



## Marin Literacy Program

# 09 Annual Report to the Community



Providing Adult Literacy Services  
Since 1985

**Marin Literacy Program** provides Marin County adults with free student-centered instruction in reading, writing and speaking to help them reach their full potential at work, at home and in the community.

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**Marin Literacy Program** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in partnership with Marin County Free Library and San Rafael Public Library. Our free, student-centered literacy services benefit individuals and families throughout the County, from city neighborhoods and prison classrooms to the ranchlands of West Marin.

WHO  
we are

**There is an old saw** about “cream rising to the top.” It certainly rises faster and higher if one speaks/reads English. Too many people are still tucked into their community and afraid to start this journey. The Marin Literacy Program, its staff and volunteers, have the capability to help them start. Most of this teaching occurs behind the scenes. You will find us working one-to-one in libraries, in groups, homes, and businesses. Oh yes, you can see the stark terror in their eyes as we start that journey the first month – the terror dissipates quickly and they are on their way.

**JoAnne Melody, Tutor**

**Where else** can parents and caregivers walk down the street, enter a bus and spend 1½ hours listening to stories, participating in health workshops (about hand washing, nutrition, exercise, oral health, health insurance, etc.), and learning English? Children walk away with smiles, gift books, information about other activities and resources and activities to keep them busy until next week's stop.

**Dana Pepp, First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission**



**One other goal** that I wanted to achieve was the one to become a US Citizen. We spent about six months reading all the one hundred questions and answers for the test which I passed in my first try, thanks to the help and support from the Marin Literacy Program...I enrolled at the College of Marin for the evening English classes. All the hard work and the late nights working finishing those school assignments led to promotions at Bank of Marin. I am proud to say that I hold the title of Assistant Vice President, Assistant Branch Manager.

**Jaime Ortiz, Bank of Marin, former MLP Student**

**It is a rare individual** who would take the time to work at a state prison, including one as infamous as San Quentin, weekly navigate through the hurdles that are common in the correctional setting, and meet the challenges of the men and their basic need for literacy. Even more striking is their ability to do this year after year... Many men who were once students have given back as tutors... They join other programs and give back to their community because of the mentoring practices of the Marin Literacy Program. It is an honor to work with these individuals.



**Debra Sheldon, San Quentin State Prison Education Department**

**One comes to this country** with a dream and a desire to have a better life. I have been here sixteen years and now I enrolled in the program to learn English because I think that is the way to another world of better jobs, more opportunities, and more open doors to us. We Mexicans have a saying: “Yes, we can.” *I am on my way.*

**Laura F, West Marin Student**

**Marin Literacy Program** helped 1,268 adult students to develop and improve their reading and writing skills in 2008–09, connecting diverse cultures and separate classes through tutoring relationships. While Marin Literacy’s primary focus is adult learning, 1,402 children also benefited from our variety of family literacy services. And with the distribution of 4,785 free books this year, we continue to expand home libraries and stimulate a lifelong love of exploration and discovery.

# WHAT we do



**Adult students** and trained volunteer tutors are brought together by the skillful assessment and matching process provided by Adult Literacy Services. The one-to-one pairs and small groups created not only yield improvement in reading and writing skills but also often grow into long-term friendships. Many of these tutor-student pairs and groups enjoy the book clubs and workshops which we offer to inspire continued learning.



**Students who are parents** and caregivers are offered additional tools to help them succeed as their child’s first teacher and receive gift books for their children through Family Literacy Services. Small group instruction in partnership with Marin Head Start is another way that we help families with young children cultivate a love of books and reading.

**At Marin County Jail** and San Quentin State Prison, students receive instruction in reading, writing and parenting skills, as well as library access, gift books and storytimes for their children through Inmate Literacy Services. By training and advising inmate tutors in San Quentin’s Project REACH, we are able to promote and support literacy instruction even after community volunteers have gone home.

**Rural workers and Latino residents** enjoy local English and citizenship classes and bilingual family literacy storytimes at the library offered by West Marin Literacy Services. The Summer Reading Program brings teen interns to remote ranches to help children there maintain the literacy gains they made during the school year.

**Our colorful FLAGship bus** journeys to isolated and under-served areas, bringing kindergarten readiness and health awareness activities to parents and caregivers, as well as to children under five who do not attend preschool. For many of these families, the gift books and take-home projects they receive throughout the year provide the foundation of their children’s early learning habits.

## Volunteers Make It Happen

Contributions made by volunteers enable us to provide invaluable free services on a lean budget. The County of Marin calculates the value of our tutoring services at the rate of \$29.68 per hour. The 15,734 hours of instruction provided by 283 volunteer tutors in 2008-09 added the equivalent of **\$466,985** to our annual budget!

**HOW**  
we keep going



### How You Can Help

Volunteer as a literacy tutor or FLAGship aide.

Give **time** in our office or join a board committee.

Come in costume to our February sing-along film **fundraiser**.

Join our **Student Author Celebration** at Book Passage in September.

Provide **tutoring space** in your office, community center or church.

Make a **financial** donation.

Visit us on the Web to find out more: [www.marinliteracy.org](http://www.marinliteracy.org)

## INCOME

California Library Literacy Services	149,020
Marin County Free Library	155,307
San Rafael Public Library	40,627
First 5 Marin/Sonoma	114,305
Marin County Sheriff's Department	90,266
Foundations	76,690
Donations	20,032
Fundraising	20,448
Interest/Fees	3,984
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>670,679</b>

## EXPENSES

Adult Literacy Services	49,597
Family Literacy Services	45,401
Inmate Literacy Services	100,503
FLAGship Services	114,614
West Marin Literacy Services	101,033
Volunteer Training & Staff Development	32,253
Student Anthology & Newsletters	26,580
Outreach & Development	50,749
Administration	157,051
<b>Total Expenses*</b>	<b>677,781</b>

*\*Due to cuts in funding and increased expenses in fiscal year 2008-09, Marin Literacy Program accessed reserve funds to meet the needs of the program.*

*Marin Literacy Program encompasses funding and operations through three entities, with the total combined activity shown above. Marin Literacy Program 501(c)(3) activities can be found on [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org). The other portions of the budget are managed by the City of San Rafael and the County of Marin.*

# WHERE

we find support

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