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The College of Marin Library has gone through a tremendous revitalization during the past few years. With three new full time librarians, a new library director, and a team of dedicated staff, the library reestablished the Indian Valley Campus (IVC) Library, joined the MARINet consortium, and has improved its services to all COM students and the community at large.

With funding from the College and donors, the Library has updated and expanded its print and electronic collections and reorganized the interior of both the Kentfield and Indian Valley Campus libraries, creating spaces for both quiet and collaborative work. An underutilized space in the Kentfield Library was transformed into the William Keith Room, showcasing artwork from the famous early California painter and is a quiet, comfortable space for individuals, lectures, and literacy events.



In the area of serving students, a number of key initiatives have been developed. Given the enormous cost of course textbooks, the Library has worked with Associated Students of College of Marin (ASCOM) to fund a textbook reserve to increase student access to critical learning material. The librarians redesigned and modernized the Library website, creating online research guides (LibGuides) for specific classes and assignments. The number of library research sessions taught by librarians partnering with college faculty has dramatically increased in the last two years. Additionally, the Library has focused on making its physical space more welcoming, comfortable, and productive for students with new furniture, new computers, friendly signage, and rotating book displays.

The COM Library is an extraordinary resource and foundation for student success.