

MENDOCINO COUNTY *Library*

2019-2020 Annual Report



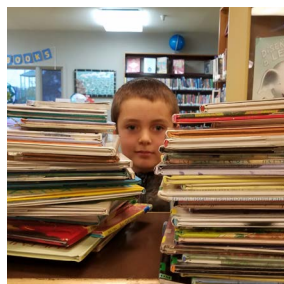
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CULTURAL SERVICES AGENCY - LIBRARY



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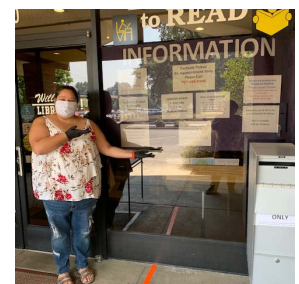
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A YEAR OF CHANGES

Message from the County Librarian



on March 17th, 2020, MCL was required to shut our doors to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We began a new journey into uncharted territory; we had to learn to negotiate providing services to the community without allowing the public to walk through our doors. Despite COVID-19 response restrictions, Mendocino County Library never stopped providing services, and staff have worked behind the scenes not only in the library, but contributing staff hours to the emergency call center and other assignments to assist with the COVID-19 response.

amazing branches, the Bookmobile and the wonderful services provided to the public. The report will explain the increase in online resources as a response to COVID, and the start of a new partnership with CENIC as a solution to providing better internet service to our libraries and patrons. This report will also address a major hurdle, the library budget; an especially important facet as we are facing an increase in expenses and the need to address how to handle continued growth with limited funding.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to Mendocino County, Friends of the Library, Library Advisory Board, patrons and library staff, for the years of support. It has been a wonderful experience serving as the County Librarian and I treasure my time spent in Mendocino County. The Mendocino County Library System is a true gem in the county and I hope it can continue to develop and serve at the heart of Mendocino County.

-Karen Horner, County Librarian

Welcome to our second Annual Report for Mendocino County Library (MCL) and my last year as Cultural Services Agency Director and County Librarian. Last year, our first ever Annual Report paid tribute to passage of the Measure A tax which allowed MCL to increase staff, services, hours, and library programs. The Measure A tax provided funding to let MCL develop into an amazing library system providing dynamic programming, quality customer service and relevant materials and resources.

MCL got to work and increased our online and social media presence as staff worked diligently to serve our patrons. As the year progressed, staff increased interactions through YouTube, Zoom, social media, email, phone assistance, and instituted curbside service for checking out library materials.

Our second annual report highlights the Mendocino County Library's five

As the County Librarian, I began 2020 with a plan for more programming and outreach throughout the County, but what a difference a year makes. This year has proven to be a different type of challenge; the year started out strong, with our county library being awarded grants to allow us to develop literacy kits, kits for aging adults, a census grant, a design grant and a mental health initiative grant.

Mendocino County Library and its entire staff were poised for another year filled with creative programming, an increase in county-wide outreach, and a strengthening of resources for all our patrons. Instead,



The Bookmobile



The Bookmobile is a vital presence in Mendocino County, and the current bookmobile is one of the first hybrid bookmobiles in the whole country. The Bookmobile travels all over our beautiful County delivering books, music CDs, audiobooks, DVDs and magazines to its loyal patrons.

The Bookmobile's six scheduled routes provide library services to patrons in remote communities at stops in the redwoods of northern Mendocino County, west to the inland valleys, through the vineyards of Anderson Valley and over to the ocean from Westport in the north to as far south as Sonoma County. The average distance the Bookmobile is driven monthly is between two and three thousand miles. The longest route is to the South Coast and is just over 200 miles and lasts 11 hours.

We have made improvements and additions to the Bookmobile this last year. The Spanish and large type sections have been renewed and the children's, teen's and toddler sections have been upgraded. In addition to expanding the Bookmobile collections, there are also DIY Toolkits made available for checkout which have free items and tools to make patrons' homes more energy efficient. Also, we have upgraded the mobile seed library kit to provide a wider variety of seeds for patrons.

Highlights from our year include visits from children dressed up for Halloween and handing out toothbrushes for National Children's Dental Health Month.

The Covid-19 pandemic caused the Bookmobile to be out-of-service from March 18th through June 1st. We were

determined to figure out a way to resume services once restrictions were lifted. New safety protocols and schedule modifications were investigated, and several workable solutions that would allow service to our patrons were implemented. These modifications include: patrons are not allowed in the confined space on board, all service transactions take place outside on a table, a strict six foot social distancing rule is enforced, and facial coverings are required in the immediate vicinity of the bookmobile.

We are proud to say that the Bookmobile has stayed up to speed with our ever changing world, accommodating customers and continuing to provide the best possible materials and services.

- Dave Frick, Library Associate



Coast Community Library

Highlights from the Branch

Coast Community Library is a community-oriented small branch located in Point Arena. In pre-pandemic times patrons visited the branch not only to check out materials, but to take classes, like quilting, tai chi, and Great Courses, and to attend programs on a variety of subjects, such as, "Living with Mountain Lions," "A Trip to the Galapagos," and "Collapse of the Kelp Forest." People liked to hang out and read newspapers and magazines or use the public computers. Also, visiting with each other is (was) very popular!

Our excellent volunteers provide help in so many ways, pulling hold lists, shelving, covering and mending books, organizing the Great Courses classes, and handling book donations. Storytime and crafts for preschoolers with volunteers Marilyn Alderson and Donna Stornetta was so popular. Our online program, "Pika's Storytime" is now in production. The people and the library add up to a wonderful sense of community feeling.

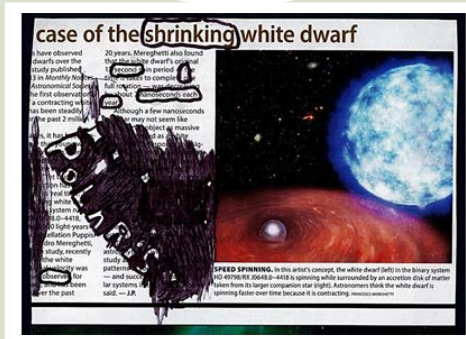
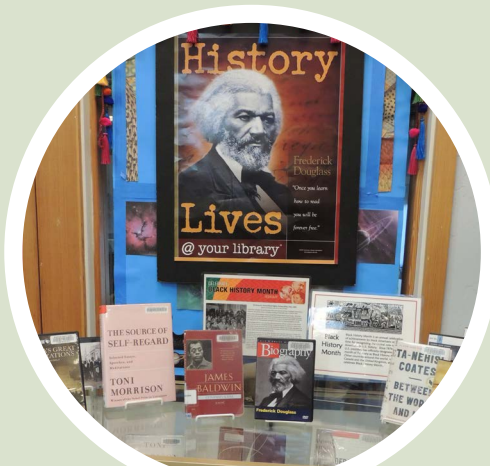
This year's celebration of National Black History Month at Coast Community Library took place just before we closed because of the pandemic. The striking poster of the American social reformer, writer, and statesman, Frederick Douglass, highlighted our display. This year's theme for Black History month, "African Americans and the Vote," recognized the struggle for voting rights among black men and women throughout American history.

An especially fun and different event at our branch was the Fire Cider Community Medicine Making Circle given by Jacqueline Strock, of Roots Herbal Apothecary in Point Arena. Chopping herbs together is a lovely way to spend time with people and everyone created delicious

and healthy herbal works of art.

Last year's Summer Reading Program, so different than this year, was about the Universe! At left is a terrific example of a blackout poem in which you choose words from a magazine page and blackout the others to make a poem. Twelve year old Miles Cross did his own variant of a blackout poem in our SRP poetry class with poet Blake More.

Seed asteroid mud pies at our Stardust Gardens program were a big hit. They were created from mud from the Garcia River and local wildflower seeds were added to the



mix. When the seed balls dry they can be tossed in a garden and when the rains come the seeds sprout. It looks really messy but we all cleaned up well!

We're looking forward to reopening so that we can once again function as a library community center, as a place where individuals can gather to share and to explore, learn, and create!

-Julia Larke, Branch Librarian

Wild About . . .



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Fort Bragg Library

Wild About! Monthly Programs

Fort Bragg Branch Library is located in an amazing coastal setting surrounded by forests filled with animals and rivers that flow into the ocean. Library patrons of all ages seek to protect the biodiversity of our area and the library plays a vital role promoting ecology.

In 2019 we took our teaching role to a whole new level with a monthly series called, Wild About! Each month featured a different animal--most of them found in our area and some far afield. The programming included Saturday story times and craft programs, followed by afternoon films or talks for adults and school-aged youth. Occasionally we tied-in adult crafts and Weird Science for kids.

In the course of a year we've partnered with the Salmon Restoration Association, Mendocino Coast Audubon, Woodland Wildlife, field biologists and the State Parks. Animals ranged from endangered species to familiar faces: owls, salmon, whales, mice, coastal raptors, mountain lions, bats, butterflies, spiders, sea turtles, pigs, wolves, wombats, elephants and--believe it or not--dragons! (We squeezed in dragons for fantasy fans and showed *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* which features a dragon-shaped boat and a boy who turns into a dragon!)

During Fort Bragg's Whale Week we had an excellent talk about Pacific whales and migration, adult crafters made whale tails from corks and adult poets read poems about whale protection at Town Hall. The month on wolves kicked off with a marionette version of *Peter and the Wolf* and ended with an impromptu talk by a ranger who'd worked with wolves in Yellowstone. On Big Cat day, kids made mountain lion paw print art in the morning and adults heard (and shared!) stories about living safely with mountain lions. The Butterfly month featured noted children's author, Elisa Kleven, doing a craft celebrating her book: *Glasswing Butterflies*. Adults attended an informational talk about butterfly pollinators led by local gardening expert, Katy Pye. An adult book group read Julia Alvarez's novel, *In the Time of the Butterflies*,

coinciding with the U.N.'s International Day Against Violence directed toward women. Each program promoted people's responsibility to protect the featured animal, but did the teaching in fun and creative ways.

All of the Fort Bragg Library staff were involved, serving the library's central mission: to educate and entertain. The Wild About! programs focused our energies and programming, but we also had time to host a life-sized Monopoly game, a fall carnival for 70 kids and our



annual Kiddie Parade during Paul Bunyan Days.

Our amazing Friends of the Fort Bragg Library co-sponsored all these well-attended programs and provided food and prizes. The Friends gave generously to back our goals, while raising money for the new expansion in the lot north of our library. Over \$75,000 has been raised by those who joined The Thousand Dollar Club. That sum has paid for the disassembly of buildings and reclamation of redwood from the purchased property adjacent to the library.

All forces combined to make a spectacular 2019-2020 for Fort Bragg Library, putting us in good shape with ample public support as we rolled into March 2020. Then, we encountered a species no one was Wild About: the coronavirus. To be continued, we hope!

-Dan Hess, Branch Librarian

Round Valley Public Library

Community Center for Information

In the Fall of 2019 the Round Valley Public Library provided a program of offering free legal consultations in collaboration with the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. A representative for the Family Law Facilitator's Office provided one-on-one legal help for families by appointment.

Additionally, the Round Valley Branch was selected for the Rural Libraries Tour 2020. The Rural Libraries Tour is a partnership between the California Center for the Book, the American Library Association, and Poets and Writers Magazine. Poet Susan Wooldridge visited the branch in February to facilitate a writing workshop and to share her poetry.

Round Valley Public Library has remained committed to helping families stay entertained, inspired and informed during all phases of the COVID-19 response. Since branches closed to the public in March, the Round Valley branch has produced a radio show for KYBU Community Radio called Reading Radio, as well



as producing a weekly virtual story-time. Both programs are intended to promote reading and help kids feel less isolated during the shelter-in-place order.

Despite considerable limitations due to COVID-19, the Round Valley branch has collaborated with a few partners to bring critical information and services to the community. On consecutive Farmers' Market Fridays in June, the branch hosted representatives from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, Firesafe Council Mendocino, and the HALTER Project to raise awareness about wildfire preparedness. All tabling happened outside while practicing social distancing guidelines. Topics during one-on-one conversations included evacuation preparedness, family communication plans, fire safe councils, "ranch readiness" and livestock evacuation. Giveaways included emergency address plates, rain gutter scoops, document holders and zip drives for go-bags. Funding and preparedness materials were provided by the North Coast Opportunities' Emergency Preparedness in Communities (EPIC) Grant and the Friends of the Round Valley Public Library.

Finally, the branch has been providing curbside check-outs of books,

movies, and seeds 5 days a week from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. This service, along with providing assistance via the telephone and WiFi for those outside the library, has been an important resource for the Round Valley community during the shelter-in-place order as well as during multiple wildfire events.

-Josh Bennett, Branch Librarian



Ukiah Library

Highlights from the year

The Ukiah Library serves as a community-gathering place and a connectivity hub for all patrons. Connecting patrons with information, educational resources, myriad learning opportunities, and with one another, patrons discover new ways to inhabit their worlds. Prior to the necessary closures due to COVID-19, the Ukiah branch served 500+ people on an average day. Patrons of all ages visit our libraries to access Wi-Fi and public computers, borrow library materials including Chromebooks, and attend regular events such as Children's Story-Time, Teen Maker Squad, and First Fridays. Following are some highlights pre- and post-COVID:

Seed Library

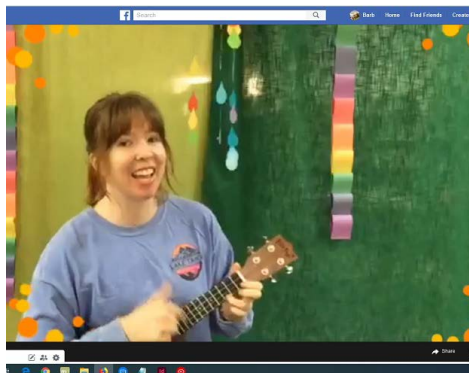
In late 2019, Yokayo Seed Project staff traveled to both the Seed and Scion Exchange and the North Coast Farmers Convergence, where they gave presentations about seed-saving, connected and shared resources with farmers, and learned about innovative ways to educate our local communities about storing, cleaning and saving seed.

We kicked off the New Year with a very popular Teen Lock-In! Local teens hung out in the library until midnight under the care of our Teen Services staff where they learned some new dance moves, played games, ate pizza, and made new friends.

First Friday

In February 2020, the Ukiah Library hosted 450 people at our largest First Friday Art Walk gathering to date. This was a beautiful collaboration with the Dharma Realm Buddhist University (DRBU), the Developing Virtue Girls School at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, and our dear, dedicated Friends of the Library. The DRBU showcased a photography and calligraphy exhibit celebrating forty years of education and community, and also led lantern making and brush calligraphy crafts; there was

live music and dancing by Developing Virtue Girls School, delicious vegetarian refreshments, and the Friends of the Library book sale.



Community Resiliency

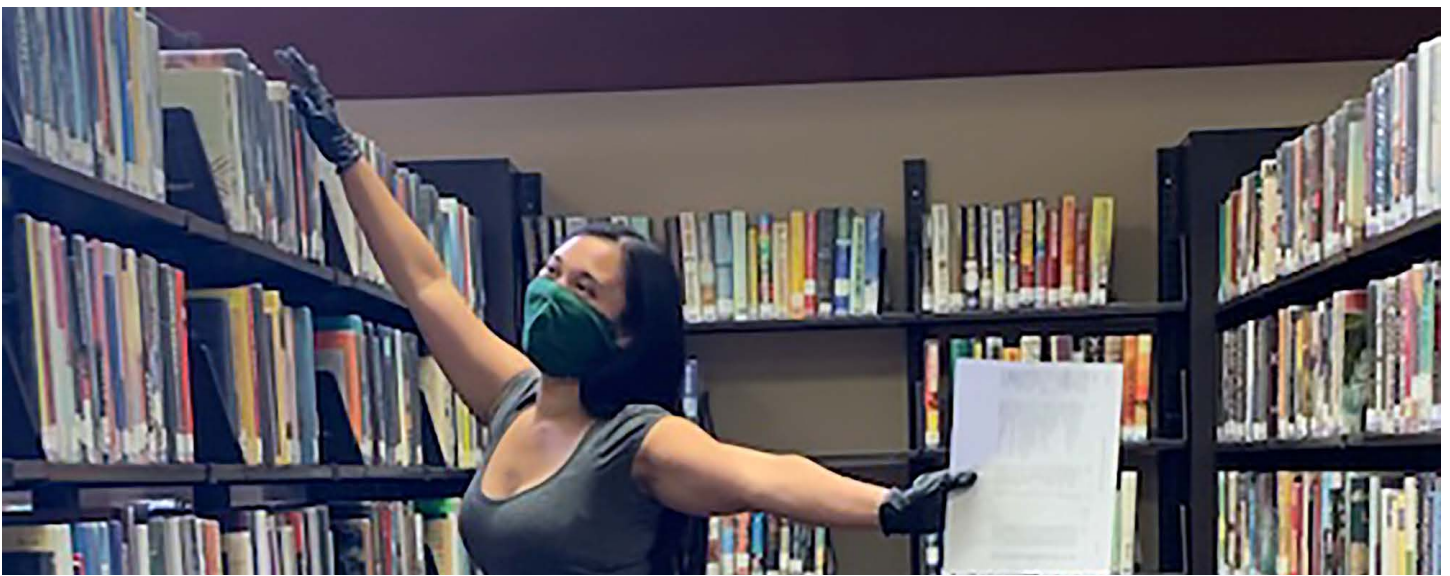
In May, we facilitated a virtual Lend an Ear workshop led by local therapist, Jo-Ann Rosen. Jo-Ann taught community resiliency skills to 20 participants via Zoom, where she focused on how to support yourself and others in difficult times. This workshop was funded by a grant received from the CA State Library's Mental Health Initiative.

Summer Reading

Last year, we kicked off Summer Reading with over 150 participants and the Flynn Creek Circus at Alex Thomas Plaza. This year, we hosted a fully online program with the help of Beanstack: a virtual reading challenge platform made available to libraries for free during the COVID-19 pandemic. Using Beanstack, we had a healthy level of engagement with kids, teens, and adults logging over reading 86,832 minutes! Children's Services staff have also been busy reaching kids and families with a popular Toddler Story-Time and Full STEAM Ahead programs via Facebook Live. Teen Services staff have catalyzed this opportunity to reach teens where they are – Instagram and TikTok – and have developed fun, virtual programs including Foodie Finds and Where the Wild Book Talks Are.

While our libraries are temporarily closed to the public, our staff have continued to work in various capacities. Some staff have worked behind the scenes at the branches answering reference and readers' advisory requests from patrons; fulfilling contact-free curbside orders services; and preparing for when we can reopen and what that will look like. Other library staff have been working as disaster workers-answering calls at the call center, checking temperatures, performing contact tracing- you name it! We're all so grateful that we can continue to provide services to our patrons, and help our community and county thrive during these difficult times.

-Melissa Carr, Branch Librarian



The Willits Library

Resilience at the Willits Branch

Before the Covid-19 pandemic hit, the Willits Branch was a source of fun and community. Our Halloween, holiday, and summer reading events were always a big hit. People loved to come to the branch, and enjoy a variety of performances. Our branch is small, but our heart is big. We had regular patrons who came in daily for the newspapers, for internet access, device charging, and to socialize.

While we cannot recreate all of those experiences with our doors closed to the public, we have tried to create an online presence that is meaningful to both staff and our patrons at large.

Our crafting programs are where you can see the resilience of the Willits staff more than anywhere else. Staff are always looking for new ways to reach and engage our patrons. We have found crafting to be an area

where we can find not only comfort and normalcy for ourselves, but offer it to our patrons as well.

We now have multiple Facebook Live programs each week, reaching out to people for fun crafts, STEAM experiments, and practical crafting (crafts that are more than decorative). We are working every day to produce content that is enjoyable and engaging to all age levels for our patrons. Everyone here is dedicated to providing some semblance of the thriving community that has always defined the Willits Branch. We are also working to continue adding to the number of programs that we conduct. We are looking into

adding a Facebook Live or recorded version of our Calming Stretches Program, and we are revamping our Saturday Write Live program to reach a digitally engaged audience.

No one here is letting the doldrums of the lockdown keep our energy or our spirits down. We are all plagued by uncertainty but have found that keeping connected with each other and our patrons in these small ways has made enduring the isolation of the pandemic much easier to endure. We hope that our programs are doing the same for our patrons.

-Nicole Bird, Branch Librarian

Check out our online events!

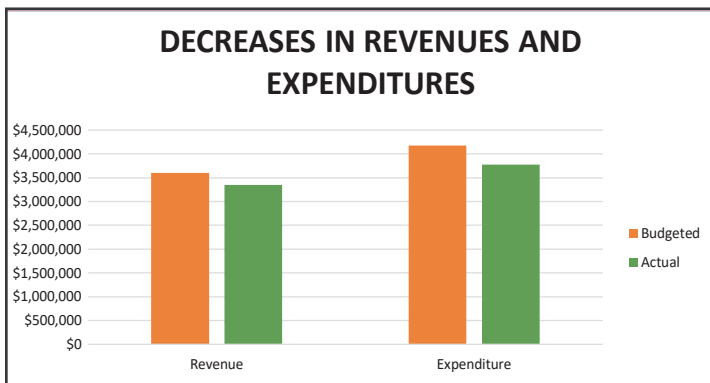
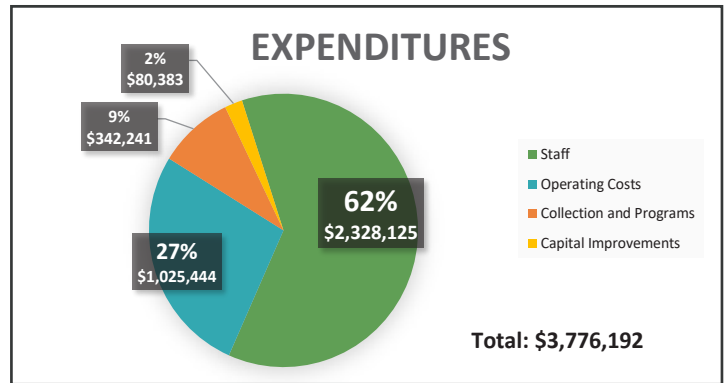
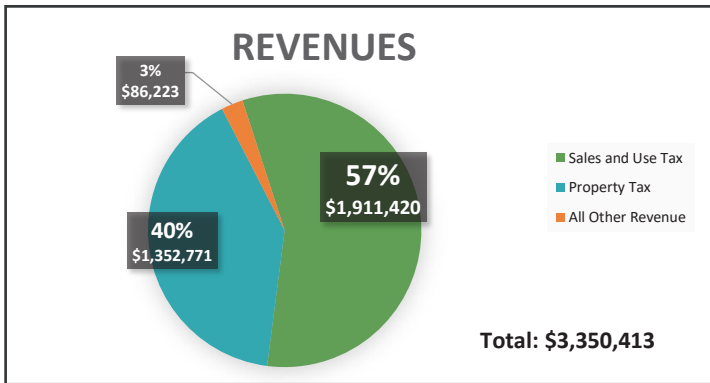
Willits Library and all of the other branches post online events on the library events calendar here: www.mendollibrary.org/locations/library-calendar

- ◆ How-to Crafts and STEAM
- ◆ Reading Radio Programs
- ◆ Book Clubs
- ◆ Virtual Story Times
- ◆ Poetry and more!



Finances & Statistics - Fiscal Year 19-20

Library Revenues and Expenditures



Project	Estimated Cost
Ukiah Library non-slip concrete entrance & exterior bookdrop	\$55,000
Ukiah Library community room & smoke alarm system	\$140,000
Ukiah Library roof replacement	\$900,000
Willits Library new carpet	\$60,000
Willits Library community room kitchen removal	\$1,500
Willits Library staff kitchen remodel	\$18,000
Willits Library roof replacement	\$300,000
Total	\$1,474,500

Fiscal year 2019-2020 saw a lot of changes for the Library budget. Expenses continue to rise faster than revenue is being taken in. County staff, including the Library staff, received long awaited raises due to cost of living adjustments and salary increases.

That along with increasing operating costs such as A-87 and facility projects and maintenance have caused the Library to use some reserves. As of July

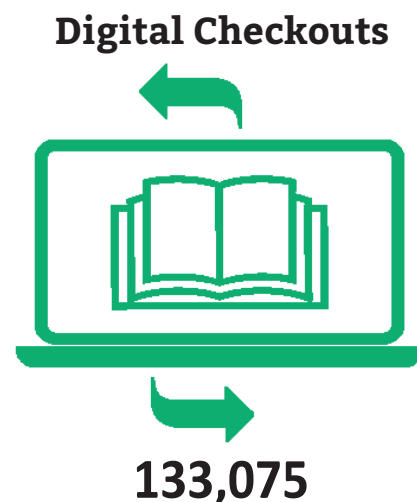
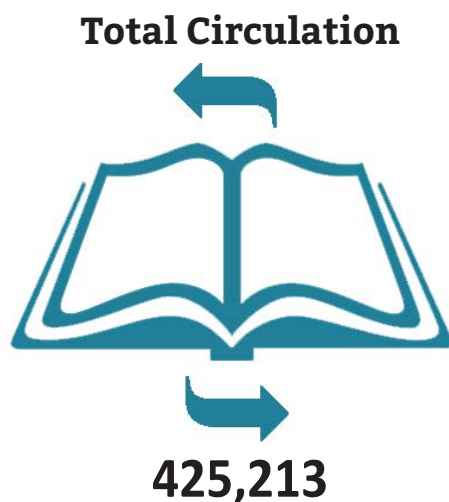
1, 2020 the Library reserve balance is \$1,203,259.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the decrease in funding from taxes as well as library fines and fees, the total revenue was \$254,410 less than budgeted.

Although there was the unexpected facility project of replacing Willits Library's HVAC unit, the Library was able

to save on expenses and decreased expenditures by \$399,425 from the budgeted amount.

The Cultural Services Agency is working hard to reduce spending, including evaluating every position vacancy, while providing the best service possible. However, from the list of deferred facility projects, it is clear that additional funding resources will be necessary.



YEAR IN REVIEW

Visitors



305,352

Programs for age 0-5: 331



Attendance: 5,074

Programs for age 6-11: 379



Attendance: 6,783

Programs for age 12-18: 206



Attendance: 1,289

Total Programs:

1,555

Total Program Attendance

19,652

Programs for adults: 629



Attendance: 6,506

New Items Added to Collection



13,074

Total Zip Book requests filled



885

New Library Cards Issued



2,139

INTERLIBRARY LOANS
Items Borrowed from other Libraries



72,109

INTERLIBRARY LOANS
Items Loaned to other Libraries



83,609

Library Webpage Views



140,270



Mendocino County Library to Connect to the CENIC Broadband Network

Library Tech

The Library is served by the County Information Services Division

The Library would like to send a big thank you to the IT staff who set up new equipment, keep the computers updated, troubleshoot problems, and who will be working with CENIC on upgrading the broadband connections and equipment.

Some Library IT facts:

- ◆ 64 staff computers
- ◆ 37 public internet computers
- ◆ 12 catalog and newspaper computers
- ◆ 16 printers
- ◆ 12 wireless access points

Thank you to: Greg Foster, Cody Snider, Gary Henning, Zack Polston, Tony Rakes, Beth Keech, Nick Wharff and all others working behind the scenes!



The California non-profit organization, the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC), aims to ensure that all California residents have access to high speed networks at their public libraries and educational institutions, and so far has connected over 70% of public libraries in the State to the network as well as the CSU and UC education systems.

The CENIC network consortium also applies for E-rate (Universal Service Program for Schools and Libraries) discounts as well as California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) discounts on behalf of participating libraries.

The Mendocino County Library system, CENIC, and the California State Library through the Califa Group are partnering to provide direct connection of 1 Gbps at Ukiah Library, Fort Bragg Library, Willits Library, Coast Community Library, and the future Laytonville Library, and a connection of 100 Mbps at Round Valley Public Library. Due to the necessity of upgrading circuits at some locations, it may take up to two years to complete all connections.

In the long run, by joining this network consortium, the Library branches will have improved broadband connections and save money at the same time.

Zip Books

The Zip Book program was developed by the California State Library in partnership with the North Net Library system. The Zip Book program allows participating libraries to have additional funding to provide books shipped from a vendor directly to Library patrons.

The items that qualify usually have to be unavailable through the library catalog. Without the Zip Book program, these items would be provided by an interlibrary loan request or by the purchase of a new book.

During the first few months of "shelter in place" due to the COVID-19 response, restrictions on the types of books allowed were lifted as well as the number of requests which could be made. Patrons could request a variety of books including bestsellers mailed directly to their homes. This was a wonderful service that was provided before curbside pick-up was initialized and was heavily utilized during COVID-19 restrictions.

As a result we saw an increase in usage up from an average of 50-60 Zip requests filled per month, to a whopping 200 Zip requests filled in the month of June! When we received the next fiscal year's funding in July, it was a nice surprise to have received more than we had been given in previous years.

This funding is a wonderful recognition of how much this program is utilized by the Library patrons of Mendocino County.

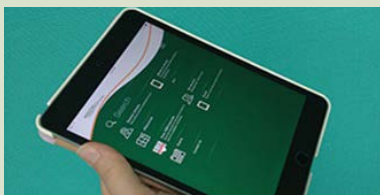


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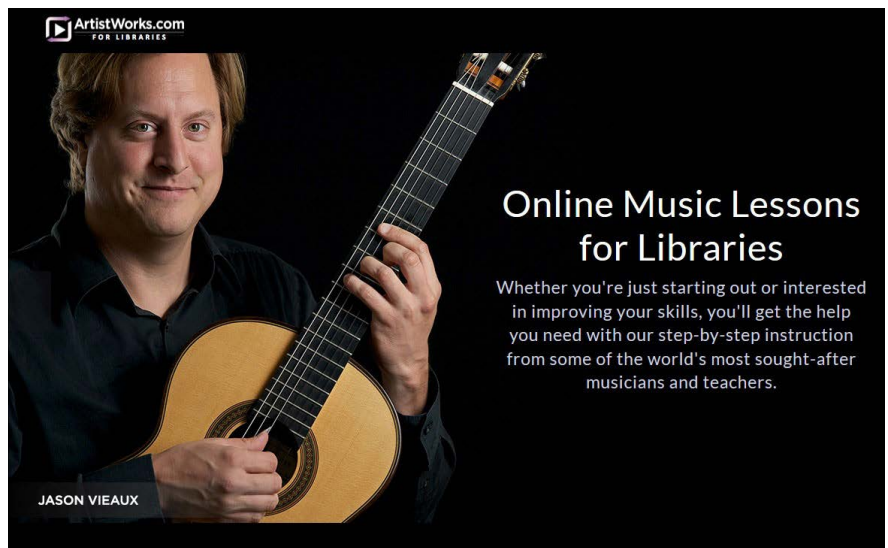
Your Mendocino County Library card provides online access 24/7!

There are many online resources available to Mendocino County Library card holders. Our online resources include:

- ◆ OverDrive eBooks and Audiobooks
- ◆ Enki and Enki biblioboard eBooks
- ◆ Hoopla digital
- ◆ Kanopy streaming
- ◆ Discover Books with Novelist plus
- ◆ A to Z Travel databases
- ◆ ArtistWorks for Libraries - video music instruction
- ◆ Auto Repair Source
- ◆ Britannica School
- ◆ Ebsco Resources
- ◆ New York Times online
- ◆ Newsbank - local newspapers online



Check out our library app at www.mendolibrary.org



ArtistWorks Online Music Lesson Videos

Online Resources Increased

When the COVID-19 pandemic came to Mendocino County, the library endeavored to increase existing digital checkout limits and find additional digital resources for MCL borrowers.

MCL successfully increased the digital check out limits on our existing OverDrive platform from 10 to 20 checkouts per month and increased Hoopla limits from 4 to 10 checkouts per month from March through June; supplementary funding for Hoopla was provided by the California State Library.

MCL was able to promote ad-

ditional free checkouts offered through our popular streaming platforms. These resources included Hoopla's Bonus Borrows and Kanopy's Free Play movie list both of which allowed MCL borrowers additional free checkouts from curated lists on a variety of intriguing subjects, which were updated every two weeks.

MCL was also able to add a number of free databases to increase borrower resource acquisitions during the shelter in place order which are listed below. These were provided through a grant, a gift, or through the State Library.

New Databases

1. Enki Biblioboard: ebooks
2. TumbleBooks: ebooks, audiobooks and TumbleBooks Math: learning math resource (temporary resource)
3. A-Z Travel Databases: US and International travel, food, culture, language and business information
4. Westlaw Legal: a legal document access database (temporary resource)
5. Beanstack: for reading programs
6. ArtistWorks: online music tutorial database

Library Boards & Friends

Library Advisory Board

- ◆ District 1 - Dolly Riley
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- ◆ City of Point Arena - Larry Riddle
- ◆ City of Willits - Olga O'Neill, Secretary
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- ◆ Fort Bragg Library - Susan Peakall
- ◆ Round Valley Library - Ed TePas
- ◆ Ukiah Library - Michele Savoy
- ◆ Willits Library - Kimbal Dodge



Ukiah Library - Traditional Chinese music and dance performed by the students of the Developing Virtue Girls School

Message from the Chair of the Board of Supervisors

As the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, I would like to thank our Mendocino County Library community for all the incredible efforts made to engage, inform, educate, and provide recreation to our residents. As a veteran educator of 30 years, I know the importance and wonder that libraries are to our families. In these times of Covid-19, the roles that our libraries play in our lives is even more pronounced.

The work of the Library Advisory Board and the many Friends of the Library groups is very impressive. The Friends of the Laytonville Library are ready to open a branch after having worked tirelessly for many years. Fort Bragg's Friends of the Library have raised money to do a much needed expansion to the library. Friends of the Coast Community Library in Pt. Arena funded a new roof for the Pt. Arena Library this year. The \$300,000 seismic retrofit that was completed last year was also raised by the

FOL. The Friends of the Ukiah Valley Library raised half the money for a needs assessment for the Ukiah Library. The remaining funds were contributed by: County of Mendocino, City of Ukiah, District Attorney's Office and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. The needs assessment will begin in 2021. These efforts enhance the role of the library as an integral community hub. Our communities are stronger because of these vital roles provided by caring people.

Measure A funding has allowed the libraries to expand hours and services. The list of services include seed banks, broadband connectivity, crafting programs, legal consultations, family entertainment, and tai chi classes. The continuation of Measure A funding is necessary to maintain this level of services and do needed infrastructure work. The Library Advisory Board presented a long-term plan for Mendocino County libraries that was modified and then ap-



proved by the Board of Supervisors last year. The first of its three goals is to work to extend Measure A funding in perpetuity. Under the direction of the BOS, a subcommittee dedicated to this purpose was formed. It is composed of two supervisors and three LAB members. I look forward to greater collaboration between the Board of Supervisors and the passage of an extension of Measure A. Together we can continue supporting the great work of our libraries!

-Supervisor John Haschak, Chair

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