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LIFE death
passion fear
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These words mean nothing if you can't read.

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A publication for MLP Students, Tutors, and the Community

Tutoring Helps Learners Help Others

By Lorna Thompson, MLP Tutor



Mark, Lorna and Xiling

As a new MLP tutor three years ago, I had no idea of the amazing and far-reaching ripple effects my participation would have.

When I met Xiling, she had been in this country from China for six months, but her husband Mark had been here seven years, working in care homes for adults with developmental disabilities. They had planned to come here together, with their teenage daughter Chong, who suffers with autism. But paperwork snafus forced Mark to emigrate alone, kept Xiling in China another seven years, and even forced Chong to stay behind another 18 months.

Upon meeting Xiling, I knew that she needed a friend at least as much as a tutor. Mark worked long hours, leaving Xiling alone in a tiny apartment. When I assured her of my friendship, she told me she was the happiest – and most hopeful — she had been since she arrived here.

Xiling, a university instructor, and Mark, working for the World Bank, had left impressive careers to fulfill their dream of opening their own care home to help people like their daughter – an undertaking not possible in China, where there is little help for the disabled. He had just rented a house but needed help getting it ready.

Getting government approvals for the care home took more than a year, but in 2007, four clients finally moved in. All are much happier and healthier in Mark and Xiling's home than they had been in their previous residences, and everyone is extremely pleased with the high quality of their care.

Operating a care home is hard work, but Xiling, Mark, Chong, and the clients are thriving. Mark says that none of this would have been possible without Dave's and my help. Xiling passed her exam to become a licensed Direct Support Professional. It was a three hour test in English! I am so proud of her! Mark's goal is to become a citizen as soon as possible.

Being a tutor – and friend – through the MLP has been the most rewarding activity I've ever been involved with. Mark hopes to share his successful methods and experiences with others, and maybe open another home for more clients, so the ripple effects of my participation in the program may spread further than I would ever have imagined. ■

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Celebrate MLP's Writer to Writer Finalists!

In 2009, Marin Literacy students submitted 18 Writer to Writer letters to California Library Literacy Services, out of 160 entries, Statewide. We are proud to announce that three of our submissions were judged to be finalists, and we share here excerpts from those winning letters.

Letter to Isabel Allende about *Daughter of Fortune*

By Griselda C

Dear Ms. Allende:

To my favorite author, thank you for giving me unforgettable trips in the *Daughter of Fortune*. One of my dreams has been to travel around the world, always exploring new things, new views and meeting new people. But I've been tied to home because I don't have the money to travel and that has made me frustrated. And then I read your book...

I am travelling without a suitcase, with just a book in my



Griselda C

hands. Thank you for my free vacation, one that I have when I read *Daughter of Fortune*. I go all over beautiful places from Hong Kong to Europe, from Chile to San Francisco, from rich people to poor people. Day by day, night by night, I travel...

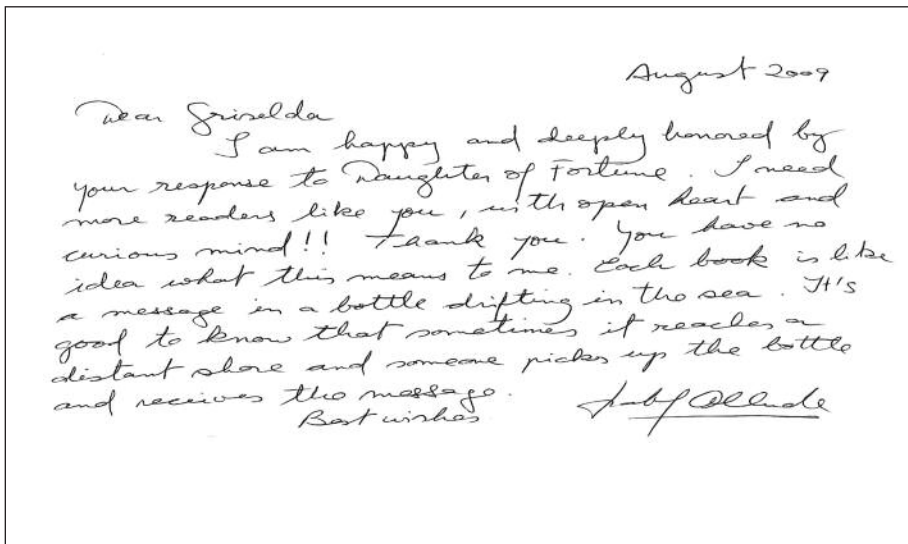
I wake up very confused because rather than hearing birds singing, I hear loud trucks and motorcycles. All around, I see a small house and when I open the drapes; the only things I see are Safeway,

Burger King and the freeway, a small patch of grass and one tree. I open the window and smell fast food and cars, not the sea and fresh air. Someone calls to me – "Mom, I love you." At that moment I figure out that that is my real life,

I'm not in the *Daughter of Fortune*. Here people can see and hear me, so that I feel alive and happy, even with short, frizzy hair and my silly ridiculous pants.

Thank you and I will keep all those travelling memories – places, people, views, sounds and the fresh air of the sea and now I know it doesn't need money to explore new places. I'm ready to read your new book and go on a new vacation. ■

Isabel writes back to Griselda.



Letter to Andy and Larry Wachowski about *The Matrix*

By Ray F

Dear Andy and Larry Wachowski,

I read *The Matrix*. I thought it was awesome. At the end, it left me with a feeling that I could do anything...

Thanks to you, Andy and Larry, for the inspiration that I received from reading your screenplay.

I put on my first demonstration at the Berkeley Kite Fest the next year. I have performed at the Mix 96 & Radio Kite Fest at Elk Grove Park close to Sacramento, CA. I hope to set a world record one of these days. ■



Letter to Charles Dickens about *Oliver Twist*

By Carmen O



Dear Mr. Dickens:

Oliver Twist is a great book that I couldn't put down since I started to read it...

Particularly shocking was to hear about the exploitation and abuse of the children and the emotional and physical trauma they all suffered.

Equally shocking was the status of woman in the society. A single woman had very few rights and no hopes for a better life. . . .



Carmen and her tutor, Sabina Cesar

Reading *Oliver Twist* made me aware never to take my blessings for granted. I will recommend this book to any one that needs to take a second look at their life in order to make them conscious about how fortunate we are to live in the 21st century. ■

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

This year, in celebration of our 25th Anniversary, Marin Literacy has selected the best examples of student writing that we have published in the last 18 years. Watch for the *One World, Many Voices, 25th Anniversary Edition 2010*, coming out in September.

To continue inspiring all our students, however, we invite you to participate in 2010's *Writer to Writer Challenge*. Tutors have all the necessary forms and will encourage and support your participation.

Write a letter to an author of a book or story that you have read, and whose writing influenced you or impacted your life. This letter can be just a friendly note to a favorite author; it does not have to be long. Letters must be less than 500 words. You can get direction and guidance from your tutor, but you must write the letter yourself.

Submissions are due to the MLP office by June 1, 2010.

Free Classes in San Rafael

English as a Second Language Classes at San Rafael Opportunity Center, Bellam St. (across from the post office) in Marin Square shopping center on Monday and Wednesday at 1:00 pm. The class is for beginners; no registration is necessary. Also, free classes are offered at night in Novato. Call Margarita Vega 492-0230, ext. 315 for information.

Computer Classes at Canal Alliance, 61 Larkspur St., for Spanish speakers, once a week for four-week sessions, introducing computer basics. Call 309-0493 for information.

Computer Classes at Conservation Corps North Bay, 27 Larkspur Street, corner of Kerner Blvd., Monday or Tuesday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, or 5:30 to 7:30 pm. People are available to help students learn and practice using computers to study English. ■

Be Counted in the Census!

Every 10 years, the U.S. government counts its residents in a census. It's important to count everyone, because these numbers are used to determine the number of Representatives we elect to Congress and how to allocate funding for many causes. For instance, if we show there is a large population of English learners, more funding may come to schools and literacy programs for teaching ESL.

Students, please give information about your household when



you receive a packet in the mail or get a visit from a census-taker. The information is confidential. Your personal information will NOT be given to immigration authorities or other agencies. They only want total numbers and ask for your name only to make sure they don't count you twice. Tutors can help students fill out the forms. If you miss the deadline, it's OK to send the form late. More information is available at www.marigrassroots.org. ■

We've Come a Long Way in 25 Years!

By Susan Charlton, Program Supervisor

We proudly celebrate our 25th Anniversary this year! Marin Literacy Program began in 1985 with 5 students, and now we serve over 1,000 each year. Our students never fail to amaze us with their success stories: performing their jobs better, starting their own businesses, becoming more effective as parents and taking leadership roles in the community. In our 25 years, over 10,000 students have received free instruction – some native English speakers, some English learners from at least 30 different countries and 20 languages.

In addition to basic Adult Literacy Services, we have developed new projects over the years in response to various needs for literacy services in Marin:

1988 – West Marin Office opened.

1990 – Family Literacy Services established to give extra support and children's books to parents of preschool children.

1993 – Family literacy and peer tutoring developed at San Quentin State Prison.

1998 – Inmate Literacy Services established to serve both Marin County Jail and San Quentin.

2000 – FLAGship (Families Learning and Growing) began serving preschool children, parents and caregivers on a bus that travels throughout the county.

So what will the next 25 years bring? We plan to integrate computer technology into our tutor training and tutoring. We want to develop student leaders to help us with planning and outreach and to become tutors themselves. And we need to find new funding sources to keep these vital services going. Because of cuts in government and foundation grants, we must now rely more on individual and business donors.

Thanks to all the students, tutors and other volunteers, funders and community friends who have made Marin Literacy Program so effective for so many years. Happy Anniversary! ■

Support Your Libraries! Support Literacy!

By David Dodd, San Rafael City Librarian, and Gail Haar, Director of County Library Services

The jointly-sponsored Marin Literacy Program is an integral part of library service at both San Rafael and Marin County libraries. San Rafael Public Library, faced with the same economic realities as most government agencies and private businesses these days, is taking a proactive, two-pronged approach to dealing with the future we face.

On the one hand, the Library, as a San Rafael City department, is in the middle of a series of budget cutbacks which have accelerated in the past two years. We have lost staff members and reduced our materials budget (books and other library items), as well as subscriptions to periodicals and databases. We have deferred some facility maintenance, and still we face more cutbacks in the coming year.

At worst, we are likely to face another 10% budget cut, and this will mean that we'll have to re-prioritize our work in order to keep our doors open for the most hours possible under the circumstances. Our ability to acquire new materials will be greatly reduced.

On the other hand, we remain open to the best-case scenario in which the voters of San Rafael approve a \$49 parcel tax measure in the coming June 8th election. This would augment current City support of the Library, garnering about \$730,000 per year, and would be

used to restore lost service and staff, reinvigorate the materials budget, and also to build up a savings account for our aging facilities.

A very strong campaign, "Open Doors / Open Minds," has emerged on behalf of this parcel tax measure. Please take a moment to go

online and read about the measure at www.opendoorsopenminds.org.



The same economic factors that affect San Rafael Public Library have impact-

ed Marin County Free Library, which is also placing a parcel tax measure on the June 8, 2010 ballot to mitigate a shortfall of over \$1 million. Revenue from the measure would provide critical funding needed to prevent reductions in library hours and services and would help maintain the Library's collection of books, CDs, DVDs and other materials. For more information about the measure, visit www.marinlibrary.org, or the Friends of MCFL's website at <http://marinlibraryfriends.marin.org>.

A similar measure will be on the ballot for the San Anselmo Library, as well. Anyone living in one of those districts – San Rafael, San Anselmo, or Marin County Free Library District – will have only one parcel tax measure on their ballot. ■

Many Hands

By Dena Higgins, Development Coordinator



Volunteers work hard to get out our Annual Appeal.

Behind the words we so value, behind the reading and writing, there is, after all, the arithmetic. In the quarter-century since Marin Literacy Program began, our operating budget has grown by a factor of 20, from \$31,000 to approximately \$650,000 per year. In 1985, we had a single funding source – the California State Library – and 44 volunteer tutors providing literacy services to 51 students. Fast-forward to 2010 and a financial system which accommodates the reporting requirements of three fiscal agents and a host of other funding sources. The beautiful upside, of course, is that our student population has grown astronomically, and in 2008-09 we were able to provide services to over 1,200 adults and 1,400 children with our diverse programming.

Much of that growth is attributable to a handful of agencies. The State Library's California Library Literacy Services provided nearly \$150,000 in revenue in 2008-09, and Marin County Free Library

contributed even more. The increasingly-crowded San Rafael Public Library provides primary office space and services, and contributes funds to offset personnel costs, while First 5 Marin (and Sonoma) keeps the FLAGship rolling with 1998's Proposition 10 funds. But the current economy of the Golden State severely impacts all of those agencies. In addition, as private and family foundations are forced to focus on basic needs over adult education, Inmate Literacy Services at San Quentin and Tutor Training have both lost grant funding.

Fortunately, we are blessed with a growing donor population, and our supporters – readers like you! – continue to surprise us, despite the faltering economy. We are pleased to announce that income from the 2009 Annual Appeal and from February's South Pacific Sing-along Film Fundraiser surpassed all previous efforts to date. Although not sufficient to make up the cuts that are trickling down to us, nor to enable us to restore staffing levels and office hours, the breadth of support is astonishing. Appeal donations ranged from \$10 to \$2500, and, even more gratifying, the total number of donors increased nearly 40% over 2008 levels.

The work of our volunteer tutors generates an annual equivalent of over \$450,000 in services rendered, an hour or two at a time, in slow, steady sessions dictated by the needs of their students. No one learns to read in a week, and no economic shortfalls are corrected in a single campaign, or by a single donor. In time, our students learn to read and write better, thereby cultivating opportunity for themselves and their families. And their efforts are heralded and matched by the contributions, small and large, of community members committed to helping them succeed. ■

Volunteering on the FLAGship

By True Heitz, FLAGship Volunteer

The FLAGship pulls up to the curb. We open the door and invite our students in. "Welcome. Bienvenidos. We are happy to see you." Our students aren't just the children, five and under, but the mamas, sometimes with babies, or papas or grandmas, too. They aren't just "dropped off;" an adult who cares for them must come aboard, too. That is so we can help them learn how to help the children. I help model ways of doing things, provide reasons behind what we are doing, and share concepts such as how the readiness level of each child is different, and how important it is to help children feel successful and very special!

I especially enjoy this interactive part of volunteering, reading

stories and encouraging student participation. Some of the children are so shy and hesitant, but I know that when they practice putting the animal on the flannel board, for example, in an environment where they feel safe and supported, it will help them feel good about themselves and be ready to succeed in more demanding situations.

It's magic inside the FLAGship. Imagine a bus-sized pre-school that is fully equipped, with books, puzzles, games, warmth, welcome, caring, compassionate teachers friends and family playing and learning together. I'm happy to be giving time and energy to help the FLAGship realize its goals. ■

Our Enchanted Evening

By Kay Noguchi, MLP Events Committee & Supervising Librarian, San Rafael Library

Excitement was in the air as guests began arriving for our fourth annual Sing-Along Film Fundraiser on February 18th at the Smith Rafael Film Center. Sailor costumes and island-wear made some of our movie-goers easy to spot coming in the door, while others grabbed a sailor hat and flower lei from our colorful souvenir stand in the lobby or from our roving salesgirl in the crowded reception.

This event had everything going for it – a fabulous movie, “South Pacific,” with karaoke subtitles for all the songs, a sumptuous reception including rum punch, a live performance of “There Is Nothing Like a Dame” by six handsome gentlemen, and a nearly-full theater of enthusiasts. Not only did the audience sing along, but also reacted to the movie with applause and guffaws. It was a happy crowd that left the theater smiling – with some even speculating about next year’s film!

In honor of MLP’s 25 years of achievement, the event attracted a number of sponsors, making it the most successful fundraiser in



“There is nothin’ like a dame...” with singers from the Mayflower Chorus

or couples made personal donations as event sponsors.

There is a certain magic to being in a theater full of people singing or humming or tapping their feet to the music. The shared experience and participation creates a feeling of community. It was wonderful for staff and volunteers to feel the support and enthusiasm from all who came. We hope to see you next year, but first, make your suggestion of favorite musical film on our website www.marinliteracy.org! ■

the program’s history. Bank of Marin was the lead sponsor for the fourth year in a row. Ghilotti, Bros., Inc. provided major sponsorship, and generous donations also came from Lynn and Russ Colombo and Bregante + Company LLP Certified Public Accountants. In addition, seventeen individuals

We Have a Winner!

By Susan Charlton, Program Supervisor



(L to R) Daughters Sandee and Terri share in celebrating Stella’s award with granddaughter Taylor.

MLP nominated Stella McCready for her many years of literacy and library work at the Marin County Jail, and the Marin County Human Rights Commission selected her as one of the recipients of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award! The award is given for “outstanding efforts to promote human rights and civil rights in your community.”

Stella receives \$1000 to be given to a nonprofit, and she is donating it to MLP for Inmate Literacy Services – thanks, Stella! And thanks, too, for sharing your skills and compassion with

students, tutors and staff in so many ways over the last 20 years. In addition to jail tutoring, you have been our Tutor-Student Coordinator, a Tutor Trainer, developed Training materials, and led many workshops that have inspired tutors and students alike. We are delighted to see you recognized for the impact you have made on so many lives.

A Woman... A Friend... A Mentor...

By Daniel L, former student of Stella’s

I find it an absolute honor and an enormous privilege to write this essay in support of my all-time favorite mentor. . . . Ms. McCready overcame the obstacle of going into the county jail and reaching out to people who were headed in the wrong direction – especially me. She was willing to shine her brilliant light in a darkened place and challenged me to better myself. I must note that this was no easy task. She overcame the actual fear of dealing with people who had been unruly – at best! Not only did she overcome this great barrier, she set precedent. Her very presence demanded awe-inspiring respect and commanded me to open my mind and become willing to learn. She was there to help people and nothing was going to stop her. REMARKABLE! ■

Donations of time, money or goods to the Marin Literacy Program from July 1 to December 31, 2009**1000+**

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Foster, Penelope
In Honor of Paul Schwartz
Anonymous

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First 5 Marin
First 5 Sonoma
Marin Community Foundation
Mill Valley Outdoor Art Club
Stinson/Bolinas
Community Fund
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Book Passage

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Marin Literacy Celebrates 25 Years

By Lynn Colombo, President, Marin Literacy Board

Marin Literacy staff and board came together at a retreat in January to spend time talking, listening, formulating ideas for reaching our goals, and sharing our desires for the program as we reach our 25th year of service. Here are some of the events and ideas we agreed to promote. Please consider getting involved in any way you can.

First of all, thank you to all who attended and volunteered at our South Pacific Sing-Along Film Fundraiser. What a way to kick off our 25th Anniversary! Our next event is the Human Race on Saturday, May 8, 2010, where Marin non-profits encourage participants to raise money through sponsorships by walking or running the short, beautiful course around the Civic Center Lagoon.

There was resounding consensus to form a Marin Literacy Student



Alumni Group to be ambassadors for the organization, sharing their stories with the community throughout the year, not just at our Celebration of Student Authors in September at Book Passage. If you are interested in being part of such a group or would like to help, contact Kaaron Carver at the

Marin Literacy Office at 485-3318.

On June 9, 2010, Marin Literacy is hosting a San Rafael Chamber mixer at Falkirk. We look forward to getting the word out about the program, while celebrating our milestone anniversary.

Thank you for supporting literacy in our community. It is the key that unlocks so many doors for our students. Now, come help us celebrate! ■

SAVE THE DATE!

**Celebrate the Best of
25 Years of MLP
Student Writing**

**Thursday, September 16, 2010
Book Passage, Corte Madera**

Welcome New Tutors

Trained in October/November, December, 2009 & January/February, 2010

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|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Alison Adams | Danny Cox | Marci McCormick |
| Pablo Ballora | Eddie DeWeaver | Mary Miner |
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09-10 DATA

July 1 – December 31, 2009

Total Number of Students Served	695
Total Instructional Hours	14,729
Average Student Wait List	9
Total Number of Tutors Enrolled	309
Total Number of Volunteer Hours Including Instructional Hours Provided by Tutors	10,769
Value of Volunteer Hours	\$311,818



**Volunteer on
the FLAGship!**

- Volunteer at one site for 1½ hours, weekdays 8:30-2:30.
- Check out the FLAGship calendar at www.marinliteracy.org for site locations.
- Contact Ambre Dailey adailey@marinliteracy.org or 497-1666 to find out more.

F.L.A.G.ship

Schedule of Stops – Spring 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 – 10:30 am Marin City Terners Dr. Playground	9 – 10:15 am Novato 530 Sunset Pkwy. OR 2 Turner Dr.	9 – 10:15 am San Rafael 169 Irwin St. AND 10:45 am – 12 noon S.R. Civic Center Lagoon Playground	No Service	10:00 – 11:15 am Sonoma County Bodega Bay Porto Bodega Trailer Pk.
11 am – 12:30 pm Mill Valley Seminary Dr. Exit Shelter Bay Apts.	10:45 am – 12 noon Novato 5 Rowland Court	OR	No Service	In Transit
1:15 – 2:45 pm San Rafael Canal Street Picklewood Library	12:45 – 2:15 pm Novato 1560 Hill Rd. Behind Margaret Todd Senior Ctr.	10 – 11:15 am Pt. Reyes Station Toby's Playground Mesa Road AND 12:30 – 2:00 pm San Rafael S.R. Civic Center Lagoon Playground	No Service	12:45 – 2:15 pm Marin County Laguna School 2657 Chelleno Valley Rd. Off Petaluma-Tomales Rd.

The FLAGship bus offers FREE bilingual storytimes, sing-alongs, art projects, other fun early literacy activities, and health and community resources for families with children 0-5 years old. For more information call Ambre Dailey, Coordinator, 415 497-1666.

April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Orientation San Rafael Library 7-8:30 pm	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 San Rafael City Hall and Library Closed	13 Storytime Bilingual Pt. Reyes Library 6:30 pm	14	15	16	17 Tutor Training Day 1 9 am-4 pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Orientation San Rafael Library 7-8:30 pm	6	7	8 Human Race & Community Fair Marin Fairgrounds 8-10 am
9	10 San Rafael City Hall and Library Closed	11 Storytime Bilingual Pt. Reyes Library 6:30 pm	12	13	14	15 Tutor Training Day 2 9 am-1 pm Family Literacy Workshop 1:30-3 pm
16	17	18	19 Tutor Roundtable San Rafael Library 6-7:30 pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Library Closed Memorial Day					

June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Writer to Writer Entry Letters Due	2	3	4	5
6	7 Orientation San Rafael Library 6:30-8 pm	8 Storytime Bilingual Pt. Reyes Library 6:30 pm	9	10	11	12
13	14 San Rafael City Hall and Library Closed	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Please check our website for more storytimes and further updates – www.marinliteracy.org