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love hate  
peace war  
LIFE death  
passion fear  
joy despair

These words  
mean nothing  
if you can't read.

## WHERE TO REACH US

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A publication for MLP Students, Tutors, and the Community

## I Feel Very Strongly About...

By Michael T, MLP Student

**T**he most important matter that I feel very strongly about is that I'm able to put my thoughts down on paper. I don't want to alter my thoughts because of my spelling. I'm so regretful that I didn't pick this up in school. What's so automatic to other people is such a chore to me. I want the ability to be able to spell.

You may ask why, at the age of 54, "Why now?" I used to have a friend for about eleven years. One day she e-mail me and called me illiterate and brainless. As soon as I read her e-mail it stuck a knife into my heart. I've eluded her for six months now. Even though it was a mean thing to say, it was true. It had a fatal affect on me. It's funny, I can throw out jokes to people left and right. I can take criticizing. Somehow I couldn't take that. I'm not learning how to spell to prove her wrong. I'm learning to gain self-esteem. To be confident. The probability of talking to her again is slim. Can I forgive? "Yes."



Michael T

I find that writing relieves pressure that I'm feeling daily. I have to tell other people how I feel, especially friends. To jot down a grocery list is a chore. I even had to look the correct spelling for grocery – how embarrassing.

I've been through the Marin Literacy Program twice now. Maybe I have a learning disability. Maybe I just can't learn. I think that I've improved and am making some progress or maybe my memory's shot. I promise myself that this time that I'd stick with it. It's a goal. It's like a marathon. You think about doing [it] and you just train and do it. I find that it's much harder. I find that it's a challenge. I'm hoping that something will click. I hope to understand that what maybe I've learned in previous years will come back. I will not give up this time. If sane, maybe I'll be able to write and spell my will correctly. ■

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## A Citizen Has the Right to Vote

By Juana Romo, Former MLP Student

**M**y name is Juana Romo. I came to the United States in 1988 illegally. It was something very hard and scary to do, but I was lucky that everything turned out for the good. My husband was already in the United States waiting for me. My husband and I thought about living here for a few years and then going back to Mexico.

It's been 20 years now and we are still here, and the reason for that is our children's future.

When I got my green card I decided that my goal was to become a U.S. citizen. My family and I had moved to Inverness, and a Head Start teacher gave me the application and helped me fill out all the papers. I sent them to the immigration office and had to pay around \$350. I waited 6 months for an appointment. While I waited, I got a tutor from the West Marin Literacy Program who helped me learn English. We focused on the history of the United States to help me get ready for the test.



I had an appointment in San Francisco in December 2004. I was really nervous.

The woman that interviewed me in the immigration office asked me around 8 questions from the 100 questions I had studied. She told me to read them aloud and answer them correctly. I remembered saying everything correctly that day, but now I only remember 3 questions.

One of them was "tell me 5 of the first 13 colonies." The others were: "Who wrote the national anthem?" and "Who is the Vice President?" She dictated one sentence. The sentence was, "I want to be a citizen of the United States." Then she told me "Congratulations, you pass."

I had the ceremony on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Now I feel proud of myself. The reason I wanted to be a citizen was because I would get more rights, like the right to vote. A year later, I helped my parents get their residency. Now I encourage people to become citizens. ■

## I Would Like to Become a Citizen

By Marie P, MLP Student

My name is Marie, and I am from Port-au-Prince, Haiti. I would like to become a Naturalized Citizen of this country. I have lived here in the state of California for many years and over the years I have become a better person because of so many opportunities. However, some of my future goals and future plans have been placed on hold because I am not a Citizen.

With my Citizenship I vow to myself and to my country to live up to the best expectations that this country has to offer with a better job and a better lifestyle for me

and my family. Most importantly, becoming a Citizen will allow me to be a part of this historical moment that we are living in and voting for our next Presidency. ■

### Citizenship Class

South Novato Library, Tuesday evenings 6–8 p.m.  
Enrollment is limited, but friends and family of MLP students are welcome to join.  
Call 485-3183 to register. ■

## Simple Life

By Arlyn P, MLP Student

When I was a little girl [in the Philippines] I remember that everything sound simple. People go to work by walking, canoe or riding caribou. People used to walk everywhere they go.

My cousins and I went with our parents to the farm. Everyday our parents leave early to catch the high tide to take the canoe to the farm, so they don't need to push the canoe if low tide. Sometimes 5-7 people ride in a canoe. Because I was so little, they put me always to scoop the water inside, if it was leaking and had a hole in the bottom.

When we got to the farm, my dad put the caribou in the field to feed on the grass until noon. When the sun got

too high, he moved them to the shade. My cousin and I was riding the caribou sometimes, but mostly we like to climb the coconut trees. We ate the young coconut. It's very sweet, the fresh juice and meat. Afterwards, we went hunting wild fruits, like guava, papaya and rom-baton. Then we went swimming to the river, and waited for our parents.

We don't help much our parents, we go our own way. But, when planting rice, we helped them, because we had a lot of fun riding the caribou. Caribou walk around the field dragging wood. We rode on the wood, and sometimes on the caribou. Planting rice is lots of fun, but I hate the leeches in the field. ■

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Remember to VOTE on Tuesday, November 4!

Reminder to new voters: you do not have to vote on everything. *Easy Voter Guide* explains issues in simple language. Go to [www.easyvoter.org](http://www.easyvoter.org). *News for You* is a simple weekly newspaper for adult learners. Go to [www.news-for-you.com](http://www.news-for-you.com) or come into the literacy office for a free copy.

### Spanish Language Services at Marin County Free Library

#### Computer Workshop

Series of 5 classes

Tuesdays 6-8 pm Novato Library

Wednesdays 6-8 pm South Novato Library

Call 897-1142 ext. 21 to register.

### New Health Clinic in San Rafael

3110 Kerner Blvd. Call 448-1500 for appointments.

For children's dental appointments, call 526-8555.

English, Spanish and Vietnamese spoken by multi-cultural staff.

### The Writer to Writer Challenge

In order to enter the State Library's 2008 Writer to Writer Challenge, adult literacy students throughout California read a book of their choice, then wrote letters to the authors describing how the stories affected their lives. Eight MLP students were among the 150 who entered the Challenge this year, writing letters to the following authors:

Sarah C to Laura Esquivel about *Like Water for Chocolate*

Beatriz G to Bill Clinton about *Giving*

Etsuko H to E.B. White about *Stuart Little*

Julia M to Frank Baum about *The Wizard of Oz*

Elizabeth M to Isabelle Allende about *Daughter of Fortune*

David T to God about *The Bible*

Diana T to Carol Farley about

*The Case of the Haunted Health Club*

**Congratulations to Beatriz G** for being one of the Finalists!

Look for these letters in next year's book of student writing, *One World, Many Voices 2009*. Undertaking this reading and writing challenge makes *all* of you winners! ■

## Marin Literacy Program Comes of Age

By Susan Charlton, Program Supervisor

Like people, nonprofit organizations have life stages. First, volunteers gather around a cause and give birth to a program. Many programs don't survive past childhood, either because they completed their mission or because they were unable to get the support needed to grow. In order to grow into the adolescent stage, programs piece together funding to pay staff on a temporary and/or part-time basis.

When the agency is fully mature, it has permanent staff with secure salaries and benefits. MLP has had a prolonged adolescence, due to the cost of employee benefits for health care and retirement being nearly 55% of the worker's salary.

But finally, MLP has come of age! We now have seven core staff employees in regular positions with benefits. Long-term staff members finally have benefits they surely deserve, and we're better positioned now to attract qualified new employees.

Five years ago MLP Director Barbara Barwood and County Library Director Carol Starr began the process, but the biggest changes occurred this year with the help of David Dodd, San Rafael Library Director, and Pat Harper, County Administrative Librarian. The final plan includes more funding from Marin County Free Library and from the San Rafael Public Library, with additional funding coming from private grants. It was necessary to eliminate two posi-



MLP Staff

tions, but we accomplished this without layoffs when they became vacant. The Tutor-Student Coordinator position expanded to full-time to absorb the duties of the Family Literacy Coordinator. The FLAGship Coordinator expanded to full-time, and the Bus Driver and Assistant were combined into one job. Our total staff hours have decreased, so we will rely on our dedicated volunteers even more.

We say farewell to Carl Kohler, who chose not to apply for the new version of the Office Assistant position. Thanks, Carl, for your many contributions in organizing our data and our office. And we wish a happy retirement to FLAGship bus driver Andy Twisdale, who provided more than four years of safe driving, attentive bus maintenance, and a welcoming presence.

Kaaron Carver is our talented new Office Assistant who has already brought us fresh ideas and streamlined office procedures. Carlos Espino, new FLAGship Assistant, has become a successful bus driver and is well-liked by FLAGship families.

We thank all of you for your part in bringing Marin Literacy Program to this exciting new chapter as a more stable and professional organization. ■

## Inspired to Donate

By JoAnne Melody, MLP Tutor

I came to Marin Literacy after 20 years as an ESL volunteer. I love doing this work and learn as much from the tutor/student interactions as do the students. My own three students (from Peru, Iran, Japan) were quite surprised when I told them that I choose to donate \$300 a year (\$100 x 3 students) for the privilege of teaching them, and to help keep Marin Literacy funded. I offered them an MLP funding envelope and said that if they would like to make a tax-deductible donation of any amount, they could. They said they were thrilled that I asked. Yes, in the past they had received the donation envelopes but somehow the envelopes didn't get mailed until I mentioned my own donation.

This brings up the national news article that appeared in 1995 about Oseola McCarty from Hattiesburg, Mississippi. At the age of

87 she donated \$150,000 to the University of Southern Mississippi. In about 1920 she had had to quit school in the sixth grade to help her mother and aunt earn money by washing and ironing clothes. She had always saved every dime, but by 1995 she was surprised to have about \$250,000; in writing her will, after her donations to church and the relatives, she wanted somebody's children to go to college. That first student, an African-American young woman, received the first scholarship. It also received national news.

So amazing was the story that famous photographer Annie Liebowitz took her picture, to be included in a pictorial entitled "WOMEN," amidst famous and wealthy rock stars. We should learn from Oseola McCarty. Well done, Oseola! ■

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Difference

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adult student.  
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## Oh, How We've Changed!

By *Madeleine Provost*  
Training Coordinator

Marin Literacy's tutor training has undergone some significant changes in the past year in response to the changing demographics of our adult learner population and in order to implement the helpful suggestions from our volunteer tutors and new trainees.

Historically, our training sessions required trainees to attend two consecutive seven-hour Saturday sessions, during which they were introduced to a variety of tutoring techniques and materials. The training addressed the

instructional needs of students with varying levels of ability. Both training sessions were provided prior to newly trained tutors being matched with their students.

The new training design features one seven hour day to acquaint trainees with some techniques and resource materials. They return for a second four-hour session after they have been matched with and have met their students, in order to review specific sections of their first day of training. Day 2 of training places particular emphasis on Goal-Setting and Tracking, Lesson Planning, and Selection of Appropriate Resource Materials.

We hope that this new design will be genuinely useful to our tutors at a crucial time, providing them with direction and support, as they embark upon their tutoring relationships with students in Marin Literacy Program. Please let us know how effective this new design is! ■

## The Science of FLAGship Site Selection

By *Ambre Dailey*, FLAGship Coordinator

The FLAGship bus and staff presently serve 13 neighborhood sites across Marin and Sonoma counties. We address the literacy needs of families who live as far south as Marin City and Mill Valley, and as far north as Novato. We have sites in San Rafael's inner-city Canal district, as well as out in the rural West Marin towns of San Geronimo and Bolinas. Our regular Friday visits to Bodega Bay's Porto Bodega Trailer Park and the newly added Two Rock Coast Guard Base in Sonoma County are bonuses to the week, serving more geographically and socially isolated families.

When choosing to bring the FLAGship to a new location, we consider several factors. First, there must be an opening in the schedule into which a new site fits conveniently. Second, there has to be a known group of families with at least 3-4 children aged 0-5 who are currently underserved academically and socially in their communities. The FLAGship no longer accepts requests from Home Day Care sites for new stops, because children at these sites are already receiving preschool services. Third, the site location itself must have a large enough parking space to regularly and easily accommodate the 27-foot FLAGship bus. Fourth, there must be ongoing support from a First 5 School-Readiness representative or other community leader to serve as a local advocate for the new families so that recommendations and referrals may be followed-up. ■

## On That Learning Curve

By *Kaaron Carver*, Office Assistant

Although I call myself a Kansas farmer, I was born in St. Louis, Missouri, during my father's studies at Washington University of Music. After he went on the road as a performer, our family lived on the farm, which we still own to this day. After he became established in Hollywood, we came to California. In one week, I transformed from a Midwestern farmer to a Hollywood preteen!

Until I retired from teaching, I taught history, physical education and Business Computers. I am now happy to be performing the skills that I formerly taught. My primary hobby is history, and it is



the filter through which I see the world.

I am celebrating twelve week's success on the job as the Office Assistant, and feel warmly welcomed by one and all.

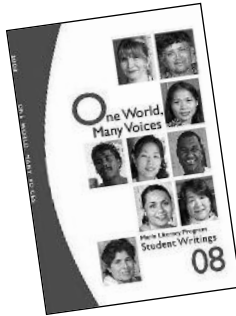
I'm still in that learning curve, so you will see me taking brisk walks around the area to stay refreshed and alert as I

learn all of these new things. It is a pleasure to work for the cause of Literacy, as well as to work on such a wonderful team. ■

## Once Upon a Time...

By Dena Higgins, Development Coordinator

... there was a small organization with a great many friends. Many of those friends recently found their way to Book Passage, in celebration of a little red book, *One World, Many Voices 2008*, and the dedicated labors that led to its creation – for there are many groups that together comprise the Marin Literacy community.



Marin Literacy's Advisory Board works tirelessly to promote increased program visibility, fundraising efforts, and infrastructure development. Board and Event Committee activities in 2007-08 included two highly successful fundraising campaigns, thanks to the hundreds of individual donors and filmgoers who participated in our Annual Appeal and *Love of Literacy Sing-Along*.

Local heroes Bank of Marin and Book Passage provide support throughout the year, most recently as Student Author Celebration co-sponsors. Many hands do, indeed, make light work, and literacy board and staff duties were lightened considerably with assistance from Bank of Marin and Book Passage employees. Owner Elaine Petrocelli joined Bank of Marin

President Russ Colombo in setting a perfect tone with welcoming remarks, and to Trader Joe's of San Rafael, a resounding Huzzah! for their generous contributions.

In the beginning, there was the Library, sustained by people who understand the importance of access to books and all that they represent, and who recognize that some readers occasionally need help. Honored guests included library directors David Dodd (San Rafael Public Library) and Gail Haar (Marin County Free Library), and many library staff. We are blessed by the sponsorship of these two organizations, which have provided us office space, funding, and extensive resources for over 20 years.

*One World, Many Voices 2008* contains writings by nearly 60 current students, working with 33 remarkable tutors and instructors. Please contact the literacy office for your complimentary copy of this engaging collection, made possible with the financial support of Allensby Charity Fund, Autodesk, Bank of Marin and Book Passage.

To all of you, and to those funders and friends taking the time to read this now, thank you. Like our own fairy godmothers, your support of Marin Literacy changes lives each and every day. ■

## The Changing Faces of the Marin Literacy Board

By Lynn Colombo, President, Marin Literacy Advisory Board

This year has brought many new faces to our board. Each has several years' experience volunteering with non-profit organizations and serving as board directors.

As board president, I am honored to welcome four new faces to our board. Linda Kenton is Supervising Librarian at Pickleweed Library, speaks Portuguese and Spanish, and has been promoting literacy most of her adult life. Chris Gallagher is Park Manager U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Bay Model Visitor Center in Sausalito. Chris has been volunteering for agencies throughout Marin County for thirty years and brings an understanding of a board's inner workings and a vision for the future. Paul Cummins is Program Manager for Section Eight Housing at Marin Housing Authority in San Rafael. Previously, he served as Director of Family Services with Homeward Bound of Marin. Paul is an ordained minister who speaks professionally about chemical dependency, racism and reconciliation, and other intercultural issues. Ken Preston is cur-



rently a partner with Bregante and Company, specializing in non-profit general accounting and audits. He advises us on our financial and accounting system. Ken was also recently elected President of CVNL's Board of Directors.

Along with our other board members, Mike Kadel, treasurer, Parker Monroe, secretary, Claudia Chittenden, Dena Higgins and Susan Charlton, I am proud of our new directors and the help they will provide as the board continues to grow and work to support literacy. ■

*Lynn was recently honored with the Golden Bell Award from the Marin County Office of Education, for her outstanding contributions as a second grade teacher. We are fortunate to have her as our new Board President, because she brings that same passion and energy to the cause of adult literacy.*

**Donations of time, money or goods to the Marin Literacy Program from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008****0 - \$99**

Altom, Leta & Prince  
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Capurro, Joan & Robert  
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Chen, Sarah & Zhuo Yu  
Curtis, Linda  
Dwyer, Barbara  
Fogelman, Arthur  
Frank, Julia  
Garnett, Susan  
Gershik, Marlene  
Good, Mary & Douglas  
Green, Hiroko & Michael  
Hauser, Sally & James  
Hermosilla, Nina  
Hickey, Juliet  
Hieda, Etsuko & Yutaka  
Holtzapple, Linda & Robert  
Howard, Maria & Richard  
Hull, Eleanor  
Isaacs, Leslie  
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Kruse, Margaret & Lawrence  
Little, Edwin  
Lockman, Wilma  
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Melnick, Marjorie & Jack  
Noguchi, Kay & Mark  
Pasqua, Anthony  
Perot, Carolyn & T. Morris  
Peterson, Alice  
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Rosenthal, Michael  
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Gilbert, Judy

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Golden, Carol  
Guggenhime, David  
Hall, Sharon  
Henneuse, Nicole  
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*In Memoriam, Barbara Halloran*

Doyle, Robert & Dixie  
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Hughes, Virginia  
McKay, Cynthia  
Meyer, Laura & Stuart  
Side, Peter

**Kudos, Elaine Petrocelli!**

*2008 Honoree, Marin Women's Hall of Fame*

Marin Literacy Program is delighted to be "Elaine's Pick" to receive her \$500 honorarium. Thank You!

Sweetnam, Carole & George  
Yurina, Michael & Jennifer

*In Memoriam, Emily McAdams*  
Hannigan, Gayle

*In Memoriam, Teresa Wootton*

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Allensby Charity Fund  
California State Library  
First 5 Marin & Sonoma Counties  
Jewish Communal Fund  
(Anonymous)  
Jenifer Altman Foundation  
Marin Community Foundation  
Marin Community Foundation  
(Anonymous)  
Mill Valley Outdoor Art Club  
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Bank of Marin Community Fund  
Book Passage, Inc.  
Common Knowledge  
CVNL / Human Race  
Friends of San Rafael Public Library  
Gerard Buulong and  
Fred Silverman Fund

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Marin County Free Library  
Marin County Sheriff's Department  
Mill Valley Market  
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Foundation  
Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Marin  
San Rafael Public Library  
Sausalito Women's Club  
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Insalata's  
Irving Kannett & Associates  
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West Marin School  
Whole Foods Market, San Rafael ■



**SAVE THE DATES!**

Thursday, February 12, 2009

**Love of Literacy  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sing-Along  
Film & Fundraiser**



At the historic Smith Rafael Film Center

Special Thanks to lead event sponsor **Bank of Marin.**

Film Selection TBA. Details to follow by mail and on [www.marinliteracy.org](http://www.marinliteracy.org)



Sunday, January 25, 2009, 1–5 p.m.

**Carnegie Centennial**

San Rafael Public Library, a Carnegie Library, celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Travel back in time in a horse-drawn carriage, surrounded by staff in period costumes, and hear the story of the pioneers who created this library.

**Welcome New Tutors**

The Marin Literacy Program welcomes the following tutors trained in January, April and July–August, 2008

Bochner, Barbara	Ireland, Marlene	Price, Karen
Bothe, Susannah	Karste, Sally	Roche, Cathleen
Chapman, Tamara	Kasanin, Anne	Rogers, Robert
Chute, Linda	Lane, Elizabeth	Schenkel, Libby
Conklin, Susan	Lee, Sharon	Shagoury-Harper, Carol
Duann, Bridget	Lynch, Sarah	Shannon, Lori
Fleming, Arden	McCrum, Hope	Sherwood, Angela
Floden, Ursula	McDonald, Barbara	Sherwood, Pete
Gravelly, Donna	Mersky, Beth	Snyder, Virginia
Greenfield, Alison	Morales, Dora	Tocher, Beatrice
Greitz, Robert	Neil, Susan	Whitaker, May
Hibbs, Beverlee	Newsome, Rebecca	
Holmlund, Shirley	Olson, Susan	
Hyer, John	Pearson, Susan	

**07-08  
DATA**

**July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008**

Total Number of Students Served	1,104	Value of Volunteer Hours	\$529,610
Total Instructional Hours	44,198	New Tutors	49
Total Number of Tutors Enrolled	615	New Students	160
Total Number of Volunteer Hours	17,844	Average Student Wait List	12



**F.L.A.G.ship**

**Schedule of Stops for Marin County – Fall 2008**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
9–10:30 am Marin City Turner Dr. Playground	9–10:15 am Novato 530 Sunset Pkwy. OR 1 Turner Dr.	9–10:00 am Call for site – changes TBA	<b>No Service</b>	9:40–11:15 am Bodega Bay Porto Bodega Trailer Pk.
11 am–12:30 pm Mill Valley Shelter Bay Apts. Seminary Dr. Exit	10:45 am–12 pm Novato 2 Rowland Ct.	10:30–11:30 am San Rafael Civic Center Lagoon Playground OR In Transit	<b>No Service</b>	11:45 am–1:15 pm In Transit
1:15–2:45 pm San Rafael Canal St. Picklewood Library	12:30–2 pm Novato 1560 Hill Rd. Margaret Todd Senior Ctr.	12:30–2 pm San Geronimo Community Ctr. OR 12:00–1:30 pm Bolinas 270 Elm Rd. Children’s Ctr.	<b>No Service</b>	12:30–2 pm Petaluma Two Rock Coast Guard Base 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.

Please check our website for more storytimes and further updates – [www.marinliteracy.org](http://www.marinliteracy.org)

**OCTOBER 2008**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Tutor Orientation San Rafael Library 7-8:30 pm	7	8	9 Tomales Book Club 5:45 – 8:30 pm Call 897-1142 x 21	10	11 Tutor Training Day 1 9 am-4 pm
12	13	14 Bilingual Storytime Pt Reyes Library 6:30 pm Teen Spanish Program Novato Library 6-8 pm	15	16 Teen Spanish Program West Marin School Pt. Reyes, 6-8:30 pm	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

**NOVEMBER 2008**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Daylight Savings Time ends - clocks back 1 hour	3	4 <b>Election Day VOTE!</b>	5 Tutor Orientation San Rafael Library 7 - 8:30 pm	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veteran's Day Library closed	12 Tutor Roundtable Falkirk, 6 pm	13 Tomales Book Club 5:45 - 8:30 pm Call 897-1142 x 21	14	15 Tutor Training Day 2, 9 am-1 pm
16	17	18 Bilingual Storytime Pt Reyes Library 6:30 pm	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Library Closed	28 Holiday Library Closed	28

**DECEMBER 2008**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Tutor Orientation San Rafael Library 7 - 8:30 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Bilingual Storytime Pt Reyes Library 6:30 pm	10	11 Tomales Book Club 5:45 - 8:30 pm Call 897-1142 x 21	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day Library Closed	26	27
28	29	30				

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