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Library and  
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**Great Minds  
and Great  
Communities  
Start Here.**

**2017  
Annual Report**

# Letter from the President and Executive Director

**Thanks** to your generous support the Lafayette Library and Learning Center continues to thrive. Library patrons of all ages arrive daily to connect with colleagues, engage with great authors, watch films, attend workshops or lectures, to read and gather armloads of books and movies!

This year, together, we transformed the outdated Tech Lab into a multi-purpose space and added new technology resources to create an educational STEAM Lab available to visitors of all ages.. If you haven't seen it, please stop by. You'll be amazed!

Thanks to your donations, we continue to invest in the success of the library, in our librarians, and in you, the community.

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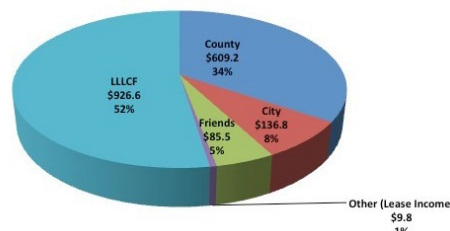
## Financial Report

The fiscal strength of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation (LLLCF) comes from your ongoing financial contributions. Your support is a reflection of the community's belief in the importance of the long-term sustainability of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center as a valuable public resource.

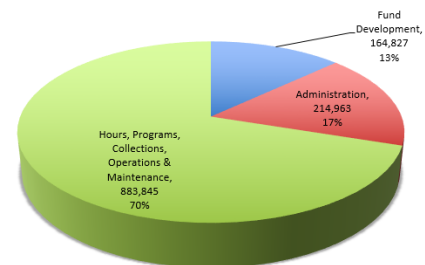
On behalf of LLLCF's Board of Trustees and its finance committee, it has been our privilege to steward your donations this past fiscal year. We trust that our Board, working in consort with the community, will ensure that the LLLC remains funded for many years to come!

With gratitude,

Victoria De Moss  
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Fiscal Year 2016 Expenditures



# Great Programs

***"I'm a great admirer of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. You have built a remarkable community resource and a forum for open engagement. A modern Greek agora! "***      **Dean Karnazes, Ultramarathon Man**



This year, our community of library patrons had the opportunity to run with ultra-marathon man **Dean Karnazes** (above left), spend time with local author Joseph Di Prisco (above right), and New York Times best-selling author Erik Larson (below) to name just a few. (Pictured bottom right: LLLCF board members Carrie Barlow, Karen Mulvaney and Caity Burrows with DSS guest Erik Larson).

Documentary filmmakers introduced audiences to Bay Area artist and activist **Edith Boone**, neuroscientist **Dr. Marion Diamond**, and the challenges of incarcerated mothers with filmmaker **Brian Lindstrom**, and his wife **Cheryl Strayed** (Pictured below right with LLLCF board members Larry Duson, Melanie Brinkman, Denise Zetterbaum, Dena Graff and Karen Mulvaney).





# Great Programs

Our vibrant Library is a gathering place for engaging activities, socializing, and learning through inspiring programs offered by library staff, the Foundation Distinguished Speaker Series (DSS), Science Café, and Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium partners.

Collaborating with **Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium** (GSLC) partner Saint Mary's College, the LLLCF welcomed Pulitzer Prize winning Poet Laureate Tracy K Smith to DSS (pictured below right). Other partner programs include visits from the Oakland Zoo, Lindsay Wild life Experience, and Lawrence Hall of Science.



**Science Café** explored the *Curious Science of Humans at War* with author Mary Roach (pictured above with Sierra Magazine editor-in-chief Jason Mark).



**Children's Book Festival** guest authors Elisa Kleven (above), Michael Slack (above center), and Muon Van read their latest books and joined children for story related crafts.

## Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium Partners

California Shakespeare Theater, Chabot Space & Science Center, Commonwealth Club of California, Greenbelt Alliance, John F. Kennedy University, John Muir Health, Lindsay Wildlife Experience, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland Zoo, Saint Mary's College, Institute of Governmental Studies, The Lawrence Hall of Science



# Great Programs



## MakerFest

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

More than 400 participants enjoyed hands-on activities ranging from high tech robotics and 3D printing to DIY instruments and rockets.



### NEW!

The first **Little Fall Music Fest**, was an afternoon of toe tapping blues and bluegrass, hosted by the Library and the Foundation, with delicious barbeque courtesy of the **Lafayette Rotary Club**.



A light spring rain did not stop dogs and their people from enjoying **Dogtown Downtown**. The LLC Foundation partners with the Lafayette Chamber to create this annual family event. After a parade from the Lafayette Plaza, the carnival-like event included the popular kissing booth, demonstrations, dog adoption, and contests.

# 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, Contra Costa County Library, and UC Berkeley's distinguished English Department.



The Project gratefully acknowledges the profound impact and inspiration of Barclay and Sharon Simpson and their family, Notable philanthropic sustainers of the arts and education and heroic supporters of both UC Berkeley and the Library. For many years the Simpsons have championed the lives and achievements of artists, students, life-long learners, and underserved children.

The Simpson Project will annually award a literary prize (\$50,000) to a writer who is in the relatively middle stage of a burgeoning career and has earned a distinguished reputation and the approbation of readers. In addition to establishing a national literary prize, the Project promotes and pursues lasting educational outreach into schools and libraries, while honoring and supporting 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.



## **The inaugural Simpson Family Project Literary Prize was awarded to T. Geronimo Johnson.**

*"To be named the inaugural recipient of the Simpson Family Literary Prize is an honor I treasure as both a novelist and an educator. I look forward to collaborating with the Foundation and the English Department to advance our shared passions of storytelling and literacy."*

*The award will support continued work on a novel that explores the convergence of Afro-futurism; global AI; the economic imperatives that amplify cultural differences; corporate religion (in all manifestations); and tech inequity.*

*The question behind this novel is the same question that animates my previous work: How do we learn to care about people who are not like us? I'm thrilled by the opportunity to complete this journey without interruption."*



## **Joyce Carol Oates was announced as Writer-in-Residence**

at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. As Writer-in-Residence Oates will engage with librarians and younger writers in the Bay Area.

Pictured at left, Donald McQuade, UC Berkeley English Dept.; Charles Gross, professor, Princeton; Vickie Sciacca, LLC Senior Community Library Manager; Beth Needel, LLC Foundation Executive Director; Joyce Carol Oates, author; Joseph Di Prisco, author and Simpson Project Chair.



# Night at the Library

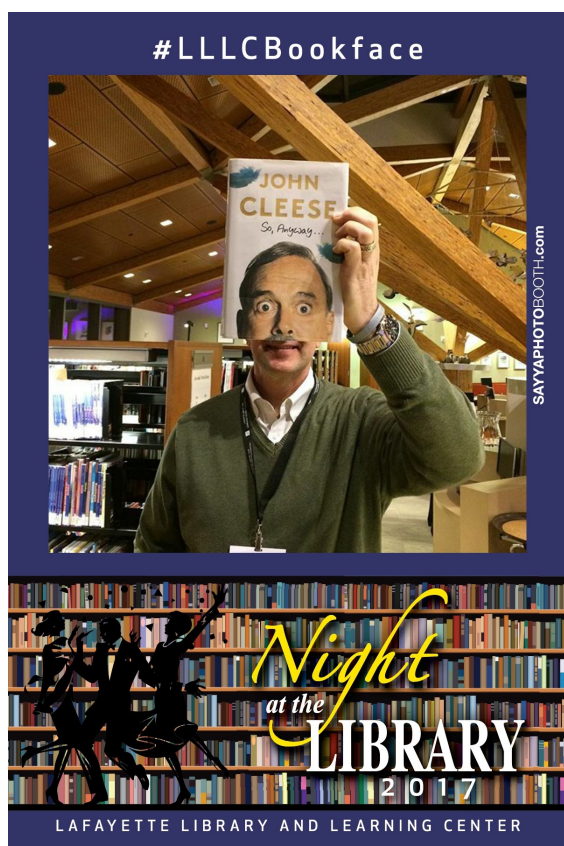
**Thank you!** *Night at the Library* sponsors in-kind donors, and the more than 250 attendees made this annual gala a fundraising success!



**Night at the Library** guests shared cocktails with guest authors—including Joyce Carol Oates, Elisa Kleven, Michael Slack and Joyce Maynard—and dined on savory small plate items provided by local fine restaurants.



Funds raised helped transform the Library's original Technology Center into a multi-purpose STEAM LAB. Guests tinkered with library technology in a preview of



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*.

Pictured above: 1) Tom Mulvaney, Debbie Elephant, Jay and Julie Meissner, and Laura Perloff. 2) Bill Riding and Marilyn Margiotti. 3) Carolyn Bauer. 4) Emeritus board member Roger Falcone, Patricia James and Pat Falcone.



# Night at the Library



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- 1) Dana Green (2nd from the right) and the Dana Green Team, sponsor and *Night at the Library* volunteers.
- 2) Jesse & Theresa Wellen with Kelly Hood, sponsor.
- 3) Ruth Thornburg, a volunteer with Friends of the Lafayette Library, Community Partner Sponsor.
- 4) Stephenie Teichman, Suzy Pak, Beth Brown, and Teresa Gerringer.
- 5) Christine and Rick Wise, LLLCF board member with Kristin Connelly, LLLC Foundation board president.
- 6) Anne & Kare Fisher.



# Night at the Library



Thanks to support from *Night at the Library* 2017 “fund-a-need” donors and grant funding from the Frank H. & Eva Buck Foundation, the Library’s original Technology Lab has been transformed into a multi-purpose STEAM Lab.

## STEAM Lab

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# THANK YOU!



The new STEAM Lab is a multi-purpose space available to lifelong learners of all ages. This summer included camps in coding and robotics (pictured) with librarian Orlando Guzman (pictured above).

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***"We are so fortunate to have libraries that support our communities and communities that support our libraries." - Candace Andersen, Supervisor, District II***

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