

Marin County Free Library Commission
Annual Report 2009-2010

I. **Name of Commission**

Marin County Free Library Commission

II. **Briefly describe the purpose/mandate of the Commission**

The Library Commission serves as a resource body and liaison to the Board of Supervisors, the County Librarian and the community. The Commission helps to find ways to enlist public interest and support in using and improving library services.

III. **List the most significant accomplishments that the Commission has achieved or expects to achieve during the current Fiscal Year 2008-2009 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009)**

- a. Participated in furthering the process of implementing the Master Services and Facilities Vision Plan. Supported “A New Chapter for the Marin County Free Library” campaign.
- b. Worked with the Director of Library Services in the development and writing of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 “Managing for Results 2008-2009” plan.
- c. Worked with the Director of Library Services in the development of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Library Budget.

IV. **List the Commission’s most important goals (up to 5) for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010). These goals should be statements that reflect the Commission’s highest priorities, which may or may not change from year-to-year. Below each goal, list the initiative (activities) that the Commission will be working on in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 that will help them make progress toward that particular goal. Typically, initiatives are discrete activities that can be achieved over the course of one or two years.**

GOAL #1

Assist the Marin County Free Library in reaching out to community members and organizations to increase awareness of library materials and services.

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Initiative(s)

- a. Participate in One Book One Marin reading programs
- b. Assist in opening doors to community agencies and organizations to enable Library staff to increase community visits to patrons in their own environment.

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GOAL #2

Assist the Library in implementing the Master Services and Facilities Vision Plan.

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Initiative (s)

- a. Attend Public and community meetings with library officials to increase the awareness of the Master Services and Facilities Vision Plan
- b. Meet one-on-one with Marin County Supervisors and provide community input regarding the Plan.
- c. Provide advice and input into the implementation of the plan and help publicize this to the community at large.
- d. Assist with General Obligation Bond strategizing; help decide if it is viable to move ahead with the Ballot measure as it is written in 2010.

GOAL #3

Assist the Library in its efforts to move forward, given the current economic decline.

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Initiative (s)

- a. Help the Library get its financial house on firm footing. To decrease reliance on their reserves, the Library has planned 5% cuts for this current year and for next year, but deficits are projected in the future.

V. Key challenges or obstacles in achieving these goals

- a. Money is tight and expenses (particularly staff expenses) are rising.
- b. Funding the Master Services and Facilities Vision Plan is the most important priority to achieve GOAL #2. Funding may come from the Bond measure or community partnerships.

VI. Additional Comments from the Commission

NONE

VII. Department Comments

The Department concurs with the Library Commission's goals and initiatives.