hall. Sarah Butts, Youth Services Librarian, reports: We had over 120 high school students attend our three after-hours late-night study halls during finals week. In addition to enjoying the pizza and snacks (compliments of the Corte Madera Library Friends!), they also really appreciate the space to study late, either in groups or in the quieter parts of the building. The kids are always very polite in thanking us for doing the program, and one senior in particular mentioned how grateful he was to have a place to study since his house was “crazy full of visiting relatives.” Shereen Ash, Librarian II, Adult Services, adds: After explaining about our upcoming high school study hall to a studious Redwood High student, letting him know to expect access to the entire library, free Wi-Fi, computers, printing, and pizza from 9–11 pm, he asked, “What does it cost?” He seemed surprised and pleased when I responded that it is all free.

Recent art exhibits in our Friends of the Corte Madera Library Community Room include “Holiday” by Downtown Mia Brown. In Mia’s own words, she is “an artist who happens to have a disability,” creating acrylic paintings with



a headwand—a brush or stylus attached to a helmet that allows the movement of her head to negotiate both shape and pressure. Mia’s cerebral palsy impacts the use of her hands and she has developed over time a system that benefits her desire and dedication to create. Mia’s abstract paintings are characterized by dynamic color combinations and varying textures, each alluding to the experimentation Mia allows in her process. Her paintings are informed by her interests, her life experiences, and the natural world, allowing us to access her emotions and spirit through her paintings. An exhibit of work from Pauline Ivancovich Teller will be coming up in February. Ms. Teller is a California artist who trained at Dominican University, worked with William Rauschnaubel and participated in “Art in Action: Artists Working for All the People” which included Diego Rivera. Having art in the library adds opportunities for visual learning and sharing a cultural dimension to the library experience. The Friends helped make this possible through their support of our remodel to create the exhibit space.

## Fairfax News

*Susan Brandborg, Fairfax Correspondent*  
Friends of the Fairfax Library

We had the opportunity to sponsor unique programs for veterans at the library. Photos of and by veterans were displayed in our Community Room, and there was a ‘coffee klatch’ where local veterans came to meet and share their experiences.

Board Game Afternoons with snacks for children in 5<sup>th</sup> Grades and up will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 starting December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday Kid’s Club continues every month for Grades K-8 at 4pm. All supplies are provided.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: Legos

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday: Crazy Science

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: Crafts

Another new program is the Teen Role Playing club.

We are looking forward to meeting in January to see what new programs and materials we can sponsor.

For more information about these programs and our one-time programs for children and adults please contact the Fairfax Library: 415-453-8151.

## Welcome New Members!

Susan Bunker  
Jennifer Davoll  
Lorraine Ellie  
Chadwick Clard Ertola  
Marianne Fritts  
Karen M Hemmeter  
Dorcas Higginbotham  
Toni Holt  
David Jackson  
Eric Lucan  
Ann Maddox  
George Marzocchi  
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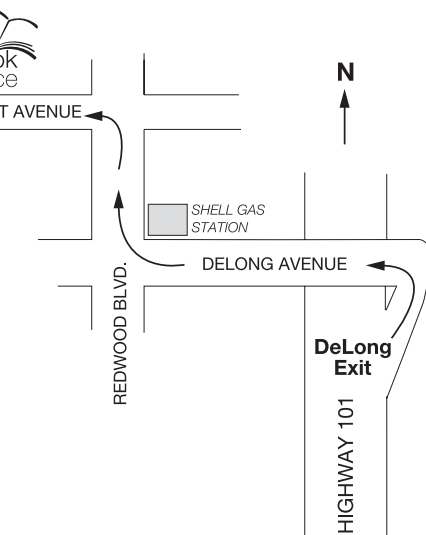
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Monday through Saturday 10-4  
Sunday 12-4

### *Book Place News* *Barbara Madrid*

New Year resolutions may be a serious practice, or you may do it simply for the fun of it. This year, we offer up a few resolutions that are fun, thrifty, or good for maintaining sanity. Read on.

- **Read MORE.** That's where the fun comes in. We spend far too much time with social media, texting, etc., when we could be racking up the pages read. Reading is a much better form of entertainment, and we've got loads of books in 46 categories to tempt you.
- **Read DIFFERENT.** Maybe you've always read mysteries. Or you're a history buff. Step out of your comfort zone, and stray into the other areas/choices. We've got a 2018 Reading Challenge (courtesy of PopSugar) to lead you through a sampling of books to try. Come in, get a sheet, or find others online. It will expand your horizons, and you may find new



favorites. Our Staff Picks section of selections assembled by our volunteers is a sure bet in many cases. People seem to enjoy the wide variety of our Picks.

- **Be thrifty with book buying.** This is where we shine; where else can you get quality books donated by a well-read community at a fantastic price? Our pricing makes book buying a sinful pleasure and easy on the wallet.
- **Share good news.** Tell everyone you know about The Book Place/The Friends. We'd love more traffic and happy customers.
- **Read more/watch news less.** The "sanity" resolution. Cable news will make anyone crazy after awhile, no matter which channel. Step away from the TV, the phone, the iPad, Facebook (you get the idea). Get lost in another time, in someone's life, or in another simpler time and place.

Where to start? Our Winter Clearance, January 19-21, will meet all the above resolutions. At half price, you'll leave with a bag or more. Browsing in many of our areas is now easier, as we've reorganized alphabetically or by group (Sports organized by sport, Biography by subject). Remember that our third day of the sale is a Bag Sale, and at \$9 per grocery bag, how can you go wrong?

We hope to see you at our Winter Clearance! For more news, follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter at "The Book Place: Friends of Marin County Free Library."





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### 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: For information, contact Penny Wells at [Kayakqueen@msn.com](mailto:Kayakqueen@msn.com).
- Friends of the Corte Madera Library: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in January, April, July, October, 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 (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.