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Dear Library Lovers:

At this time of year, many of us, including myself, may feel gratitude for the Marin County Free Library and how it has deepened our connection with the community over the past year.

A video called "5 Things You May Not Know about the Marin County Library" was made to promote some of the best treasures of our Marin County Free Library. The video garnered top honors from the City-County Communications & Marketing Association, known as 3CMA, during the group's Savvy Awards competition September 4 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The video features local children helping Library Director Sara Jones countdown aspects about the library's services aside from checking out books. View the video at: http://youtube/jSltDKbUFFQ

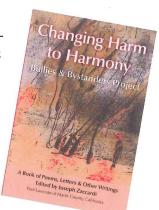
MCFL is developing a partnership with Novato Unified School District (NUSD) to provide a new location for the South Novato Library in Hamilton. The Library's lease at Hanger 6 is up in late spring and this partnership allows the library to double its space from 3000 square feet to 6000 square feet. In addition to doubling the size of the library the NUSD has two other buildings



Rendering of the proposed modular buildings for the South Novato Library.

and some outdoor space they will be sharing to assist students in improving educational opportunities including a maker lab where programs like the MCFL maker camp can happen. The other buildings will support technology and homework and offer adult education and programming. The branch is happy to relocate to a space twice the size and also excited about firmly cementing an education partnership with the local schools.

The Library Foundation continues to build a fund at the Marin Community Foundation for the library's long-term capital needs, such as the Novato expansion described above. The Marin County Library Foundation also serves as a supplemental funding source for library programming. This year, the Marin County Library Foundation supported operating needs by funding the Poet Laureate Program and the Anne T. Kent California Room Digital Project at the Civic Center branch. Laurie Thompson, Civic Center Librarian, said, "Thanks to generous contributions from the Library Foundation, the Anne T. Kent California Room's digital archive has been greatly enhanced by the addition of nearly 20,000 pages of the historic Marin County Journal, 1861-1922, providing researchers and genealogists everywhere with free access to Marin's early history 24/7



at: contentdm.marinlibrary.org." The Poet Laureate Program brings poetry into our community through ROAR (Reach Out and Read), Pass the Poem, Poetry Exchange Boxes and monthly readings (see www.marinpoet.org for more information). The Foundation has also supported the libraries' programming through its continuing contributions to **One Book One Marin** and **Marin Poets**



Gabrielle, Grace and Nina check out the Marin WebStar's new 3d printer.

Live! in collaboration with Community Media Center of Marin and in partnership with Marin Poetry Center. In addition, a 3d printer was purchased for the Marin WebStars program, which offers hands-on technology mentorship and training for youth.

Marin was recently named by Movoto, a real estate website, the best county to live in California and they said one reason was the quality of the Marin County Free Library. When asked by the Independent Journal reporter for her comments on the designation, Sara Jones, Director of County Library Services, said: "I'm not surprised. It

really is a great library system with tremendous community support and a very literate community that loves its libraries and uses them!" Libraries are a critical component for quality of life, but the libraries need your help!

The Marin County Library Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, federal tax ID #68-0048936. Your gift to the Library Foundation is tax deductible to the full extent allowed by current federal law and IRS rulings. Any contribution is much appreciated.

Yours truly,

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