

Interim Director of County Library Services Report For March 2013

The library is a growing organism - - Shiyali Ramamrita Ranganathan, the father of Library Science in India.

Corte Madera:

- Completed a series of three very well-attended programs by museum docents related to the special "Girl with a Pearl Earring" exhibit at the deYoung.
- Successful launched a TAG (Teen Advisory Group). The kick-off pizza party attracted 8 enthusiastic young teens; the follow-up meeting saw an increase in participants to 11. These teens will assist with teen programming, provide input on the materials local teens would like in the library, and advise on changes in the Teen area.

Anne T. Kent California Room:

- On Friday (March 29), the Anne T. Kent California Room conducted a video-taped interview with 3-term San Rafael mayor, Larry Mulryan. Mulryan was also a Northern San Rafael community leader and advocate.

Fairfax:

- Fairfax Library had a crowd of over 50 for the "All Dr. Seuss Show" for families on March 5.
- A special One Book One Marin program for teens, "Journey to Mars" attracted 38 teens, mostly middle-school students.
- "From Earth to Mars" with Pascal Lee drew a varied crowd of 51.
- This is the 14th year that AARP is offering free tax assistance to the public, and the service continues to be extremely popular, with lines forming before opening on Mondays and Wednesdays. In March alone, AARP volunteers put in 160 hours.
- One of our regular patrons recently commented "I love the library, when you live on the edge of poverty it is a wonderful resource."

Facility Remodels

- The remodel of Novato, Point Reyes and Inverness were the big items:
 - o Novato closed on March 8th and was ready for reopening on April 1.
 - o The West Marin Literacy Office was moved from in Point Reyes, to a new office on the other side of the Library that enabled connecting the two for better use of the spaces.
 - o Work began on the interior remodel to increase accessibility at the Inverness Library
- Conducted carpet workshop to choose style and color of the carpet for Marin City.
- Redid plans to Corte Madera due to projected cost of implementing original concept.
- Fairfax and Civic Center are ready to enter next phase of construction documents.