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**Dear friend of libraries:**

These are unusual times, but that fact has not stopped the Marin County Library Foundation from supporting the dynamic work that the Marin County Free Library has been doing to ensure that children in Marin County have the essential tools for furthering their education during the pandemic and a cross-section of library users have new ways to access library services. For example, there are many children in Marin County without a computer and connectivity to do online learning. The Library Foundation has helped assure equitable and innovative approaches to library services and has funded projects such as the Wi-Fi Hotspot Program, programs at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy and early learning literacy programs Countywide.

Inspired by the Marin County Free Library's commitment to educational equity measures—expanded services to those who need them the most—the Library Foundation ramped up efforts to assist with Marin's most vulnerable residents. The Library Foundation has pledged to help purchase more Wi-Fi Hotspots, Chromebooks, and invest in Learning Hubs that will benefit children in under-resourced neighborhoods. In particular, supports like community based Learning Hubs are aiding virtual learning for children by providing access to tutors and support systems at local libraries and community centers.

The Library Foundation continues to fund the Marin County Free Library's long-term capital and collection needs while also serving as a supplemental funding source in critical times like now.

For the Marin County Free Library to continue to maximise its focus on equity, literacy and academic achievement for all—the Library Foundation needs your help! Your contribution is both much needed and greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Joel Fugazzotto, *President, Marin County Library Foundation*



**Top:** A Learning Hub at South Novato Branch.  
**Bottom:** Curbside pick-up in action.

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