



Mendocino County Library Advisory Board

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mendocino County Library Advisory Board (“LAB”) will hold its regular Board Meeting at:

1:00 pm - Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Via Zoom

Following the Public Health Officer recommendation of September 29, 2021 for public bodies to meet remotely, the next Library Advisory Board meeting will be held via Zoom. The public may join the Zoom meeting at (no registration required):

<https://mendocinocounty.zoom.us/j/85900601506> or by sending comments to libtechservices@mendocinocounty.org. All email comment must be received by 8:00 A.M. the morning of the meeting in order to be published online prior to the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions and Welcome
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes from the September 23, 2020 meeting
5. Public Expression

Note: The Library Advisory Board welcomes public and government participation at its meeting. Items can be added to the official agenda up to 72 hours in advance of the meeting date and time. For items not on the Agenda, comments within the jurisdiction of the Board shall be limited to three minutes per person so that everyone may be heard. No more than ten minutes will be devoted to any non-agenda subject. No official action on non-agenda items will be taken by the LAB at the meeting where presented. Individuals wishing to address the Board under Public Expression are welcome to do so throughout the meeting at the appropriate points in the approved Agenda.

6. Health Officer’s recommendations for remote meetings and possible action (Barb)
7. Library Director’s Report – Introduction of new Administrative Librarian (Deb)
8. Admin Services Manager Reports - Budget and Organizational Chart (Barb)

9. Ukiah Branch Library Report (Melissa)
10. Report Out: Renew Measure A Sub-Committee
11. Unfinished Business
 - A. Updates from Working Groups to Improve Library
 - B. Updates on generators
 - C. Updates on Ukiah book storage
12. New Business
 - A. By-Laws: LAB membership (Richard)
 - B. Brown Act Requirement for more information on each agenda topic and ad hoc committees (Barb)
 - C. Review and approval of Draft 2020-21 Library Annual Report (Barb)
 - D. LAB member term January 2022 expiration: Shawn Haven, District 3
13. Next Meeting is January 19, 2022 at 1:00
14. Announcements and Comments

Attachments:

Health Officer's Recommendation re: Remote Meetings
LAB Minutes for Sept. 17, 2021
Director Report Nov. 2021
Library News
YTD budget report
Library Org chart
Ukiah Branch Report Nov. 2021
Ukiah Working Group report
Ukiah Valley Friends of the Library report
Annual Report FY 20-21 DRAFT

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**Public Health Department
of Mendocino County**

Healthy People, Healthy Communities

Andy Coren, MD, County Health Officer



Recommendation Regarding Continued Remote Public Meetings of Governmental Bodies

September 29, 2021

In light of the continued state of emergency related to COVID-19, as the County Health Officer, I recommend that public bodies continue to meet remotely to the extent possible.

This recommendation is made due to the continued threat of COVID-19 to this community with the ongoing surge in cases and deaths experienced since the Labor Day holiday, the current county vaccination rate, and a concern for continued risk during the upcoming holidays. Additionally, I make this recommendation based on the unique characteristics of public governmental meetings (such as the increased mixing associated with bringing people together from across the community, the need to enable those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to fully participate in such governmental meetings, and the challenges with fully ascertaining and ensuring compliance with vaccination and other safety recommendations at such meetings), and the continued increased safety protection that physical/social distancing provides as one means by which to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Therefore, I strongly recommend teleconferencing through online meetings as this type of meeting presents the lowest risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2, and allows for the participation of the community, local agency staff, presenters, and local agency governing bodies in a safe environment, with no risk of contagion.

I will continue to evaluate this recommendation on an ongoing basis, paying particular attention to the pandemic stage of our community. I will communicate when there is no longer such a recommendation with respect to meetings for public bodies.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Howard A. Coren, M.D.", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Howard A. Coren, M.D.,
Mendocino County Health Officer

Dated: September 29, 2021

Mendocino County Library Advisory Board
Minutes of September 15, 2021
via Zoom

Meeting called to order: 1:06 by Chair Lynn Zimmermann

Introductions and Welcome: Chair Zimmermann welcomed the committee

Members Present: Shawn Haven, Janice Marcell, Mo Mulheren, Olga O'Neill, Larry Riddle, Michael Schaeffer, Carolyn Schneider, Richard Towle, Lynn Zimmermann

Members not Present: None

Others Present: Barbra Chapman, Admin Services Manager; Deborah Fader Samson, County Librarian (CSA Director) Julia Larke, Point Arena Branch Librarian, Nancy Morin, Linda Dunbaugh

Approval of the Agenda: M. Schaeffer moved to approve with the addition of discussion of open seat in Ukiah; Olga 2nd, carried

Approval of 7.21.21 Minutes: J. Marcell moved to approve with the spelling corrections of Julia Larke, not Lark and the word ad hoc, not ad hock; Michael 2nd, carried

Public Expression: None

Library Director's Report: Deborah Fader Samson

- Though Covid levels again climbing, branches want to stay open with continued safety measures.
- Recruitment for a Point Arena branch librarian and other positions is underway.
- Flammable materials need to be removed from Ukiah Branch basement per safety inspection; discussion ensued with ideas and clarification of the Friends' involvement in this process. Michael and Richard were interested in touring the area.
- Deb is pursuing conversation with auditor's office regarding A-87.
- Working with Barb on: Library Brochure with basic library information for new users; State Annual Report with statistics on programs, attendance and circulation; and Library Annual Report for BOS and community with highlights of past year, statistics, income and expenses.
- Librarian is working with County Council of policy regarding use of social media.
- In collaboration with Sonoma County, working on updating catalogs.
- CENIC broadband is a work in progress; each branch has specific needs that are being addressed.
- County approved use of \$500,000 PG&E funds for backup generators, but timeline is not known. County is also waiting for more information about solar grants which may impact generator needs. We will revisit at November meeting.
- Laytonville undergoing a safety inspection and is closer to opening.

Admin Services Manager's Budget Report: Barb Chapman

- Year 20-21 still open, but almost complete
- Starting the year with about \$2 million in reserves
- Endowment Funds has a balance of \$259,016.45 which is broken down by branch principal and interest. The library may spend the interest, but needs LAB approval to use principal funds.

Coast Community Library Branch Report – Julia Larke

Julia acknowledged the work staff and volunteers do and thanked the branch and greater library staff, Friends of the Library and the LAB for the great work done and the support she has received. She embraced Library Sign up Month with Carolyn Cook and shared pictures of community members proudly holding an oversize library card. Julia highlighted programs and themes such as Latino Heritage and take-home kits with ideas for

art and writing. Julia will be retiring soon and will help until a replacement can be found. Nancy Morin, president of the Coast Friends spoke expressing the community's appreciation of the exemplary, creative, engaging, and committed treasure Julia has been in her work. It was clear that Julia and the role of the library in the community is quite special.

Report on Ad Hoc Committee A-87 Charges

- Resolution 21-118 was adopted by the BOS August 17, 2021 to include the definition of "Library Funds" and to expand the list of exemption of A-87 charges and to define a process of going forward.
- Deb will request the data needed to begin looking at line by line charges.
- There is currently personnel turnover in the auditor's office.

Measure A Subcommittee:

- Michael has sent out copy of language to several people for input and review.
- December 13 is the earliest date to file for something to be on the November 2022 ballot.
- By November 17th meeting, there should be a final draft of measure.
- LAB members to inform their Friends Groups of plans and timelines for support in the campaign.

Unfinished Business

A. Updates from Working Groups to improve the library

- Point Arena is currently working with city on drainage issues. They are considering roof replacement and improvements for better air circulation. They are sending out an appeal for donations.
- Ukiah- Importance of working with city and county on effort was discussed; branch's needs explained including the impact of the greater service area that the Ukiah branch serves.
- Fort Bragg is applying for property tax exemption.
- Laytonville continues to slowly but surely approach opening.
- Willits – Planned improvements are waiting for county, so library admin will be the first to know when something happens.

New Business:

By Laws: LAB membership

- Discussion of role of current board member serving on the LAB as a city representative
- Pros and cons discussed with reference to adherence to by-laws
- Richard Towle will review and explore revision of bylaws if necessary

LAB Name – Discussion of history, pros, cons and implications in adding the word "advocacy" to LAB name.

Announcements and comments

Next Meeting LAB Scheduled for November 17, 2021 in Ukiah – in person, hybrid or Zoom to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING NOV 17, 2021

- Barb did an amazing job putting together the Library Annual Report that highlights all the statistics and news of the 2020-2021 fiscal year. It's available for your review on the Library website, but it's huge so I don't think it's appropriate as a tool to get "Joe the Plumber" to vote for the increased tax in November 2022.
- If all goes according to plan, Mellisa Hannum will start work on December 27th as the Coast Community Branch's new Branch Librarian. She currently works at Nevada County Library, but grew up in Humboldt County and can't wait to get back to the coast. She is halfway through obtaining her M.L.I.S. at San Jose State University. Julia has agreed to stay on for an extra week to work with her for a smooth transition. We also just hired a second permanent part-time position for that branch so there will be one full-time Librarian and two part-time Library Assistants.
- I have taken three out of a dozen CSAC (California State Association of Counties) classes necessary to be certified as having graduated from the CSAC William "Bill" Chiat Institute for Excellence in County Government. This is a professional, practical continuing education program for senior county staff and elected officials, the goal of which is to expand capacity and capability of county elected officials and senior staff to provide extraordinary services to their communities.
- I have been working on an official Library Social Media Policy with County Counsel, but they are waiting to see what happens with some current litigation and have asked me to put it on hold until they know a really safe way forward. (The County was sued by someone whose inaccurate post urging people not to get vaccinated was removed by the Public Health Department from their Facebook page.) It is against the law to remove anyone's statement no matter how false or inflammatory it may be. In the meantime, staff have been instructed to not remove, edit, or hide any comments from members of the public on any social media platform that we currently use.
- Barb and Nayo, with very little assistance from me, completed the Annual State Library report, which was due on November 5th this year. Each year the State changes a little bit of the information that they ask for, so each year represents a new challenge. They did an amazing job!
- The Board of Supervisors allowed the Library branches to close on Tuesdays after Monday holidays so the staff can have three day weekends like everybody else in the County workforce. Ultimately, this will save us money by not having to hire Extra Help staff to fill in for staff who must then take an alternate holiday that week.
- The Bookmobile Dudes' have moved their office to the basement, relieving some of the psychological congestion upstairs. There are still many boxes of books that the FOL are

storing that need to be removed for safety and so that Outreach materials and CSA items can be stored safely. If anyone on the LAB is interested in joining me, some other CSA staff, and some of the able bodied Ukiah branch Friends to remove the flammable material, please let me know and we can schedule it.

- Outreach staff participated in PumpkinFest on October 16th and 17th
- The City of Ten Thousand Buddhas and Dharma Realm Buddhist University donated several boxes of masks, hand sanitizer, and rubber gloves to the Cultural Services Agency.



- We are working on a grant, headed up by Barb, for an opening collection and furniture for the Laytonville branch. The architect who designed the space did not know a lot about libraries so we are having some technical difficulties to work around (the plans have already been approved by Planning and Building Dept.), but we still hope to open by the end of the end of the first quarter of the calendar year.
- I have served on a couple employee committee meetings to help draft a new County Strategic Plan and have mentioned at every one of them the need to fully fund the Cultural Services Agency as a necessity in attracting families to reside in Mendocino County due to the high quality of life we provide.
- The Community Foundation recently opened their application for Community Enrichment Grants for local non-profit entities. A member of the Ukiah Branch Friends of the Library attended one of the instructional meetings and we are hoping he is working with Sam White on an application to fund the purchase of StoryWalk[®] signs to be placed permanently in the communities of our branches. The Coast Community Friends of the Library are applying for a grant to purchase the StoryWalk[®] signs for a park in Point Arena.
- 11 candidates for the Young Adult Librarian position at Ukiah branch have attended their first round of interviews. We hope to make a selection by the end of the month and have someone on site by the end of the year.
- Friends of the Ukiah Branch Library generously purchased and donated TWO 3-D printers to that branch. Because of the central tenet of libraries being the equal access to resources for everyone despite their socioeconomic or any other perceived status, we

do not want to limit access to 3-D printing only to those patrons who signed up for a card at that branch. We want to make the technology available for every cardholder in the County. One other branch (Round Valley?) already has a 3-D printer, but we'd like to request that other Friends of the Library groups consider helping to purchase the filament necessary to operate the printers so that the Ukiah Friends group doesn't have to support the county-wide endeavor alone. Their hearts are truly large, but they shouldn't have to pay for the entire county.

- Our recent M.L.I.S. graduate, Nayo Sicard is now officially a Librarian II; providing services and guidance for all the branches and outreach.
- The CA State Library is paying for 6 databases for public libraries around the state until the end of September 2022. The databases are: Coursera, GetSetUp, Learning Express Library, LinkedIn Learning, Northstar, and Skillshare.



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Nothing feels more fall than cozying up with a good book. The **Willits Library** has an abundance on display as they simultaneously celebrate Banned Book Week and Hispanic Heritage Month.

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The **Willits** Branch **Library's** annual Halloween celebration returns this year with the Candy Carnival.

The event will be held on Friday, Oct. 29 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The **Library** branch will close early (4 p.m.) and the celebration will be held outdoors in the parking lot located next to the **library** building. Restrooms will remain open.

The Candy Carnival is an elaborate version of trick or treating combined with traditional carnival games. Attendees are invited to play ghoulish games to earn sweet treats, pick a free book from the book patch, and participate in photo booth fun. Attendees are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. **Library** and Museum staff will be dressed as their favorite villains. Please note that due to COVID, all attendees will be required to wear a facial covering. Masks will be provided if you don't have one.

For more information, please contact the **Willits Library** at 707-459-5908 or visit www.mendolibrary.org.

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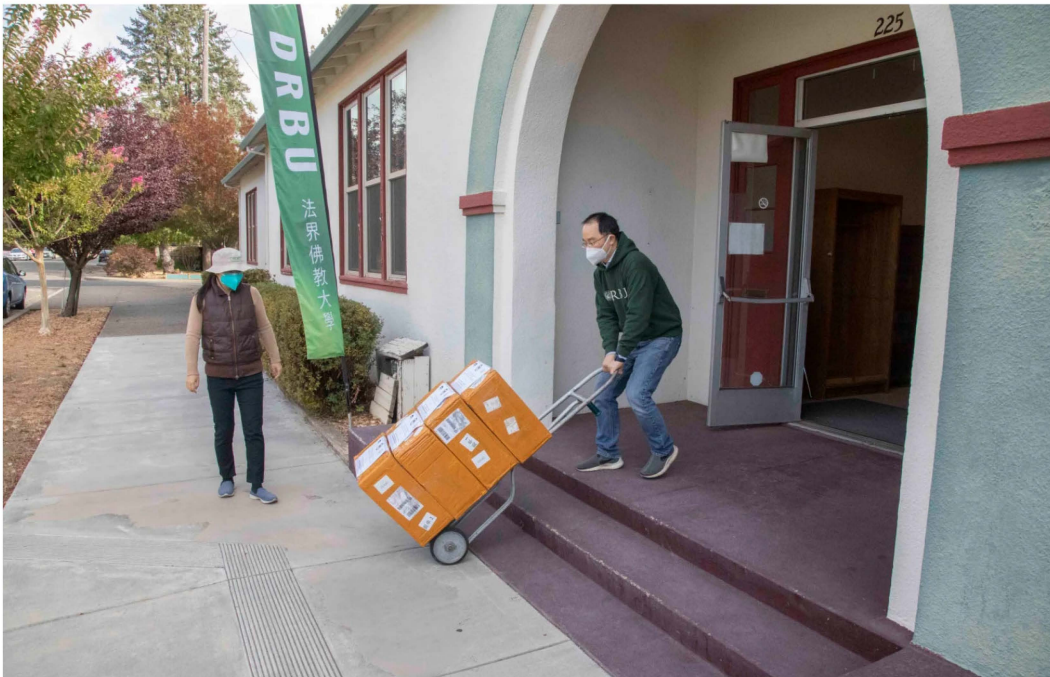
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City of Ten Thousand Buddhas partners with Dharma Realm Buddhist University, providing Mendocino County Library, Museum with PPE donation



There will be 6,000 surgical masks, 120 bottles of hand sanitizer and 10,000 vinyl gloves donated for the use of library and museum staff and visitors. All PPE will be distributed to the library branches throughout Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg, Point Arena and Covelo, as well as to the traveling Bookmobile and the County Museum, located in Willits.



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By **STAFF**
October 21

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As the spread of COVID-19 continues throughout the world, the need for personal protective equipment (PPE) remains high, especially for front line staff. To address the ongoing demand, the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas (CTTB), Dharma Realm Buddhist University (DRBU) and their parent organization, Dharma Realm Buddhist Association (DRBA) have expanded their PPE donation project, to supply PPE to the Mendocino County Library and the County Museum.

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“A strong sense of community is a guiding principle at DRBU, as we integrate care into all that we do,” DRBU President, Susan Rounds, said. “The Mendocino County Library and the County Museum are vital to the DRBU community and to our neighbors throughout the county. We are honored to contribute to ensuring the health and safety of its staff and visitors.”

In addition to DRBU students and staff, members and friends of Dharma Realm Buddhist Association in China, including the Buddhist Association of China and Jing Ming Vihara of China, contributed to the donated supplies. To certify the quality of the PPE, all items come with a copy of the manufacturer’s business license and FDA and/or CE (Europe) and/or ISO (international) certificate.



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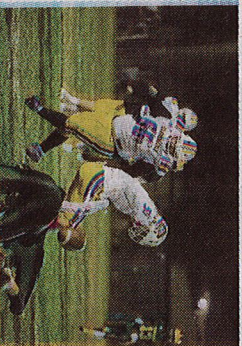
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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Nonprofit grant funds available

Project awards range from \$3,000-\$7,500

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The Community Foundation of Mendocino County is accepting applications for the 2022 Community Enrichment grant program. The Community Enrichment grant program is designed to support the enrichment of local communities in Mendocino County with a focus on the five following funding areas: sense of place, environment, healthy communities, education, and arts and humanities.

Individual grant awards range from \$3,000 to \$7,500 for community projects throughout Mendocino County, with up to \$200,000 in total funding available. Organizations are invited to apply at www.communityfound.org by Dec. 2.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend one of the Grant Information Workshops. Program Officer Allison Findley will offer a virtual opportunity to learn about the guidelines, online grant platform, and answer questions. For links to the workshops, visit www.communityfound.org

Grant Workshop #1: Wednesday, Nov. 3, 10 to 11 a.m.; Grant Workshop #2: Thursday, Nov. 4, 4 to 5 p.m.

Workshops are offered at no cost to participants. RSVP appreciated, but not required. Applicants may contact Allison Findley at allison@communityfound.org or (707)-468-9882 ext. 103 with remaining questions, or

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Denise Jessie pulled books and Julie Castillo painted flames for the Banned Book Week Display.

By Jaclyn Luna

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Ukiah Library will host "Mechanic Shop Femme-How the Heck Do I Buy a Used Car" on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. This is a free workshop and will be held on zoom.

For more information, email carrm@mendocinocounty.org or call 463-4490.

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Ukiah Branch Library will be hosting the Amble and Ramble — a walking any-book book club for adults on Wednesday, Oct. 20 and every third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. at Todd Grove Park. Adults 21 and over are invited to pop into any group at your leisure.

This is a time to discuss and share any book. No need to plan or pick up a designated book for this one — just show up when you can! Please note that due to COVID, all attendees will be asked to wear a mask if social distancing is not possible outdoors.

Come chat with other adults about any book you are reading while getting in some steps! Contact 463-4490 or carrm@mendocinocounty.org to sign up.

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While all branches of the Mendocino County **Library** are open to the public every Tuesday through Saturday, we would like to remind the community that curbside services are available for those who might prefer non-contact pickup. Appointments are required.

In order to create your appointment for a curbside materials pickup, visit www.mendolibrary.org and review the Curbside Pickups page found under "Borrow." This will link to the information for your local branch.

The branches with curbside service request forms online provide a form to fill out and submit for staff to process your order. For other branches, contact by phone or email to arrange a curbside pickup time.

If you have questions, please contact your Mendocino County **Library** branch.

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Ukiah Branch Library presents Spooky Storytime in the Park on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 11 a.m. at Todd Grove Park. The **Ukiah Branch Library** invites families to join us for a Halloween-themed outdoor story time at Todd Grove Park.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. and will be full of ghostly stories, songs, rhymes, visual storytelling, individually wrapped treats, and even a costume parade through the park!

While the **library** will provide limited floor seating, caregivers are encouraged to bring their own blankets or other seating arrangements. Participants are encouraged to dress up for the costume parade.

All outdoor programs are subject to changes in the weather, and may be canceled due to inclement weather. Cancellations will be posted to the **Ukiah Branch Library's** Facebook and Instagram pages, so please check frequently.

For more information, contact Sam White, children's librarian, at 707-234-2865 or whitesa@mendocinocounty.org.

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Ukiah Branch Library will present Take-and-Make: Finger Knit Infinity Scarves on Friday, Nov. 19 at 105 N. Main St. This Take-and-Make kit teaches individuals how to make Finger Knit Infinity Scarves, an easy and fun craft that is a great way to busy the hands while quieting the mind.

This kit is free for teen-to-adult crafters. Only one kit per household please. Signing up in advance is required and pick-up appointments begin Nov. 19, 2021. For time and more information or to reserve your kit, contact the **Ukiah Branch Library** at 707-463-4490 or wetzler@mendocinocounty.org.

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Ukiah Branch Library Presents: Spooky Storytime in the Park on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 11 a.m. at Todd Grove Park. For more information, please contact Sam White, Children's Librarian, at 707-234-2865 or whitesa@mendocinocounty.org.

Sunday

The First Presbyterian Church of **Ukiah** Trunk or Treat: On Sunday, Oct. 31 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Parking lot on the corner of South Dora and West Perkins. Come in costume and wear a mask. For more information, call 468-9235.

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Mark your calendar - Library to host Art Walk - Ukiah Daily Journal (CA) - October 26, 2021 - page 2
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Ukiah Branch Library will be hosting First Friday Art Walk, with a Local Quilt Artists Exhibit on Friday, Nov. 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. at 105 N. Main St.

Join the **Ukiah Branch Library** to view an ongoing show by local quilting groups Mendocino Art Quilters and the Rag Tag Quilters.

They will be on display during the months of November and December. These creatives hope to remind us of the importance textile art holds in our own history and culture. Their pieces are a combination of first-rate art quilts and traditionally themed quilts with something for everyone to view and ponder while enjoying the vibrant colors.

November's Art Walk will host live music by Elizabeth MacDougall, a book sale, and Take & Make Quilted Leaf Coaster to-go kits. The kits will be first-come, first-served for ages 8 years and up. This exhibit is free to the public, for all ages.

For more information, contact the **Ukiah Branch Library** at 707-263-4490, or email wetzeln@mendocinocounty.org.

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Wednesday

Ukiah Branch Library Presents: YA Poetry Circle on Wednesday, Nov. 3 on zoom from 3 to 4 p.m. This new poetry is for teens and young adults ages 15-28. This is a free event. 463-4490.

Thursday



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Get Carded! September is **Library** Card Sign-up Month

On Saturday, Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30p.m., **Fort Bragg Library**, in partnership with the Mendocino Cookie Co., will reward all those who stop by

the Cookie Co. and sign up for a new **library** account. So what are you waiting for? Get carded! To get carded, you'll need your picture ID and proof of local address. For more information, visit Fortbragglibrary.org

Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival Sept. 11 and 12

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Mendocino County Bookmobile: Cleone across from store, 9:30-10 a.m.; Caspar Community Center, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Community Center of Mendocino, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. No one is allowed on board the Bookmobile at this time. All business to be conducted at the outside table. Wear a mask. Social distance-6 feet. 707-234-2874, mendolibrary.org.



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Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic and Latino Americans are the largest ethnic minority in America and each year the **Fort Bragg Library** celebrates Hispanic contributions and culture with Hispanic Heritage Month. This year, **Fort Bragg Library** is observing Hispanic Heritage Month with: An ongoing **Library** display featuring local Hispanic heritage articles; A Hispanic heritage themed Story Time on Sept. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to noon; A Take & Make Hispanic heritage themed craft for kids (Sept. 18-Sept. 26 while supplies last). For more information, visit the **Fort Bragg Library** at fortbragglibrary.org.



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Everybody has driven, been driven, ridden, or walked over the Noyo River Bridge, but most of us don't think about what is beneath our feet as we pass. There's a lot to see and do at the North Harbor, but if you want to see everything, you have to go exploring. If you like to read, there's a good reason to drive all the way to the end of the road.

The Friends of the **Library** runs a tiny hallway of a used-book shop, open from 11:00 until 3:00 Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, just to the left of the Princess Seafood Restaurant (not the market/deli). The parking lot is reserved for restaurant customers, but you can park along the foot of the bluff and at the very end of the road, where people go to enjoy the mouth of the river.

The bookshop has more than books; it has magazines, LPs, CDs, and DVDs (including box sets). There's a view over the dock to the river, and you can check out the mermaid mailbox, the unique awning (also with a marine theme), and the interesting posters (whales, maps). Everything, including the use of the shop space, has been donated, and the stock is grouped by medium and category (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, children's, etc.). On the first Saturday of each month, The Friends accept material donations in the alley to the left and behind the Ft. **Bragg Library** (499 E. Laurel, at Whipple) from 9:00 until noon. (The **library** itself is not currently accepting donations.) In addition to running the used-book shop, The Friends holds sales every few months.



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Mendo Community **Library** Expands Hours Good news for local readers! The all-volunteer Mendocino Community **Library** is about to expand its current hours. Beginning Saturday, October 2, the **library** will be open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for in-person visits, browsing, and check out. Mask up and stop by to peruse the latest books, audiobooks, and DVDs. The **library** is located on the corner of Little Lake Rd. and William St., across from the Art Center (707-937-5773; mendocinocommunitylibrary.org).

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Concerts



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"Sit with Me, Read to Me" is the theme for the Rotary Club of **Fort Bragg** Read Aloud 15 minutes 2021 project which started on Tuesday, October 12. Flyers are available at the **Fort Bragg Library** and other kid-friendly places. They can be downloaded from the **Fort Bragg** Rotary website www.fortbraggrotary.com. The flyers explain that the project goal is to read aloud five books to every child under six. Parents or caregivers will record those books on the "My Read Aloud Book List" on the flyer to turn in at the **Fort Bragg Library**. Each child will then receive a \$5 gift certificate to be used at Racines/Spunky Skunk on Franklin (one per child).

Check the **Fort Bragg Library** October calendar where the Rotary Read Aloud project is announced with a bold "1 2 3 Read to Me" starting October 12 and ending on October 30. Join in the Read Aloud fun by reading aloud and claiming a gift certificate for your child under six. For more information, please call 961-1881.

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Libraries Friends of the **Fort Bragg Library**, Noyo Bookstore, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sportsman's Dock, 32095 N. Harbor Dr., **Fort Bragg**.

Mendocino Community **Library**: reopened June 1 for in-person visits, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon. Corner of William and Little Lake Street, Mendocino, 707-937-5773.

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READING

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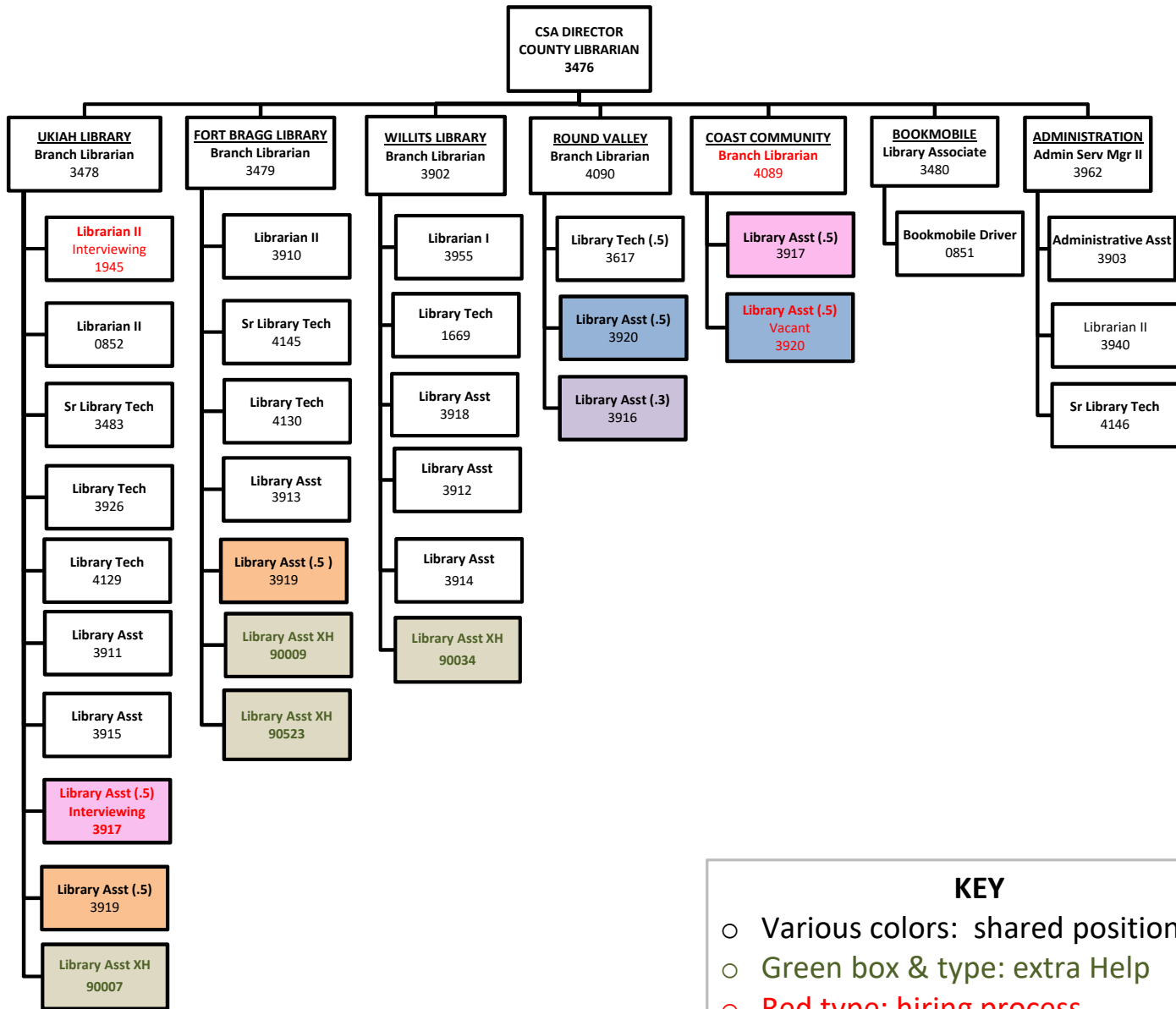
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LIBRARY BUDGET FY 2021/2022

OBJECT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	Revised Budget	YTD as of 11/12/21	Available Budget	YTD % used	Notes
821500	SALES & USE TAX	-2,311,200	-2,311,200	-542,895	-1,768,305	23%	Measure A funds
824100	INTEREST	-30,000	-30,000	-2,879	-27,121	10%	
826370	LIBRARY SERVICES	-10,000	-10,000	-1,315	-8,685	13%	Fine revenue and Bookmobile stops in Sonoma
827600	OTHER SALES	-4,000	-4,000	-1,521	-2,479	38%	Photocopy/earbud fees
827707	DONATION	-1,000	-1,000	-300	-700	30%	Donations to MCL
827801	GRANT REVENUE	-5,000	-5,000	0	-5,000	0%	FINRA GRANT
827802	OPERATING TRANSFER IN	-1,407,423	-1,407,423	-1,407,423	0	100%	Property Tax from Assembly Bill 3027 in 1992
Total Revenue		-3,768,623	-3,768,623	-1,956,333	-1,812,290	52%	
861011	REGULAR EMPLOYEES	1,623,859	1,623,859	530,442	1,093,417	33%	
861012	EXTRA HELP	35,000	35,000	15,423	19,577	44%	
861013	OVERTIME REG EMP	25,000	25,000	1,553	23,447	6%	
861021	CO CONT TO RETIREMENT	538,879	538,879	172,166	366,713	32%	
861022	CO CONT TO OASDI	90,408	90,408	29,518	60,890	33%	
861023	CO CONT TO OASDI-MEDIC	22,391	22,391	7,627	14,764	34%	
861024	CO CONT TO RET INCREMEN	75,986	75,986	24,895	51,092	33%	
861030	CO CONT TO EMPLOYEE INS	245,653	245,653	69,093	176,560	28%	
861031	CO CONT UNEMPLOYMENT IN	5,495	5,495	0	5,495	0%	
861035	CO CONT WORKERS COMPENS	63,767	63,767	0	63,767	0%	
Total Salaries & Benefits		2,726,438	2,726,438	850,716	1,875,722	31%	
862060	COMMUNICATIONS	274,187	226,658	5,252	221,406	2%	Phone and data lines
862062	COUNTY-WIDE MICROWAVE	6,770	6,770	0	6,770	0%	Billed by County
862090	HOUSEHOLD EXPENSE	126,000	126,000	19,927	106,073	16%	Janitorial & garbage - all branches
862101	INSURANCE-GENERAL	41,675	41,675	0	41,675	0%	
862120	MAINTENANCE-EQUIPMENT	10,000	10,000	1,545	8,455	15%	Equipment maintenance (incl. Bookmobile)
862130	MAINT-STRC IMPR & GRN	25,000	25,000	14,068	10,932	56%	Building & grounds maintenance
862150	MEMBERSHIPS	8,500	8,500	0	8,500	0%	CLA, ALA, ARSL
862170	OFFICE EXPENSE	43,000	43,000	9,290	33,710	22%	Office supplies including paper and toner
862185	MEDICAL & DENTAL SVCS	2,000	2,000	150	1,850	8%	Pre-employment physicals, screenings
862187	EDUCATION & TRAINING	2,000	2,000	229	1,771	11%	Staff education
862189	PROF & SPEC SVCS-OTHR	226,000	226,000	57,416	168,584	25%	Sonoma, Delivery, IS support, Security guard, NeoGov

862190	PUBL & LEGAL NOTICES	1,000	1,000	30	970	3%	Classified ads for job postings
862194	A-87 COSTS	519,993	519,993	0	519,993	0%	
862210	RNTS & LEASES BLD GRD	42,000	42,000	25,701	16,299	61%	Round Valley, Laytonville MOU
862230	INFO TECH EQUIP	102,971	102,971	14,414	101,411	14%	Computer replacements & software
862239	SPEC DEPT EXP	200,000	200,000	78,274	121,726	39%	Library collection materials and databases
862250	TRNSPRTATION & TRAVEL	20,000	20,000	1,885	18,115	9%	Bookmobile gas and maintenance, mileage
862253	TRAVEL & TRSP OUT OF CO	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	0%	Hotel, airfare, per diem conferences/trainings
862260	UTILITIES	75,600	75,600	17,525	58,075	23%	Water, sewer, electricity, gas, etc.
Total Services & Supplies		1,728,696	1,681,167	245,706	1,435,461	15%	
864370	EQUIPMENT	0	47,529	47,529	0	0%	
865802	OPERATING TRANSFER OUT	55,000	55,000	0	55,000	0%	
	Revenue Total	-3,768,623	-3,768,623	-1,956,333	-1,812,290	52%	
	Expense Total	4,510,134	4,510,134	1,143,951	3,366,183	25%	
	Budgeted Use of Reserves	741,511	741,511	-812,382	1,553,893	-110%	
	Reserves at FY start	2,132,804					

Endowment Funds	Balance
2710-7608 Fort Bragg Principal	12,875
2710-7608 Fort Bragg Interest	21,727
2710-7608 Ukiah Principal	114,513
2710-7608 Ukiah Interest	71,222
2710-7608 Bookmobile Principal	4,290
2710-7608 Bookmobile Interest	3,704
2710-7608 Willits Principal	6,234
2710-7608 Willits Interest	2,673
2710-7608 Library/Hallam Principal	20,382
2710-7608 Library/Hallam Interest	1,396
Total	259,016.45



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- Green box & type: extra Help
- Red type: hiring process



Happy Halloween from the Ukiah Branch!

Take-Home Craft Kits for All Ages

The Library offers Take-Home Crafts for kids, teens, and adults! In October, we offered DIY Balloon Rocket Kits & Friendly Ghost Origami Kits for children, Felted Leaf Coaster Kits for Families, and DIY Finger Knitting Infinity Scarves Kits for Adults.

Children's Programs

It's been a joy to welcome 2-3 class visits (preschool-12th grades) per week since school resumed in person, and make so many new library cards! In September, we connected 190 new patrons with library services.

Children's Librarian, Sam White, led a Spooky Storytime with ghostly stories, songs & rhymes, visual storytelling, individually wrapped treats, and a costume parade through the park on Halloween weekend at Todd Grove Park. Sam kicked off November with a new weekly Outdoor Storytime. She will be performing storytime live featuring books, songs, rhymes, visual storytelling, basic American Sign Language, and possibly even some dancing for those wiggly wee ones every Saturday at the gazebo in Todd Grove Park from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM. The library is providing limited floor seating; caregivers are encouraged to bring their own blankets or other seating arrangements.

Teen Programs

Young Adult Poets Circle will begin on November 3rd. Local Poets Laureate Melissa Eleftherion Carr (Ukiah) & Blake More (Point Arena) are excited to lead this writing group. Participants (ages 15-28) are invited to pop in to write with other teens and young adults, sharing their poems in a supportive, creative, & nurturing environment. We will meet on Zoom on the first Wednesday of the month from 3-4 pm. Our first session was very well attended (27 attendees) thanks to Ms. Wong's class from Developing Girls Virtue School.

Adult Programs

The Social Justice Book Club discussed *Minor Feelings: An Asian-American Reckoning* by Cathy Park Hong on November 4th on Zoom. December's book discussion will reflect on *The Water Dancer*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

Join us for Amble & Ramble: a new walking book club. It will take place on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month at 1 pm at the gazebo in Todd Grove Park. Adults 21 and over are invited to pop in at your leisure. We welcome discussion and sharing about any book you are currently reading. No need to plan or pick up a designated book for this one – just show up when you can!

Mechanic Shop Femme workshop series resumed on Oct. 30 from 2:30-4 pm on Zoom with The Why's & When's of Car Maintenance: an overview of car maintenance from Chaya Milchtein of [Mechanic Shop Femme](#). This class focused on when to perform specific maintenance tasks, including changing oil and filters, tire pressure, & coolant. It also offered tips on how to be a more educated consumer to protect your investment. Stay tuned for the final workshop in November: A Deeper Dive Into Car Ownership. Email carrm@mendocinocounty.org for Zoom link. This workshop dives into slightly more complex topics like tune-ups, transmission fluid, & cleaning your car to protect your investment amongst others.

First Friday at the Ukiah Branch Library in November featured live music by Elizabeth MacDougall, Friends of the Library Book Sale, Take & Make Quilted Leaf Coaster to-go kits, & the treasured annual quilt exhibit by local quilting groups Mendocino Art Quilters and the Rag Tag Quilters. This exhibit will be on display through November & December Art Walk Ukiah.

Working Group to Improve Ukiah Library

Report for Library Advisory Board: Needs Analysis of the Ukiah Valley Library

11-17-2021

Arch Nexus has completed the Needs Assessment. Here are the primary points from their summary.

The existing library is 14,410 square feet with approximately 11,000 square feet of space accessible to the public. The findings in the study recommend a total building size of approximately 20,000 square feet to meet the needs of the community from 2021 -2031.

It is recommended that the library look at the cost and feasibility of partnerships, alternate locations, the purchase of the adjacent property and the cost of second story addition to find the most cost effective way to implement the recommended increased size of the building.

The report included additional recommendations of how to implement a plan to configure and expand the library size: what to include and how to reconfigure the space within the library. A portion of these configurations and layout recommendation could be implements now, by reconfiguring the existing library.

The next step recommendations are as follows:

- 1) Confirm a potential partner (in addition to the City and County) then complete a location feasibility study.
- 2) As part of the feasibility study confirm a site location, (Real estate acquisition or adjacent site purchase feasibility).
- 3) Second story level additional Structural Feasibility and cost study
- 4) SEED Certified Community Outreach (Can be completed by SEED certified architectural firm as part of the programming and design phases).

The FOL has started on what would be needed to determine if a second story is feasible. That will require an RFP (Request for Proposal) with a structural engineering company. We are hopeful that the county or the city will take the lead on that.

The final report Needs Assessment report is pretty long (32 pages), so we won't attach it here.

We can make it available to anyone that would like it, just email the friendsofthelibrary.ukiah@gmail.com

Ukiah Valley Friends of the Library report for LAB meeting 11-17-2021

We just had our first 2 day book sale since COVID closed things down. It was a great success. Friday night we celebrated 1st Friday Art Walk with the opening night of the Quilt Show. We had music by Mary McDougal and a book sale. The book sale as a \$5.00 bag sale and extended through Saturday afternoon.

Michele Savoy (President) is continuing the work with the Ukiah Working Group (see the separate report) for that update.

Victor Hoosac (Membership Chairperson) participated in a grant workshop hosted by the Community Foundation. Victor is currently working on a grant for the children's program. The Storybook walk will take place at the Ukiah city parks. Deadline is December 2nd.

We are working on a newsletter for December. And also planning a 2 day sale for December, first Friday and Saturday.

The FOL is organizing an ad hoc group to focus on future fundraising ideas.

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2020-2021 Annual Report



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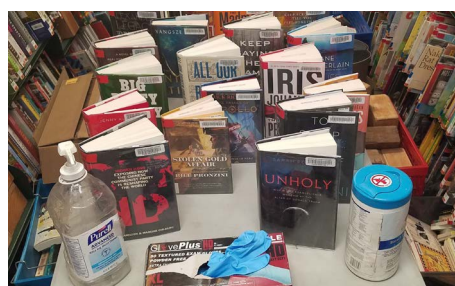
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FORT BRAGG'S ORIGAMI PROGRAM

HELLO, MENDOCINO COUNTY!

Message from the County Librarian



Thank you so much for welcoming me so warmly to this beautiful part of the country. I started as your Cultural Services Agency Director on January 25th and have been amazed at the dedication and professionalism of both Library and Museum staff. Prior to my appointment here, I had worked as County Librarian for Tuolumne County, CA and as Branch Manager for the Public Library of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County in New Mexico. I've worked in libraries all over the country from Dayton, OH to Monterey, CA to San Angelo, TX to Augusta, GA to Las Cruces, NM and have met so many different people dedicated to serving the public through Libraries. I have worked in larger systems with larger budgets, but never with such a hard working staff before.

Since my tenure began in January, I have been able to visit every branch in the County Library system and meet all the staff, appreciating the traits and eccentricities of each unique community despite

the new restrictions placed on us by this pandemic. Library branches are still not open to the public at pre-pandemic levels, but we're hopeful that we will be able to do that eventually.

Our branches have continued to serve their communities well over the past year, with on-line programming, take-and-make crafts, curbside pick-up, social media

games and challenges, and telephone reference assistance while closed, and adding browsing and computer assistance since re-opening in late March. In the following pages Branch Managers will highlight their branch's accomplishments over the past year and let you know some of their hopes for the future.

I am proud that during my time

here we have placed an emphasis on staff development and training and are in the process of eliminating late fees for overdue materials, which really only serve as a barrier to access for those in our community who need us the most. All of our branches are getting set up with high-speed broadband access through the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) this year, enabling us to serve even more residents in the remote areas of our County.

Thank you to the amazing Cultural Services Agency staff, The Library Advisory Board, and all the individual Friends of the Library groups that do so much for our branches on a daily basis. What a great team!

My goals for the upcoming year are to open the new Laytonville Branch in early 2022, to set up Story Walks[®] in our communities, and to bring all our branches together as members of the same Library with a shared identity.

~ Deb Fader Samson



Coast Community Branch Library

Located in Point Arena, Mendocino County's smallest city, this branch serves south coast communities from Elk to Gualala and further south into Sonoma County, including Sea Ranch, Annapolis and Stewarts Point.

During the summer of 2020 until March 2021, the branches provided curbside pickup of materials. Many patrons were able to place requests online at home and for those without internet, people handed staff lists (through the door), or they called and had requests placed for them. Since March, staff have returned to checking out materials in person and allowing use of the study rooms and public computers. Patrons and visitors from afar have begun to visit the branch (while masked!) with greater frequency.

People are also now coming inside to buy books at the ongoing Friends of the Library Book Sale that is temporarily located in the Community Room. The space is functioning like a mini bookstore and sales are at an all-time high. This is a fine use of the room until public programs and classes can be resumed.

During the 2020 Summer Reading Program in July and August, branches were open only for curbside pickup so staff provided a cart at the front door supplied with free Scholastic Books and weekly craft go-bags. The Time-Capsule booklet project was very popular with Coast Community families. The creator of the booklet made it available on the web, saying, "Because we're living through history right now I thought a 'time capsule' would be an amazing way for children to document this experience."

In September, branch staff celebrated Mendocino County Library's award of



a grant from the American Library Association and the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment.

In October, Coast Branch posted its first YouTube videos...the reading of two children's books that were part of a Census book grant the County Library received.

In December, they presented a video of a book talk by local Comptche author and historian, Katie Tahja, sharing her latest book, *An Eclectic History of Mendocino County*.

In January and February, Branch Manager Julia Larke created a poster honoring Martin Luther King Jr. and his 1968 *I Have A Dream* speech and posted it on social media. For Black History Month they highlighted books, movies and audiobooks in a window display, including the works of Maya Angelou, James Baldwin, Ta-Nehisi Coates, Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, Colson Whitehead, Isabel Wilkerson, and many more.

In March, Julia applied and was awarded a \$500 grant from the California State Library's ELF project (Early Learning with Families). For día de los niños, día de los libros (Children's

Day/Book Day), held April 29, they hosted a bilingual zoom fairytale told by Point Arena's Poet Laureate, Blake More and retired Ukiah Poet Laureate, Jabez William Churchill.

At the end of March the County Library gradually began reopening the branches to the public. On Earth Day, held April 22, Coast Branch provided a Seeds and Starts Giveaway table near the entrance to the library and gave away dozens of borage and sunflower seedlings as well as seed packets that had been donated to the seed library by Territorial Seed Co.

In June, Coast Branch hosted a YouTube video for all ages by author and "Sightings" newspaper columnist, Jeanne Jackson, titled *Baby Animals of the Mendonoma Coast* and staff began producing videos of their preschool *Story Time @ the Library with Marilyn*.

Staff are looking forward to resuming full in-person programming. Although we are living in pandemic times, the library continues to function as a community center, a place where individuals can come (wearing masks!) to share, explore, learn, and create. 🌻🌻🌻

~Julia Larke

Fort Bragg Branch Library

"Curbside pick-up kept our family reading;"

"You kept me sane during the pandemic;"

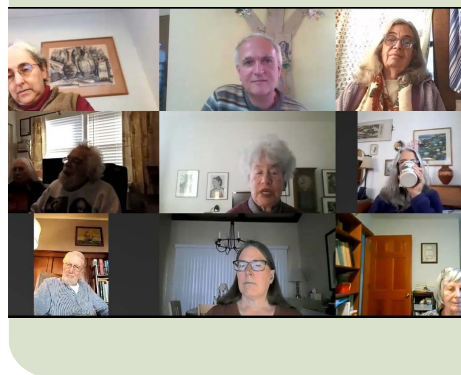
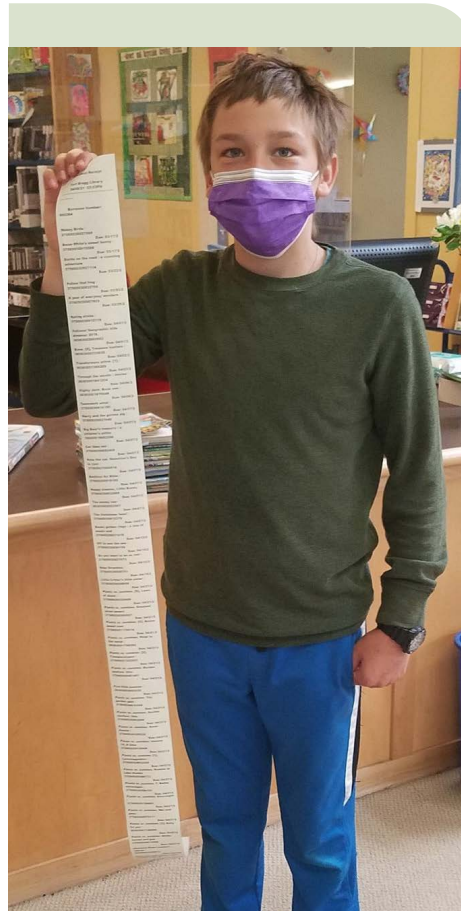
"I got turned on to e-Audiobooks last year and just love them!"

~ Library patron quotes.

Curbside pick-up turned out great for people familiar with our online catalog, but it was harder for those who liked to browse. The Fort Bragg staff jumped in and became expert weekly shoppers for their patrons. Families with young children had the toughest time, but they became our top requesters, checking out huge bags of picture books each week. Summer Reading 2020 proceeded undeterred. Children's Librarian, Kim Doyle, mailed Game Boards to all kids who'd played in the past three years. By summer's end, kids had won free ice cream, books and t-shirts. Prizes were passed out at our door to maintain social distancing. The cold weather moved circulation to our front lobby, and patrons continued to visit in droves. Some days the phone never stopped ringing. Through parts of the pandemic, the branch circulated up to 5000 items per month.

Kids enjoyed online recordings of stories and craft programs. Monthly book group and Poetry Open Mic for adults continued on Zoom, which was especially appreciated when the town was locked down. The monthly poetry-writing workshop continue by email. Online meetings offered mental stimulation and helped to preserve a sense of community.

In March the branch reopened. To welcome back patrons in person, their local origami master made butterflies for all to take and make. At



the center of the table was an origami redwood tree, a lasting symbol of the City of Fort Bragg.

Ocean Wave Quilters celebrated our reopening with a tie-dye challenge that brought colorful quilts to every wall. Then the branch hosted a spectacular quilt show depicting the iconic buildings of Mendocino town. Each building was stitched in meticulous detail and was accompanied by a matching photograph. The library displayed its extensive holdings of local history books on Mendocino and provided a tour map so people could visit the historic buildings. People were overjoyed to see this exhibit and be in a living, breathing library. (Well-masked, of course!)

The Friends of the Fort Bragg Library did not go dormant in the pandemic, but continued to raise funds for library programs and the building project. Online sales were phenomenal, reaching nearly \$10,000. The \$1000 Club grew to 80 donors. A sizeable bequest came into the library in December 2020, boosting the expansion funds by \$450,000. The group prepared a brochure for financial advisors and law firms. The generous donations allow the Friends to seek a fundraising package that clearly defines building costs and starts the search for architectural firms. With well-defined costs, the Friends will be able to pursue public grants and private funding.

The staff members of Fort Bragg Library cordially invite you to visit and experience the collections, programs, and feeling of a thriving community library.

~ Dan Hess

Round Valley Branch Library



2020 was the year of the Zoom call. The Round Valley branch utilized this format for a variety of programs including children's story time, workshops for adults, and emergency preparedness presentations. Radio was also a big part of library outreach during closure: Reading Radio on KYBU featured weekly interviews with community members on the theme of literacy and books. Finally, the branch used social media to reach the community while library doors were closed. Visitors to the Round Valley branch Facebook page were treated to videos featuring origami instructions, virtual library tours, and tips on wildfire preparedness.

In the months before the branch opened its doors in March of 2021, priority number one in Covelo was serving library users with in-person services such as curbside checkout of books and movies, printing and scanning services, "grab and go" craft kits, and tabling outreach at the local farmers market. In August and September, the library posted evacuation maps and other public safety materials for those affected by the August Complex Fire.

With renewed interest in growing and preserving food, the seed library in Round Valley shared seeds at our local Farmers Market, and through community partnerships with the Yuki Trails Human Services Program and Round Valley Family Resource Center. The seed library distributed over 6000 seed packets in the last two years. Outdoor events included monthly planting parties and seed and seedling swaps.

In January, The Round Valley branch was honored to host local poet Michelle Peñaloza on Zoom. Michelle facilitated a writing workshop for an enthusiastic crowd who responded to engaging writing prompts and a discussion of hybrid writing forms. Participants left the program with original writing that combined elements of poetry, prose, and creative nonfiction.

This spring, The Round Valley Branch collaborated with the Mendocino County Museum on an event for middle and high school students. The Youth History Slam happened in April on Zoom and included students from Mendocino and Monterey counties. Jen Harness, a student from Round Valley, shared a wonderful presentation on the Northwestern Pacific Railroad that included stop action animation. Jen's presentation won "Best presentation" at the SLAM.

Entering into the 2021 wildfire season, community members joined representatives from Mendocino County Fire Safe Council and Sherwood Firewise Communities for an online presentation hosted by the branch. Topics included evacuation preparedness, home hardening, and community organizing and preparedness. This presentation was part of an ongoing "Learn Not to Burn" program series; over the following months library staff members shared information and resources on the Mendocino alerts emergency alert system, family communication plans, and the Firesafe Council's chipping program.

~ Josh Bennett

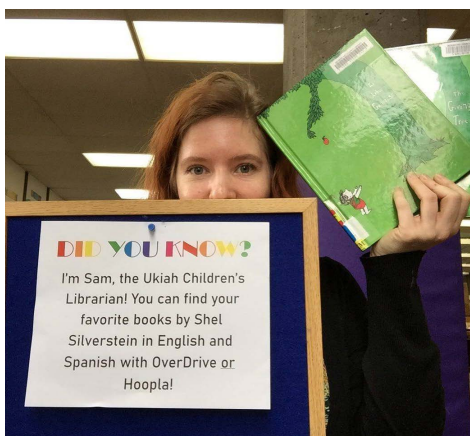
Ukiah Branch Library

The Ukiah Branch Library serves as a community-gathering place and a connectivity hub for all residents. Connecting people with information, educational resources, myriad learning opportunities, and with one another, patrons discover new ways to inhabit their worlds. Patrons of all ages visit the branch to access WiFi and public computers; borrow library materials including Chromebooks, ukuleles, and board games, and attend regular events such as Children's Story-Time, Teen Maker Squad, and First Fridays.

The Yokayo Seed Project has provided seeds to patrons throughout the pandemic. In fall 2020, branch staff offered Seed Pack Bundles via curbside check-out and collaborated with the NCO Gardens Project to create Mendo Seed Talks: a series of seed saving videos for patrons available via social media. Seed Library Coordinator, Jen Lyon, fostered Tomato Hornworms in our Seed Library. Staff are proud to be 1 of 400 seed hubs with the [Co-Op Gardens Commission](#), a grassroots collective working toward food sovereignty in response to the pandemic and persistent injustice.

While the branches were closed to the public, the staff continued to work in various capacities: behind the scenes answering reference and readers' advisory requests; fulfilling contact-free curbside services; preparing for reopening; serving as disaster workers - answering calls at the call center, checking temperatures, & performing COVID contact tracing.

During the summer of 2020, the branch began offering many virtual children's programs including Full STEAM Ahead: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math Crafts for Kids; Kids' Corner book talks; 1000 Books Before Kindergarten on Beanstack; and Sweet Saturdays in partnership with local school River Oak. During the spring of 2021, they offered DIY Take-Home Mother's



and Father's Day Card kits for children to mail to seniors in retirement communities and Story Promenades, temporary exhibits of children's books displayed on boards along paths in various parks in downtown Ukiah, in partnership with the City of Ukiah Recreation Department.

Young Adult Librarian Katrina Griffiths expanded the number of virtual pro-

grams for teens on Instagram and Discord, including Foodie Finds: an educational cooking program; Mad Genius Science Projects; Money Smart Week Budgeting 101, and DIY Take-Home Self-Care Kits.

In July, 2020 branch staff formed the Social Justice Book Club dedicated to promoting social and racial justice in the Ukiah community. They read and discussed many powerful books including *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. This book club is still active on Zoom and will continue to be offered.

The 2021 UkiaHaiku Festival (UHF) was produced as an online virtual event hosted by our outgoing Ukiah Poet Laureate, Roberta Werdinger, and conducted by our incoming Poet Laureate and Branch Librarian, Melissa Eleftherion Carr. In collaboration with the Poet Laureate Committee of Ukiah, the Ukiah Library also hosted a memorial tribute and poetry reading to honor the late poet, Diane di Prima. The monthly LOBA (she-wolf) Poetry Series resumed and continues live virtually with an Open Mic poetry reading on Zoom.

To support and sustain community resiliency, Ukiah branch staff have provided a variety of DIY Take-Home Kits for Adults including DIY Eye Pillows, Tabletop Fountains, and DIY Rose Petal Sachets, to help with ameliorating insomnia, fostering relaxation, and aiding rest.

Patrons and staff alike enjoyed a wonderful first day of reopening! Within the span of 4 hours, staff welcomed 175 patrons into the branch. Visiting (briefly) with friendly faces and assisting patrons with requests buoyed everyone's spirits. As our society recovers from wildfires and COVID, the staff have begun to reintegrate more in-person and hybrid events outdoors and as safely as possible. Staff are grateful to be part of the Ukiah community.

~ Melissa Eleftherion Carr

Willits Branch Library

Virtual Programming

For the safety of the staff and community, all programming was virtual during the 20/21 fiscal year. Staff created three ongoing programs to stay connected with their community, each small but with consistent viewership.

- *Nicole's Test Kitchen Craft Edition*- This program, which began in April of 2020, focuses on crafts that are for adults or children with adult supervision.
- *Nicole's Test Kitchen STEAM Edition*- This program, which started at the same time, focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math projects for school-age children.
- *Make it. Own it. Work it*- began in July 2020 and features practical crafts for teens and adults that can be used or worn.

Though they had to work around internet outages from a winter storm and other technical difficulties, the staff learned how to stay connected and now have skills to apply to future programming.

Curbside Service

From July 2020 to March 2021 the staff served 3,222 patrons through curbside service. They regularly answered requests to "find me five movies that are funny" or "Can you just put some good audio books in my bag?"

Staff never just grabbed random items from the shelves; they always tried to remember what kind of items their patrons had gotten pre-pandemic to match their individual tastes. Some folks still pick up materials curbside even though branch

doors opened back up 5 days each week beginning in the spring.

Holiday Programming

Willits branch staff love to celebrate Halloween. Pre-pandemic, they hosted a Halloween carnival every year that was loved by the community. So instead, they hosted three virtual programs that were Halloween themed and put together trick or treat bags filled with will books, stickers, and toys and dressed up as witches and wizards to hand out curbside pick-up bags.

Community Engagement

The Willits branch of the library is a hub of activity and staff wanted to make sure their community could still connect with each other. Julie Castillo, a Library Assistant, designed a Gratitude Dahlia by creating petals and asking patrons to write down something that they loved about the library, or were grateful for in general, and then color those petals and return them to be added to the mural in the branch's front window. All the petals built a large and beautiful flower of positivity at the branch.

They decided to keep the idea going by continuing to have a mural in the front window that is built by community input, changing out the dahlia for a scene with raindrops and leaves.

Collaboration with the Museum

The Mendocino County Museum is a physical neighbor of the Willits branch as well as a figurative neighbor under the umbrella of the Cultural Services Agency of the County.

In the spring the Library and Museum partnered for a virtual event



showcasing different kinds of print-making during their exhibit "The Art of the Wind and Sea," which featured community art. The Branch and Museum also partnered for an outdoor series of Summer Reading events.

~ Nicole Bird

The Bookmobile



The Bookmobile staff have been sanitizing the truck and its collection and stocking it with hand sanitizer, gloves, and signs pertaining to approved COVID procedures. The biggest change in the service was conducting all business outside on a table as the Bookmobile is too small for six-foot social distancing

on board. Even with all the necessary precautions, our patrons were very excited to have their Bookmobile back out on the road again and followed all safety protocols.

As the pandemic persists into the second year and restrictions have eased somewhat, patrons wearing face masks are allowed on board

two at a time. Dave and Hunter continue to provide the best possible service they can to Bookmobile patrons and are expanding their service to a couple of new locations which have reached out to request additional stops.

~Dave Frick

Laytonville Branch

In 2022, the Laytonville community will finally have a library space to call their own. The Laytonville Branch will have a small but comprehensive book collection with a mix of adult, young adult, and children's fiction and non-fiction titles as well as DVDs and audiobooks. In addition, the branch will offer reference and children's services, public internet computers, printing and copying, and will have Wi-Fi availability.

This branch has been a dream in the making for several years. The dedicated Laytonville Friends of the Library group has been the driving force in bringing this much needed branch to the Laytonville community.

~Nicole Bird



YEAR IN REVIEW

Visitors



27,971

Programs for age 0-5: 107



Attendance: 1,213

Programs for age 6-11: 105



Attendance: 1,494

Programs for age 12-18: 178



Attendance: 646

Total Programs:

527

Total Program Attendance

4,893

Programs for adults: 137



Attendance: 1,540

New Items Added to Collection



8,915

Total Zip Book requests filled



1,112

New Library Cards Issued



513

INTERLIBRARY LOANS
Items Borrowed from other Libraries



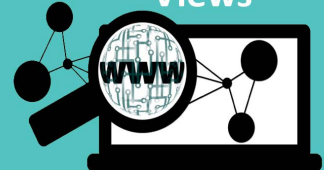
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INTERLIBRARY LOANS
Items Loaned to other Libraries



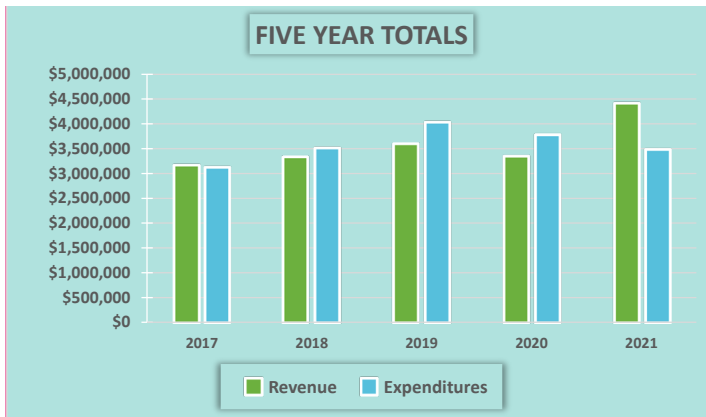
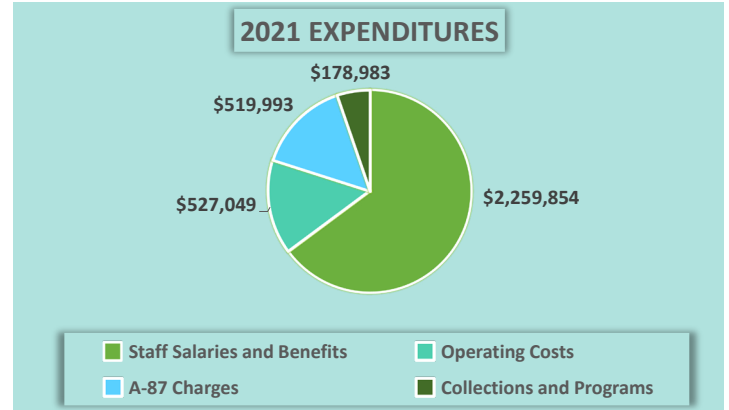
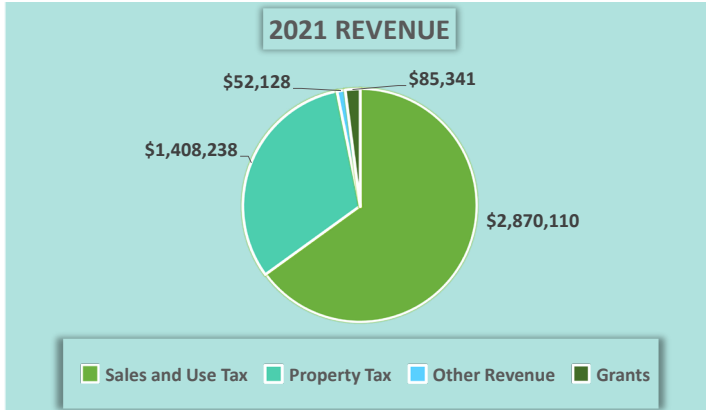
88,670

Library Webpages Views



214,594

Finances & Statistics - Fiscal Year 2020-2021



DEFERRED FACILITY PROJECTS

Project	Estimated Costs
Ukiah Non-Slip Concrete Entrance and Exterior Bookdrop	\$55,000
Ukiah New Roof	\$900,000
Ukiah Community Room and Smoke Alarm System	\$140,000
Willits New Carpet	\$60,000
Willits Breakroom Kitchen Remodel	\$18,000
Willits Roof Replacement	\$300,000
TOTAL	\$1,473,000

Fiscal year 2020-2021 saw a welcome increase in library revenue. Sales tax revenue increased by 50% over FY 2019-2020. Additionally, the library was awarded a grant of \$85,341 from the California State Library for expenses to join the CENIC broadband network. This amounted to a 32% increase in total revenue.

The COVID pandemic has impacted budgets by causing unpredictable

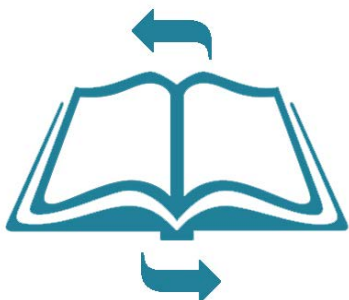
swings in revenue. We are hoping that the increased revenue continues, but year-to-year fluctuations are likely to persist. We still have facility projects that have been deferred for another year.

Some savings were recovered from the COVID closures. When staff left employment with the library their positions were not immediately filled, there was no security guard necessary

while the Ukiah branch was closed, and there was a reduction in purchasing of items like magazines and newspapers that patrons were not able to come in and enjoy. Consequently, expenditures were 8% less than the prior year.

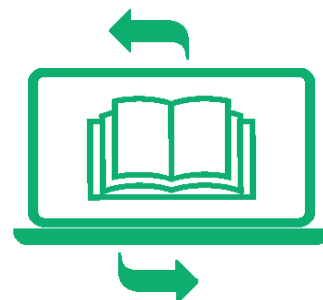
Now that branches have reopened, we have resumed hiring the staff needed to serve our communities and a security guard is once again stationed at the Ukiah branch.

Total Circulation



224,014

Digital Checkouts



93,417

CENIC



High-Speed Broadband for Mendocino County Library!

The Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) high speed broadband connections will go live soon at most of the County Library branches!

The Mendocino County Library system, CENIC, and the California State Library through the Califa Group are partnering to provide direct connection of 1 Gbps to the entire Library system. Final components, such as switches and firewalls, are currently being installed and upgraded internal rewiring of the Willits Branch will be completed soon. Due to its remote location, Round Valley's connection will take a bit longer. However, we are very pleased that the branch will be obtaining a fiber-optic broadband connection as well!

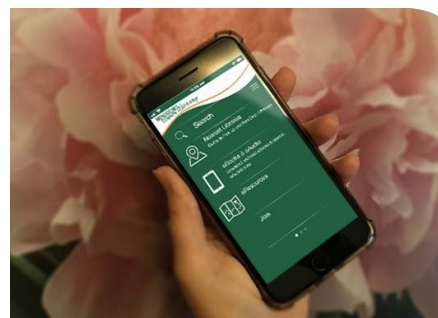
The California State Library has awarded \$85,341 to the Mendocino County Library to assist with one-time expenses. Since 2014, the California State Li-

brary has partnered with CENIC to help fund "Lighting Up Libraries" to provide improved broadband for patrons to enjoy all the benefits that come with excellent broadband connections.

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 88% of public libraries in the State to the network. CENIC connects California to the world - advancing education and research statewide by providing a world-class network essential for innovation, collaboration, and economic growth.

Although some reimbursable expenses will need to be paid for in the first year or two, by joining this network consortium, the Library branches will have much improved broadband connections and save money at the same time.

~Barb Chapman



CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY APP

"The library app has changed my life! Now I can easily keep track of all my kids' books checked out and library cards along with my own in the same place!"

-Library patron

NEW ADDITIONS

- JobNow/VetNow by brainfuse
- ProQuest K-12 Databases:
 - Britannica School
 - Britannica Escolar
 - Issue Researcher
 - Schools & Educator Complete
 - TeachingBooks
 - BookConnections
 - Recursos de Lectura
- Major Daily News Online:
 - New York Times
 - Washington Post
 - Los Angeles Times
 - The Chicago Tribune
 - Wall Street Journal
- Magazines Online Including:
 - The New Yorker
 - Rolling Stone
 - Country Living
 - Vogue
 - And over 3,000 more magazines!
- Children's Literacy Kits



Library Boards & Friends

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- ◆ City of Point Arena - Larry Riddle
- ◆ City of Willits - Olga O'Neill, Secretary
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- ◆ Fort Bragg Library - Kirk O'Dwyer
- ◆ Round Valley Library - Ed TePas
- ◆ Ukiah Library - Michele Savoy
- ◆ Willits Library - Melinda Clarke

Message from the Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board (LAB) was created by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors in 1970 to act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors, the Library Director, and the County Chief Executive Office regarding issues of library operations and services. The LAB has nine active members: one from each supervisorial district and one from each of the incorporated cities. Supervisorial representatives serve three-year terms and city representatives serve two-year terms. The LAB welcomes input from the general population.

The LAB's strategic plan envi-

sions future library projects and programs to enhance users' educational and community-based activities in all five branches and the Bookmobile. Additionally, the LAB monitors library revenue and expenditures and ensures that dedicated library funds are not comingled with the other County departments or monies.

One of the upcoming plans of the LAB is to expand or relocate the Ukiah branch. They have been working with the Friends of the Ukiah Library to have a Needs Assessment conducted, the results of which can be seen here.

The LAB is supporting a citizens'

initiative for the 2022 ballot to increase the sales tax percentage dedicated to our libraries from 1/8 of a penny to 1/4 of a penny and make that change permanent for future services, materials, outreach, and building improvements and expansions.

Attend a LAB Meeting!

All Library Advisory Board meetings are open to the public. The LAB meets every other month starting in January on the third Wednesday of the month. Meetings have been taking place over Zoom throughout the pandemic and will continue to do so until such time as it is safe to meet in person.

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Fort Bragg
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Coast Community
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Point Arena, CA 95468
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