



Advocates for literacy throughout the community

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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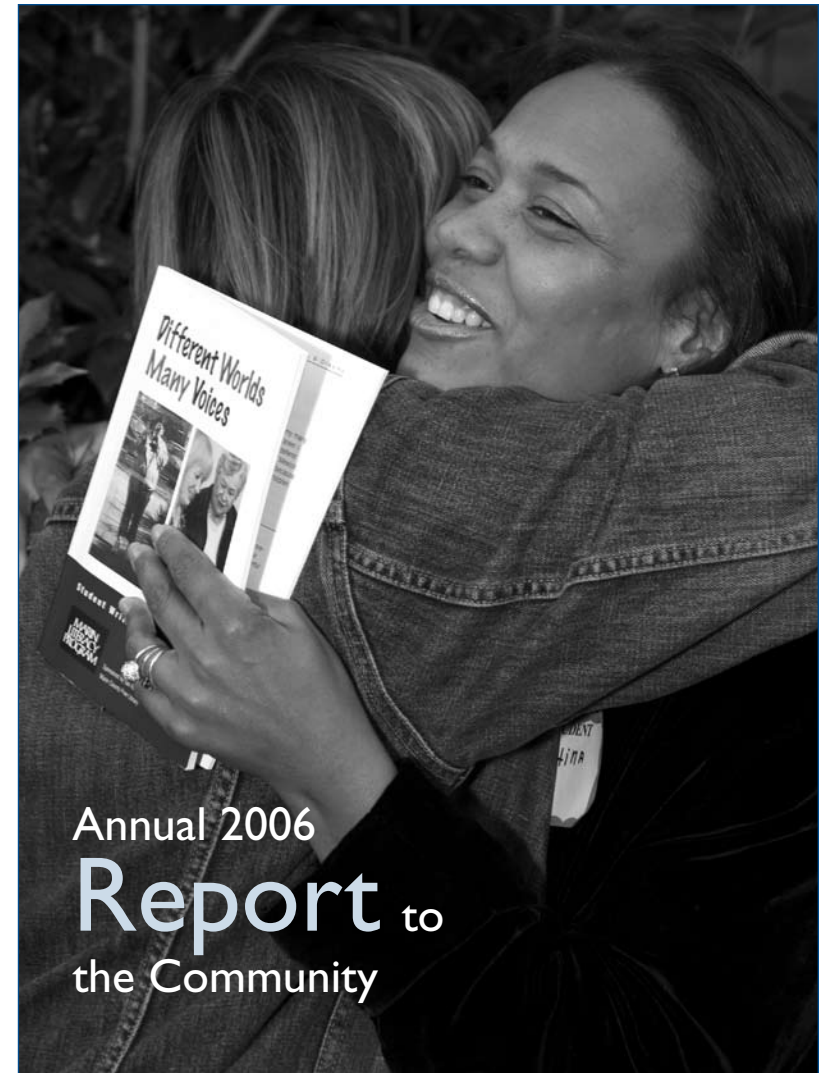
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the Community



Providing Adult Literacy Services Since 1985

Relationships

that nurture learning



If you're not familiar with the work of the Marin Literacy Program, maybe it's because the individual services that we offer our adult students are genuinely personal. Students determine their own goals, ranging from reading a bedtime story to earning a GED or gaining a promotion at work. Whatever the goal, instruction is provided by trained volunteers, who frequently develop longstanding friendships with the students they tutor and their families. These relationships quietly bolster students' self-esteem while steadily strengthening their voices and active presence in our communities.

There is a certain magic when the chemistry of the tutor-student pair is just right. The warmth of these partnerships motivates students to come to sessions and work hard, thereby enhancing their learning experience. In forming these partnerships, tutors and students from different worlds come together, and perhaps would never do so otherwise. Tutors become guides to the literate world, and, in turn, they gain a deeper, more personal understanding of their students' lives and culture and often become "a member of the family," building friendships that last for years.

Cultural and social stereotypes are broken down. Tutors often declare that they receive far more than they give and can see the differences they make in their students' lives. Hearts open as relationships grow strong. Tutors advocate for their students and, in response to this mentoring, students become leaders at work, in their communities, and for their families. Encouraged to write and develop their voices, they build their self-confidence and the ability to speak out.

Whether these tutor-student relationships take shape one-to-one or in small groups, in jail or prison, at Head Start or in a church or library meeting room, the chances are good that each one will profoundly change lives. And, as our adult students find their voices, Marin Literacy Program and its range of services might become more familiar to you.

We hope so.

Services that cultivate literate communities



Jointly sponsored by two library districts – Marin County and the City of San Rafael – the Marin Literacy Program (MLP) served over 1,250 adult students with 240 volunteer tutors, and distributed 4,493 free books to individuals and families through its five projects in 2005-06. The estimated value of 28,900 volunteer hours exceeds \$805,000.

Adult Literacy Services

ALS trains volunteer tutors who are carefully matched with Marin residents over 16 who wish to improve their literacy skills. Adult students are tutored in both one-to-one and small group sessions and offered a variety of additional learning opportunities, such as book clubs and workshops.

Family Literacy Services

FLS tutors serve parents and caregivers who are responsible for children under five and who are working to improve their own literacy skills. FLS adult students receive Gift Books for their children and benefit from Family Storytimes and family literacy workshops.

Inmate Literacy Services

ILS serves inmates at Marin County Jail and San Quentin State Prison who want to improve their literacy and parenting skills. Inmates receive instruction from trained inmate tutors and community volunteers, and Gift Books for their children.

West Marin Literacy Services

WMLS offers English instruction, family literacy, and preparation for the GED and citizenship to second language learners in West Marin in both one-on-one tutoring and small group classes.

F.L.A.G.ship Services

F.L.A.G.ship (Families Learning and Growing) mobile outreach services welcomes caregivers and children under five, living in isolated rural and underserved areas and not attending preschool, onboard the bus to develop school readiness skills.



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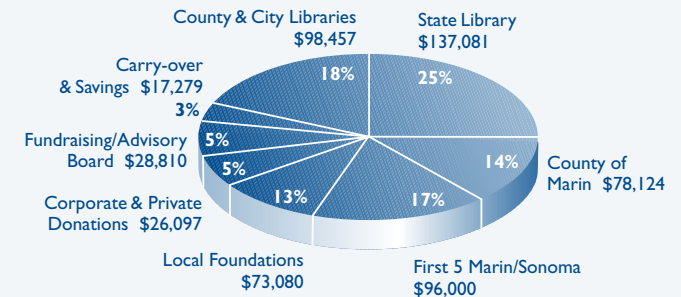
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- Volunteer** Become a tutor, help out in the office, or work with the Advisory Board on an event.
- Learn More** Join us at one of our monthly Orientations, visit us on the Web, or give us a call at **415-485-3318**.

Overview 2005-06

Learner Population by Project

Adult Literacy Services	240 adults
Family Literacy Services	159 adults, 78 children
Inmate Literacy Services	643 inmates
West Marin Literacy Services	216 adults, 184 children
FLAGship Services	321 adults, 614 children

Income \$554,928



Expenses \$554,928

