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2018 Annual Report

# **Letter from the President and Executive Director**

# Thank you!

Community, collaboration, and opportunity are words we often hear when talking about the Lafayette Library and Learning Center (LLLC). They are also reflected in the LLLC Foundation mission, and inspire our efforts on behalf of the Library. Thanks to our generous donors and sponsors the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation (LLLCF) ensures the LLLC thrives as a community gathering place, and collaborates with Bay Area partners to provide lifelong learning opportunities, and access 7-days a week to Library resources and services.

Through our collaboration with UC Berkely's English Department and the Simpson Family Literary Project we were thrilled to welcome into the community award-winning author Joyce Carol Oates as the first Writer-in-Residence at the Lafayette Library.



2017—2018 LLLC Foundation Board of Trustees

Thanks to donor support at *Night at the Library,* the ever changing, growing, needs of our youngest patrons were addressed with colorful new child sized tables and chairs, providing new opportunities for our youngest readers.

These are two highlights of the past year. We invite you to visit the Library, sign up for our weekly newsletter and continue your support for the Lafayette Library.

With gratitude,

Victoria DeMoss Board President

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# **Financial Report**

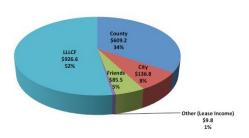
The fiscal strength of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation (LLLCF) comes from your continued support and ongoing financial contributions. It is a reflection of the community's belief in the value the Lafayette Library and Learning Center brings to the community and the need for its long-term sustainability.

On behalf of LLLCF's Board of Trustees and its finance committee, it has been our privilege to steward your donations this past fiscal year. We trust that our Board, working in consort with the community, will ensure that the Library will be funded for many years to come!

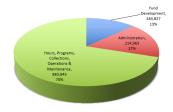
With gratitude,

Rita

Rita Iorfida Treasurer



Fiscal Year 2018 Source of Funds



Fiscal Year 2018 Expenditures

# **Great Programs**

A commitment to bringing enriching experiences to the community inspires the close to 1,000 annual programs hosted at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. More than 35,000 attendees enjoyed engaging conversations with award-winning authors, inspiring science programs, hands-on art projects, special events, music, and art programs.

#### Distinguished Speaker Series 2017-2018

Kelly Corrigan T. Geronimo Johnson

Paul Madonna Joyce Maynard

Joyce Carol Oates, LLLC Writer-in-Residence

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# Coffee with Kelly Corrigan

Tell Me More

# Science café

**Science Café** explored a range of topics including stress, and the health benefits it can provide. The science of tempering chocolate was *deliciously* complete thanks to samples from Guittard chocolates. Dr. Margaret Race provided a look inside NASA's plans for traveling to the Moon and Mars.

# NASA'S NEXT STEPS



Tuesday March 13, 2018 7PM

Community Hall



Guest Speaker:
Dr. Margaret Race, NASA and SETI Institute





**Top:** Carrie Barlow, Rita Iorfida, Denise Zetterbaum, with DSS guest speaker Joyce Maynard, and Karen Mulvaney. **Above:** Joyce Maynard speaking to a sold out crowd about her memoir *The Best of Us*.

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Wild animals, insects, hands-on science projects, and healthy living are a few of the topics Consortium partners brought to the Library.

# **Community Partner Programs**



## **MakerFest**

The Foundation collaborates with **community partners** to create several free community events. For the fourth summer, the Foundation worked with Library staff to create a **MakerFest** for hundreds of "makers" of all ages.

More than 400 "makers" enjoyed hands-on activities ranging from high tech robotics, candy sushi making, and 3D printing to Ukranian egg decorating, and battery operated paper helicopters.





**Dogtown Downtown** featuring a parade from Plaza Park to the Library amphitheatre.





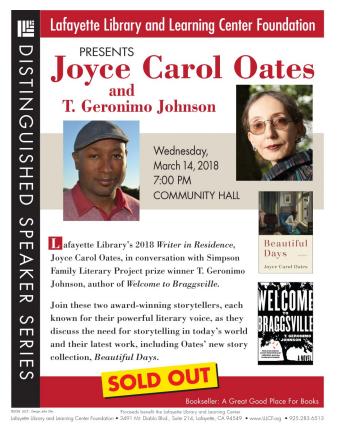
The Little Fall Music Fest included toe tapping bluegrass, flamenco dancing and the crowd favorite Dirty Cello. Music Fest is hosted by the Library and the Foundation, with mouth watering barbeque grilled by volunteers from the Lafayette Rotary Club.

# **Simpson Family Literary Project**

**The Simpson Family Literary Project** is the result of a private/public partnership between the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation, UC Berkeley's distinguished English Department, and Contra Costa County Library.



The prize annually recognizes a writer who is in the relatively middle stage of a burgeoning career and has earned a distinguished reputation and the approbation and gratitude of readers. In addition to establishing a national literary prize of \$50,000, the project promotes and pursues lasting educational outreach into schools, university, and libraries, and honors and supports authors across a great spectrum. The Project's initiatives include teaching creative writing to high school-age writers and establishing a writer in residence program at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.



LLLCF donors and the first Simpson Prize recipient, T. Geronimo Johnson enjoyed scenes from "Welcome to Braggsville" by Book-It Repertory Theatre (Seattle) during a fall 2017 special reception (top, right). Geronimo Johnson was joined on stage by Joyce Carol Oates, LLLC Writer-in-Resident, and Joseph Di Prisco, Simpson Project founder, for a sold out discussion on storytelling (right).







#### **Anthony Marra Awarded 2018 Simpson Project Literary Prize**

In the spring of 2018, author Anthony Marra was awarded the second Simpson Family Project Literary Prize. Marra is the author of *The Tsar of Love and Techno*, a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, and *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena*, longlisted for the National Book Award and winner of the NBCC's John Leonard Prize, the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award, the Barnes and Noble Discover Award, and Greece's Athens Prize for Literature.

# Night at the Library

# Thank you! Night at the Library sponsors, in-kind

donors, and the 300 attendees made *Night at the Library* a fundraising success or the Library!





Carrie Barlow, event co-chair welcomes a standing room only crowd (left). Event guests gave generously in support of improvements to the Children's Area (above).



Steve and Nancy Falk, Jeanne Jones, Barbara Gilmore dance to "silent disco" on the patio(above). Susan Buckland, LLLC Event Coordinator posing for "book face" (right).







Carey Starn, event co-chair (above center) with Dan & Meredith Meade, Molly &

Thank you, to the many generous raffle and silent auction donors, and to volunteers who gave their time and talent in support of Night at the Library.

# Night at the Library

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**Thank you** to our generous *Night at the Library 2018* "fund-a-need" donors! The Library's Children's Area received much needed improvements to meet the growing needs of the community and our young early readers.





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