

# LIBRARY LEAVES

Friends of the Marin County Free Library

Fall 2018

## Message From the Director

Sara Jones  
Director of County Library Services

### Happy Fall!

The summer was a great time for the Marin County Free Library. Our Summer Challenge Program, primarily supported by the Friends of the Library, was wildly successful. This year the charity that kids donated Book Bucks to was Wildcare and over \$3200 book bucks were donated—thanks to Friends, Foundation and a match from Wildcare, our kids gave to this important program while they were reading, learning and having fun.

Some of the numbers for the summer program:

- 553 teens participated
- 6,619 children participated
- Participants read 2,849,700 minutes!

We also had deep engagement in South Novato at Camp University, where 47 students through the partnership increased or sustained their reading level. Marin City Library helped fill in a gap in summer programming in the community in addition to their regular summer program and worked to oversee and improve the Bayside/MLK school library which opened dramatically different on the first day of school. West Marin operated another successful Reading on the Ranches and every library in the system, the Bookmobile and the Flagship helped children and their families to have more enriching and fun summers. Our great staff delivers wonderful programming and support and we are thankful for every member who helps make the Summer Challenge Program a success.

We also don't forget adults in the summer! We were excited that Laurie Thompson was awarded the Historian of the Year award by the Marin History Museum. Corte Madera offered a program called *A Matter of Balance*, a free

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## National Friends of the Library Week

October 21-27

Enter our free drawing to win one of three gift certificates

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## TREAT YOURSELF TO A GOOD BOOK

class in partnership with Marin General Hospital. This program was also offered at the Novato library. Fairfax had a program with WWII Veteran, Phil Arnot, featuring photos from his journeys all over the world. The Bookmobile offered a Book Club this summer at The Redwoods where they read *Eleanor Oliphant* by Gail Honeyman. Adults had fun learning experiences too!

A great summer for all ages and all places we serve. Many of these programs are supported by our Friends so as always a BIG THANK YOU for being a friend of the Marin County Free Library!

## President's Corner

Virginia Schultz, President  
Friends of the Marin County Free Library

I was so excited when the Friends received their first recurring membership donation from Juan Frias! In the words of Mr. Frias, "The main reason we donate is because of the many activities and help we've gotten from wonderful staff and volunteers, always working with our kids or offering a reading recommendation, not to mention all the other free services it provides. The library is almost a second home to us, and we're glad to be a part of it."



If you, like Mr. Frias, love your library and want the ease of donating on a recurring basis, visit our website at [www.marinlibraryfriends.org](http://www.marinlibraryfriends.org), and click on the red donate button. You will be taken to our GiveDirect.org page, where you can securely and easily donate online.

Next year will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Friends of the Marin County Free Library, and we're making plans to commemorate and celebrate. We'd love to hear your stories of what the library has meant to you, how staff has helped you, and why you love the library. You can send your stories to our email address at [mcflFriends@gmail.com](mailto:mcflFriends@gmail.com). Add an appropriate subject, such as "Why I love the library."

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## Fairfax News

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

### Highlights for the Fall

We recently began a partnership with Age Friendly Fairfax which meets every Friday at 1pm. We are sponsoring Chair Yoga with Tamela. One can join this gentle chair Yoga practice on the first and third Monday of the month at 1pm.



The Friends of Fairfax Library are supporting the Teen Cooking Club which will be making Sushi this month on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 3:30 pm.



We are pleased to present Joseph Bacon with "An Evening of Spanish Music For Guitar." He has studied with Segovia, Ida Presti, Alexander Lagoya and Julian Bream, with extended study of Indian music with Ustad Ali Akbar Kahn. Joseph Bacon has performed in London, New York, San Francisco and Italy. This performance will be on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Come early to find seating.

For all library programs please check the announcements on the bulletin board at the library or call 415-453-8151.

The Friends of the Fairfax Library needs your support so that we can help keep our library the vibrant community center that it is. Please join the Friends. Ask for an envelope at the library to make a membership contribution or you can join online at [marinlibraryfriends.org](http://marinlibraryfriends.org). Another way of contributing is asking for a Good Earth Community Card which contributes 3% of your purchases to the Friends of the Fairfax Library. For questions about the Friends of Fairfax Library or the Good Earth Community Card please email: [FriendsFairfaxLibr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:FriendsFairfaxLibr@sbcglobal.net).

Thank you!

### *President's Corner continued from page 1*

The Friends sponsored another successful Summer Challenge for children and teens. Approximately 6,800 children read 2,800,000 minutes! The best part is that these children returned to school ready to learn, and some children even increased their reading level. The County Friends budget \$34,000 for Summer Challenge, and many branch chapters donate additional funds.

It will soon be National Friends of the Library week, October 21-27. Libraries throughout Marin will highlight gifts from Friends groups. Local chapters give furniture, shelving, books and materials to your library, as well as sponsoring programs. If you are reading this and aren't a member, now is a good time to join or renew. Pick up a membership envelope at your library, or join online on our website: [marinlibraryfriends.org](http://marinlibraryfriends.org). Other easy ways to support the Friends:

- Shop at the Book Place at 1608 Grant in Novato. It's a warm, inviting, well-organized place to shop, and all proceeds go the Friends!
- Amazon Smile. Sign up at <https://smile.amazon.com/> and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to the Friends.
- eScrip – Nugget Markets, Mollie Stones, and many local restaurants participate in eScrip. Register your card online at <https://escrip.com/>
- Workplace giving through United Way or other program.

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

*Library Leaves* is published quarterly; the next issue will be in January. The deadline for submission of copy is January 4. News of library activities, updates, photos, ideas, and suggestions for improvement are welcome.

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## Welcome New Members!

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## Notes from Novato

*Ginny Schultz, Correspondent*  
Friends of the Novato Libraries

The Friends of the Novato Libraries has the privilege of supporting two libraries.

The new, lively South Novato Library has a partnership with the Novato Unified School District, the Marin Makerspace Studio, and the California Film Institute. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) is a big part of the library. The library holds maker workshops for families one Saturday a month and two weekly storytimes. The adjoining Makerspace hosts daily after school activities including a girls-only "Luna Tech Class" and a Summer Camp which includes coding. This summer, South Novato helped prevent "summer slide" through extensive literacy support for 250 students in NUSD's Camp University for English-learners. There's plenty for adults as well, including weekly Senior Socials, bimonthly Knit Fest and monthly Book Clubs.

South Novato is also launching monthly Maker Educator Nights. It's an open lab for educators to ideate, brainstorm, build, test, and debug 'maker' activities they want in their classrooms.

The main Novato library will host a not to be missed presentation on the Hamilton/Bel Marin Keys Restoration Project on Saturday, October 27, 1-2 pm. This project represents a significant step in reversing historic habitat loss and recovering imperiled wildlife. Project staff and volunteers will discuss an overview of the project, the experience of volunteers, and the upcoming restoration of the Bel Marin Keys parcel of land.

A popular program at the Novato Library has been the Fall Prevention Tips series, in collaboration with *A Matter of Balance*, the award-winning fall-prevention program for seniors and Marin General Hospital. The eight-week class, which is wrapping up, covered safe and simple exercise to promote balance and strength, ways to create a safer home environment, and more.

## Thank you to Whole Foods!

Novato Library's Summer Reading Challenge was a great success! Whole Foods provided a big stack of prizes that children could earn through reading. The 178 prizes that came from Whole Foods translated into 3,160 hours of reading!

Whole Foods also provided prizes to the South Novato Library which greatly aided in serving NUSD's Camp University and the community at large. A huge shout out to Whole Foods for supporting the Novato Libraries and Summer Reading!



Whole Foods Instrument winner!



Whole Foods Tiger winner!



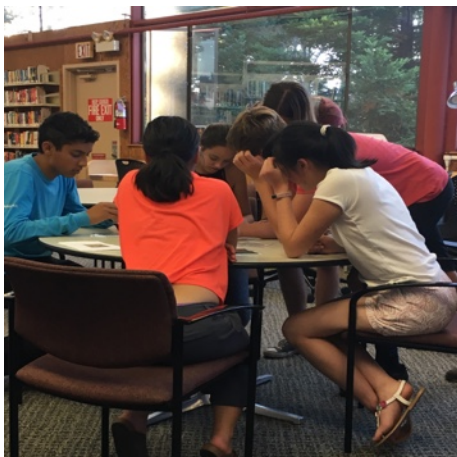
Camp University students learning about computers.

## Corte Madera News

*Julia Noble, Corte Madera Correspondent*  
Friends of Corte Madera Library

This summer our Youth Services librarian organized a Teen Games Night. Twenty-one teens began the evening with a scavenger hunt followed by pizza and veggie dinner—then on to breakout groups that featured a logic puzzler, VR (Virtual Reality) demos, and karaoke/dancing in the Community room.

The Corte Madera branch received a donation that, with additional funds provided by the Friends, has been earmarked for a Virtual Reality set.



Corte Madera teens having fun at the library!



The Corte Madera Summer Reading Program was a fantastic success. 969 enthusiastic readers participated earning 7,295 Book Bucks. Those numbers translate into 12,158 hours of reading! Children who have easy access to books read more books. The more that children read, the better their fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

## Marin City News

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

Summer 2018 at the Marin City branch began with a challenge. With community partners staff participated in running a two week long mini summer camp for 50 youngsters June 18 through June 29. Each day a group of 20+ kids came to the library for different STEM-focused activities taught by library staff. Staff also worked with the Boys & Girls Club of Central Sonoma County to coordinate breakfast and lunch food deliveries for the camp's fifty children.

During July, in addition to summer reading programs, numerous events and activities, staff continued with the cloud-based literacy program, *Smarty Ant*, three hours each morning, four days a week as part of the Marin City SumMERSION 2018 community collaboration to improve reading levels, and as part of ongoing collaboration with the Marin Housing Authority, the library's second annual event: Books & BBQ.

As part of the MCFL agreement with the Sausalito-Marin City School District, staff were busy during the summer at the Bayside MLK Academy school library weeding out worn-out, out-of-date books and replacing them with new, fresh,

culturally relevant, award-winning books. Branch Librarian Diana Lopez gave "a special shout-out" to County Library Services Director Sara Jones for her continued support and to Technical Services staff for helping get the books to the Marin City library, helping with the nonfiction selection, order processing and paying the bills. While the school provided \$3000 in Local Control and Accountability Program (LCAP) funds to buy new books, additional books were needed to round out the collection. Book Place manager Barbara Madrid came to the rescue and invited Diana and newly hired Library Technical Assistant I Kayla Thompson to come up to the store and pick out a "ton of books" for Bayside-MLK. Kayla, a graduate of Marin City Library's Webstar program and formerly one of the Marin City Library's extra-hire Library Assistants was hired as the new Library Technician at Bayside MLK, replacing the Tech who retired in June. Sara Jones found an anonymous donor to supplement an additional 15-18 hours a week at the school. Kayla will continue to work with Diana and staff as they keep up-dating the school library. According to Diana, "we are truly embedded at the Bayside MLK library, and it's been a valuable partnership for the school, MCFL, and the community—especially the kids."



Super Reader at Unicorn and Rainbow Day—Novato Library



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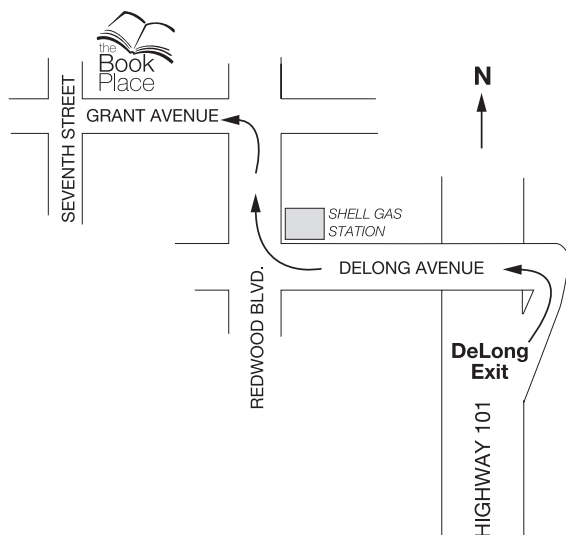
Monday through Saturday 10–4  
Sunday 12–4

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

We're into the Fall already, and that means an accelerated quarter full of holidays. As with all retail, many of us working in the store always live two or more months in the future, preparing for the coming events or holidays.

The slide to the end of the year begins with Halloween. By mid-September, customers were already asking for Halloween books, so we pulled them out early. Our holiday crafting books generally come out at the beginning of September to allow for the time to make items for the season, and they are already displayed. The rest of Christmas/Hanukkah books/movies/music will come out during the first couple of weeks in November.

Saturday, October 27, is the Merchants' Safe Trick or Treat on Grant, and we're ready with our tradition of a free book for each Trick-or-Treater. This is our 17th year of book giveaways, and it's fun for both kids, parents/guardians, AND the volunteers!



Just before Trick or Treat, we're celebrating National Friends of the Library Week, October 21–27, with a drawing for three gift certificates (\$10, \$15, and \$20). We'll award them at the end of the week. Come in and fill out an entry, no purchase required, but we dare you to escape without finding SOMETHING.

We're starting a new service called "By Request." If you come in for a particular book and we don't have it, we can add you to a search list and call you if/when a copy is donated. If it's not something you need immediately, it's a great way to still get the book at a great price! This is an experiment, but it's been our experience that the book in question seems to show up the same day or within a couple days, unless it's obscure or specialized. We'll report on how it's working next time.

Keep up with us on social media!

- Facebook: The Book Place: Friends of Marin County Free Library
- Twitter: @friendsmarinlib
- Instagram: thebookplacenovato



Prize-winners at Novato Library Summer Reading Challenge.



## **Friends of the Library Week**

October 21–27

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#### 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: 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.