

MENDOCINO COUNTY *Library*



2021-2022 Annual Report

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MENDOCINO COUNTY
CULTURAL SERVICES AGENCY - LIBRARY



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NATURE JOE AT WILLITS BRANCH



AMEE AT OUTREACH EVENT

Message from the County Librarian

Greetings! The past year has been a whirlwind of activity for the Library!

We took advantage of the ease of use of Zoom teleconferencing and have instituted monthly Branch Manager meetings where we keep each other up-to-date on news and events that affect all the branches. Our Children's specialists are also now meeting monthly so they can be even more responsive to parents' and educators' needs by sharing ideas and collaborating on programming. We are encouraging all staff to get together with their counterparts at other locations to share other ways of doing things and develop best practices together.

I attended a Library Journal Design Institute in December where I learned about the latest physical trends in Libraries, such as biophilic design, bringing the outdoors in, and using natural colors and textures to keep both staff and visitors happy and grounded. In January, I attended a "FutureThought" webinar based in Sacramento that focused on California libraries in particular, where speedy delivery of materials is more important than being able to access every title at every location. These are two things that we want to keep in mind as we plan any new capital improvements to our branches in the coming years.

During the past year, we started partnering with Public Health to make available COVID testing kits at all our branches, so that residents don't have to make a long drive to Ukiah to be tested.

The Library applied for a Building Forward Library Infrastructure Program grant from the California State Library in order to replace the failing roof of the Willits Branch and install alternative energy panels and a battery to pro-



vide electricity during PSPS and natural disaster events. The Library also has been awarded funding to purchase hotspots for checkout and hotspot data coverage, and additional funding for next year has been approved to purchase Chromebooks for cardholders to check out from the FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund.

Due to pandemic restrictions being lifted, we are planning a Staff Day for this November where we will close to the public for the day and all employees gather at the centrally located Willits branch for training, celebrating, and team building. Staff have been working hard to fill many roles for the public this past year and I want to make sure they know how much we all appreciate it! They have been delivering excellent services and programming to the community throughout the pandemic and are now transitioning back to normal with the awareness that things could change again at any moment.

There have been delays in the supply chain, so we are tentatively planning a Grand Opening at the beginning of 2023 for our Laytonville Branch after holding pop-ups on the first and third Saturdays of every month from August-December.

This Spring, Library staff embarked on a process to develop a Five-Year Strategic Plan with members of the Board of Supervisors and Library Advisory Board. Please expect to hear from the Strategic Planning Committee as we reach out to all segments of our community to learn what we can do for you in the next five years.

- Deb Fader Samson



The Bookmobile



The Bookmobile connects the Library with residents throughout all parts of Mendocino County and the northwestern tip of Sonoma County, driving over 1,800 miles every month! This past year the Bookmobile added a set of school stops on the north coast to accommodate outlying rural school systems, as well as a stop at the CAL FIRE Parlin Fork Conservation Camp.

The Bookmobile carries new books and DVDs and brings requested items to our rural patrons on a rotating two week schedule.

Additionally, Bookmobile patrons now have access

to the Seed Library, CA State Parks passes, and Wi-Fi hotspots.

The Bookmobile participates in annual events such as the Library's Summer Reading Program and Comic Book Day along with driving in parades and providing Pop-up Library days with the Mendocino County Library Outreach staff.

Feel free to drop in on the [Bookmobile](#) when it is at its scheduled stop in your area!

-Dave Frick



Coast Community Branch Library

In January, Coast Community Branch bade a fond farewell to their Librarian of 12 years, Julia Larke, and welcomed new Branch Librarian, Mellisa Hannum, in a “Hello and Goodbye” party that hosted 150 guests, which speaks to how important the Branch Librarian is to the community.

The Library had offered Take & Make crafting kits during 2021’s Summer Reading Program and had a few virtual programs including an interactive Zoom discussion with author Carolyn Cooke on “How Do Libraries Empower You?” Due to the pandemic, the new Librarian continued with virtual programs for the first few months of the year, creating a Pajama Story Time on Facebook Live on the last Saturday of each month as well as offering Book Boogie Story Time every Wednesday. Point Arena’s Poet Laureate Blake More held a successful poetry reading on Zoom at the end of February.

After partnering with the Point Arena City Manager, the branch began a Story Time in the Park in March, regaling a new generation of preschoolers with early literacy activities and stories in the city park across the street. March also saw the beginning of Tech Help Tuesdays, where the Librarian helps patrons with their devices or how to use the numerous digital resources Mendocino County Library offers. Responding to an influx of teens on Wednesdays, Teen Tabletop was also launched as a fun, constructive way for teens to interact with each other while playing *Magic: the Gathering*, *Dungeons & Dragons*, or *CATAN*.

Beginning in May, the Library Branches were able to offer more organized programming inside once again, so Book Boogie Story Time was brought back into the building, as well as author talks. The County Library received a grant from the California State Library and used the opportunity to conduct a county-wide reading of *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The book also acted as a launch pad for other programming, such as outreach events at the local charter high school and a new book club in partnership with The New Museum Brewers & Blenders.

In June, the Branch reintroduced quilting classes on Tuesdays, Tai Chi on Wednesdays, and Ukulele Club on Thursdays—all programs that had been missed due to COVID. Even more local partnerships were created, with the Librarian participating in Pride in the Park, created by Action Network, a group that focuses on the needs of families, teens, and children. She also offered a Farmers Market Story Time each Friday in partnership with Oz Farm. 2022’s Summer Reading Program launched with Conservation Ambassador’s Wild Things, and an animated group of all ages got to learn about science, ecology, and the diversity of wildlife on five different continents. Summer Reading also included a StoryWalk® in Point Arena’s Centennial Park on *Bright Star/*



Lucero by Yuyi Morales that celebrates early literacy for both English and Spanish readers. Children and their caregivers could read the story in English by walking up the hill and then read it again in Spanish by going back down the hill.

Coast patrons are beginning to feel comfortable coming into the Library again, and they appreciate having access to computers, printers, and high-speed internet as well as books and other materials. They are engaging with each other in the inviting space the library offers. The number of visitors continues to increase each month and the community spirit that this region of the Mendocino coast is known for is once again beginning to strengthen and grow, all within the welcoming walls of Coast Community Branch.

- Mellisa Hannum



Fort Bragg Branch Library

The staff of Fort Bragg Library Branch are surprised every day by the love people show. Young parents share our surprise as toddlers shout “thank you!” as they walk out the door. The number of visitors has rebounded to pre-pandemic levels and circulation statistics are better than ever.

Entertaining and challenging young readers is a top priority. When kids want to come to the library, parents and grandparents are not far behind. During the Summer Reading Program, we offered top-notch thrills: touching a huge tortoise or holding a furry tarantula! At this year’s Nature Joe Show, kids learned about animal habitats and respectful treatment, and challenged their fears. 135 people filled the meeting room, and 200 more kids enjoyed a second performance at Fort Bragg Summer School, courtesy of our branch’s Friends of the Library group.



Stellar programs increase traffic to the branch, resulting in more checkouts and doubling participation in the summer reading game. One program, Sinister Science, is led by our two mad scientists - Amie and Jennifer in Einstein wigs - reaching over 30 kids each session. As part of youth programming on Día de los Niños, we threw a piñata party and gave away free prizes and bilingual books. This is a great program enjoyed by kids across the U.S.

Each week people praise the breadth and depth of what they can borrow. Shared collections are even more important to people who live in remote areas, small towns, or don’t have the means or health to travel. Diverse material challenges our readers and viewers to keep up with current trends and new topics.

Each month we serve adults with a book club, poetry open mic, and writing workshop, and support our gardeners with a robust Seed Library. We have had several concerts in the past year. On Earth Day weekend,



Aryeh Frankfurter and Lisa Lynne filled the library with harp music. Before and during the concert, kids could visit the Seed Library table for a garden craft while adults could choose packets of seeds to plant at home.

The Friends of the Fort Bragg Library Branch continue to offer two-day book sales, often averaging over \$2,000. This revenue, combined with Noyo Book Store weekend sales and online sales, shows greater returns than in prior years, meaning more to spend on library programs!

The Library Expansion Project continues to receive large donations and has wide support in all the towns we serve. Our community deserves a larger branch here on the North coast of Mendocino County.

- Dan Hess



Round Valley Branch Library

This year saw many traditional library programs return to the Round Valley Branch, such as in-person story time, guest presenters on timely topics, school visits, and a monthly documentary film series. Additionally, new programming traditions took flight, including a Volunteer Market event, online book promotions, and passive programs such as “Put a Poem in your Pocket.”

For young patrons, an essential end-of-the-week ritual is Outdoor Story Time. This weekly program is intended to help prepare new students for kindergarten and preschool. At least one book features either counting, colors, or the alphabet and each story time includes a craft, activity, or game. Popular activities this year have included sculpting with playdough, making sun prints, playing educational board games, and arranging felt flower bouquets.

Board games have been popular since the branch made them available for checkout in 2021. We have about 120 games in our collection, most of which are available for 1-week checkout. The game with the highest number of circulations? *Candyland* (yes, the classic), by a landslide!

We hosted a gathering in April that brought together local organizations that rely on volunteers. Representatives of over a dozen local groups tabled at the branch with information about volunteer opportunities. Participants agreed that the Volunteer Market event should be a yearly gathering; branch staff are planning to expand the event by increasing the number of groups represented at the event in 2023.

Interest in seeds was very high this year! About 3,000 packets were distributed in the community as of summer 2022. Tabling and monthly Planting Parties at the Farmers’ Market provided marketgoers with planting calendars, pots, soil, and

seeds so they can plant veggies and flowers “to go.” In the spring, the Seed Library hosted a popular seed swap on the library patio.

Our branch’s Documentary Film Series resumed in 2022, with the first film in over two years screened in June, *The Condor and the Eagle*.

The film explores climate justice as seen through the eyes of Indigenous leaders in North and South America. In July, the branch screened *The Pollinators*, which chronicles the work of migratory beekeepers and their truckloads of honeybees as they pollinate the flowers that become the fruits, nuts, and vegetables that we eat.

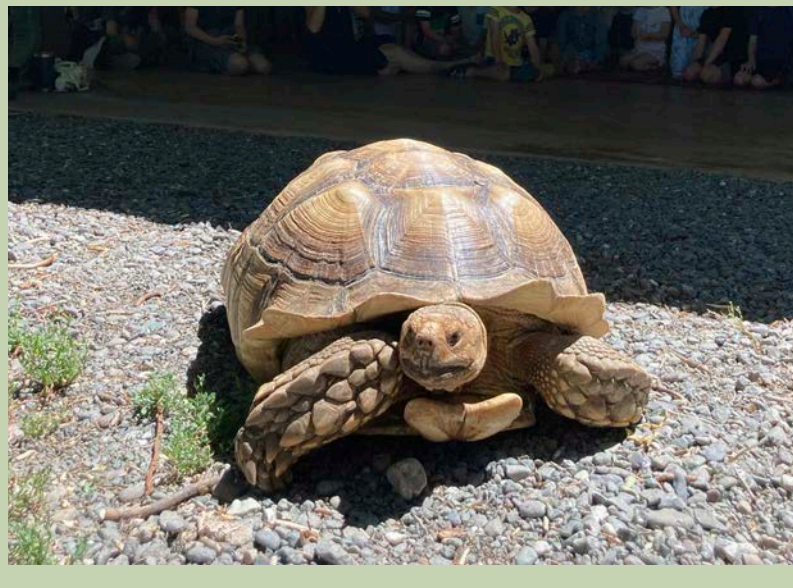
Round Valley Branch teamed with the Round Valley Indian Tribes creating a *Story-Walk® featuring the beautiful and multiple award-winning children’s book *Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story* by Kevin Noble Maillard. A StoryWalk® is a story combined with a walk. Each page of the book was laminated and mounted on corrugated plastic and posted about 30 steps from the previous page, around the circular walking path at the Tribal Emergency Operations Center.

Over the last year, the staff members at the branch in Round Valley have worked hard to attract new and returning visitors by tabling at local events, creating social media campaigns, posting to

a street-side sandwich board, and reaching out to local educators. The Round Valley branch has seen an increase in visitors and is on its way back to pre-pandemic levels of service!

*The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg - Hubbard Library. Story-Walk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

-Josh Bennett & Pat Sobrero



Ukiah Branch Library

In September, it was a joy to welcome back class visits from preschool-12th grade. We brought back Story Time at the Ukiah Farmer's Market, Therapy Dog Story Time, and Outdoor Story Time in Todd Grove Park with basic American Sign Language and dancing for those wiggly wee ones! Spooky Story Time was full of ghostly stories, songs, and rhymes, individually wrapped treats, and a costume parade through the park!

The long-awaited and ever-delightful Kids Farmers' Market returned in late June, where children sold their handmade goods and improved literacy skills like math & problem solving. The Children's Librarian continued to offer virtual programs like Kids Corner Book Talks. She also hosted two virtual poetry workshops with Francisco "Bus Stop Prophet" Escamilla, an innovative poet, educator, storyteller, motivational speaker, and "holder of deep and intentional spaces."

2021 was the year of Take & Make kits! We offered a variety of kits for all ages: STEAM Sailboats and Paper Gliders, DIY Catapults, Balloon Rockets, and Harmonicas; Stingray Origami, Paint Pendulums, Mad Genius Solar Ovens Kits for teens, Tabletop Fountains, Cinnamon Stick Candle Votives, Quilted Leaf Coasters, Microgreens, Tiny Paintings, Fairy Jars, and Finger Knitting Infinity Scarves for Adults!

Other extremely popular and fun passive programs included Find Frank the Gorilla, a swashbuckling Treasure Hunt, and Find the Tiger to help ring in the Lunar New Year. First Friday Art Walk exhibits continued and were joined by live music by local musicians.

As seen on Oprah, our 3-workshop Mechanic Shop Femme series helped patrons navigate topics like how to buy a used car, and how to repair and maintain it. In April 2022, LOBA Poetry Series resumed our monthly featured poet readings along with open mic and in May, we hosted a special LOBA reading of *Plagos/Plagiarisms Vol. II*, a bilingual book of poems by the late Ulalume González de León.



Poetry Series
at Ukiah Branch Library

JOIN US FOR
A VIRTUAL READING
FEATURING
SF POET LAUREATE
EMERITUS KIM SHUCK
ON ZOOM!

gios/Plagiarisms Vol. II, a bilingual book of poems by the late Ulalume González de León.

Ukiah Branch outreach activities included hosting a booth at the Downtown Streetscape Celebration in the Kids Zone and tabling at the Día de los Niños event hosted by Al Punto. The Social Justice Book Club held monthly discussions via Zoom and in September, we offered a new book club option for those wishing to meet in person - Amble & Ramble: a walking any-book club for busy adults on the move.

The branch was awarded an LSTA grant to purchase ukuleles and ukulele themed songbooks, ebooks, and other supplies and materials which are now available to check out! The Book-to-Action/Mendocino County Reads discussion of *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer was well attended via Zoom. The Seed Library presented a Native Plants and Pollinators panel discussion on the Great Redwood Trail and the branch partnered with a local botanist to host a Wildflowers and Poetry Walk at Low Gap Park.

We are grateful to the Ukiah Valley Friends of the Library for purchasing our new Makerbot Sketch Classroom 3D printer. Patrons have been marveling to watch it in action at the front desk and have been requesting inspired and inventive designs. Library Aware contacted the staff to request permission to use the brochures they created as "examples of great work by libraries to show during consultations, demos, conference presentations, blogs, and webinars."

Finally, we had a blast kicking off Summer Reading at the downtown Ukiah Summer Block Party. 240 people dropped by our table, including Spiderman himself! -Melissa Eleftherion Carr

Willits Branch Library

Our Branch serves as a community hub for Willits and the surrounding areas and welcomes patrons of all ages to access Wi-Fi, public computers, and periodicals, to browse physical and digital materials, and to meet with other community members. The Library is a versatile resource, providing PPE to visitors, COVID-19 rapid tests, and a cool spot to beat the summer heat. It is a safe place for unhoused people to spend the day protected from the elements and to access community resources.

As COVID restrictions have eased, we increased our open hours and were able to bring back more in-person programming. During the past year, we have added the following in-person programs to our schedule.

Stories in the Park - occurs in Recreation Grove Park across from the library branch and is geared towards younger children, but all ages are welcome.

Tobin's Tales at the Farmer's Market - Library Assistant Tobin reads multiple stories to children and families while they browse the delicious local produce at the market.

LEGO® Club - a self-directed program where children ages 5-12 can build whatever their imagination can dream up with LEGO®s provided by the library.

We continue to offer select programs in a virtual-only

format to accommodate those who still prefer to attend online events.

Denise's Craft Corner - a twice-monthly virtual program where Denise demonstrates various crafts; it can be viewed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.



Community Garden and Pollinator Garden - these are run in conjunction with the Willits Seed Library. We post videos regarding what we are planting, how and when to harvest what we've grown, and why supporting pollinators is important to local ecology.

Obtainable Sustainable - more than just a program; this is the Willits Branch theme for 2022! We have hosted multiple programs focused on sustainable living and the small changes that individuals can make to have a huge impact. With digital and print resources, the Willits branch wants to show our community that sustainable living is something that is obtainable for everyone.



The staffing level of the Willits Branch has increased to support open hours at the future Laytonville Branch, which will be open three half-days a week. We can share our staff experience operating the popular Willits Branch with the smaller Laytonville Branch, which will have its grand opening in January 2023!

- Giselle Delotch

Laytonville Branch

As the Mendocino County Library works toward the completion of the new Laytonville Branch, we are offering Pop-Up Library Days with our Outreach van the first and third Saturdays of the month beginning August 6th and running through December 3rd. Pop-Up Library hours will be on site at the Laytonville Branch from 11am – 2pm, weather permitting.

Our Pop-Up Library will have a collection of honor library books for adults, teens, and children (no card needed to check out!), large type books, DVDs, and audiobooks. Library card applications will be available and knowledgeable library staff can assist with book recommendations and answer questions. Peak through the windows and watch the Laytonville Branch Library take shape!

"As someone who grew up in Laytonville, I didn't get to experience having a public library in our town. Now, we get to inspire a new generation to discover the wonder that a local library brings to a community!"

- Jayma Shields Spence, Director Laytonville Healthy Start & Friends of the Long Valley Public Library.

"The Pop-Up was wonderful! In addition to the items mentioned, they also have books in Spanish! It was a treat to meet the staff members; they are so knowledgeable. We can't wait to see them on a more regular basis."

- Shawn Haven, Friends Volunteer Coordinator

The opening of the Laytonville Branch Library is supported by the Friends of the Long Valley Public Library and by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Community Facilities Grant Program. The grand opening of Laytonville Branch is planned for January of 2023!



Outreach Van Program

Our Outreach Van program has been ramping up after the long hiatus caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Outreach is once again available for request by organizations who wish to use our services. We can be seen out in the community at schools providing library cards, information literacy services, honor-books, and story times.

Upon request, we regularly attend local Tribal events and collaborate with our community partners at other events such as Pumpkinfest and local job fairs.

This fall, Outreach staff are helping to support the opening of our new Laytonville Branch by hosting Pop-up Library Days onsite at the new location until the branch is ready to open to the public.

Please fill out the [Library Outreach Request](#) form to plan for a visit to your community event!



Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board (LAB) was formed in 1970 by Mendocino County Resolution no. 70-191. It serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors, which is the library's governing body, the County Executive Officer, and the County Librarian.

County Librarian and the Board of Supervisors, who are the final approvers.

The LAB seeks input from the public and serves as an advocate for the library before city and county governing bodies. There are nine voting members on the LAB, who are appointed by the Supervisor of each supervisorial district and incorporated city councils. Supervisor appointees serve for three years and City Council appointees serve for two years. Members of the LAB may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

This past year active LAB participant since 2016, Lynn Zimmerman retired, and we thank her for her years of service to the library and serving on the LAB.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend [LAB meetings](#) which may be online, in-person, or a hybrid of the two. If you are interested in joining the LAB, please contact the Supervisor of your district or your City Council to request an application.

The LAB also serves as a liaison between the community and the Mendocino County Library, advising on the community needs and wants and recommending actions such as funding use to the



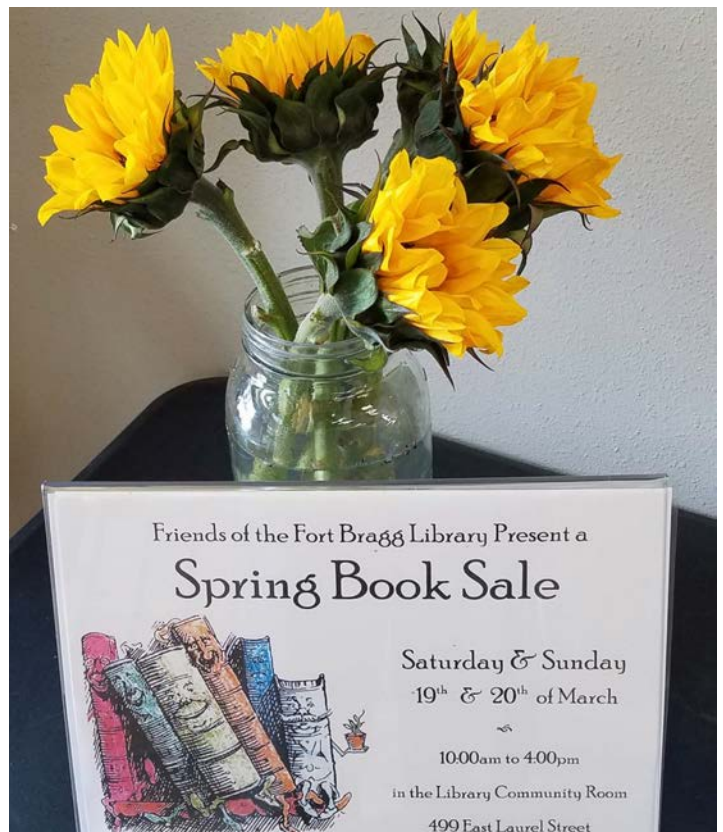
Friends of the Library

Mendocino County Library branches have affiliated Friends of the Library groups that support them with volunteers and help to pay for "extras" by holding book sales and other fund raisers. Since our county takes up such a vast amount of space at 3,878 square miles (while Sonoma covers 1,768 and Lake 1,329 square miles), each of our library branches has its own Friends group which partners with them in their immediate areas.

If you are interested in joining the [Friends of the Library](#) to meet new people, engage in good work for the community, and further the cause of literacy, please contact the group closest to where you live or work and pitch in to make a real difference. They are always looking for new help. "Many hands make light work."

There currently is not a Friends of the Library group in support of the entire Mendocino County Library, but if you're interested in starting one, that would be great! Please contact [Library Administration](#) for more information.

Library staff thank all our Friends groups for everything they do to ensure our branches' success and the community's enrichment!



Seed Libraries - All Branches

The first Seed Library in our County opened in June 2013 and within a few years, each branch of the Mendocino County Library, even the Bookmobile(!), got involved. We offer free seeds, planting calendars, and information about gardening and seed saving to community members to nurture a thriving group of gardeners and encourage them to learn proper seed saving techniques.

When everyone grows, saves, and shares seeds, we are promoting independence by developing seed stock that is more resilient and better adapted to local climate and soils. We are also protecting ourselves from shortages like the ones we saw during the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, when most seed companies sold out and shut their doors for an extended time right as the growing season was getting underway.

The Yokayo Seed Project (Ukiah Branch Seed Library) provides patrons with a wide variety of vegetable, herb, and



flower seeds and is proud to have added a Native Seed collection this year. We have partnered with the Army Corp of Engineers at Lake Mendocino for native seeds and accept donations from interested community members. These plants attract pollinators of our region.

The Seed Library at the Round Valley Branch checked out 3,000 individual packets of seed to the community. Most programming has been held outdoors, including seed giveaways, monthly planting parties (we provide the soil, six-pack pots, and seeds), tabling at the local Farmers' Market, and handing out tomato starts. The Seed Library is partnering with the Family Resource Center in Covelo to offer in-season seeds at Food Bank events.

Fort Bragg Branch Seed Library enjoyed a well-attended Spring Seed Sharing event in April along with Take & Make Bean Growing Experiments for the kids. In August, North Star Nursery in Fort Bragg presented the Seed Library with a large donation of commercial seeds to help residents pre-



pare for Fall and Winter planting.

The self-sufficiency of Coast Community Branch's patrons is showcased with its Seed Library, where beans, cruciferous vegetables, potatoes, and squash are always in demand. While this coastal zone is often cool and foggy, the region is full of dedicated gardeners who appreciate the access to local and/or sustainable seeds. The sky rocketing prices at local grocery stores have meant that the library branch's seeds have also been a lifeline for many in the area.

The Willits Branch's Seed Library is participating in the branch's [Obtainable Sustainable](#) program series by presenting videos on Facebook.

A lush demonstration flower garden for pollinators was planted in front of the library and has received many positive comments from patrons.

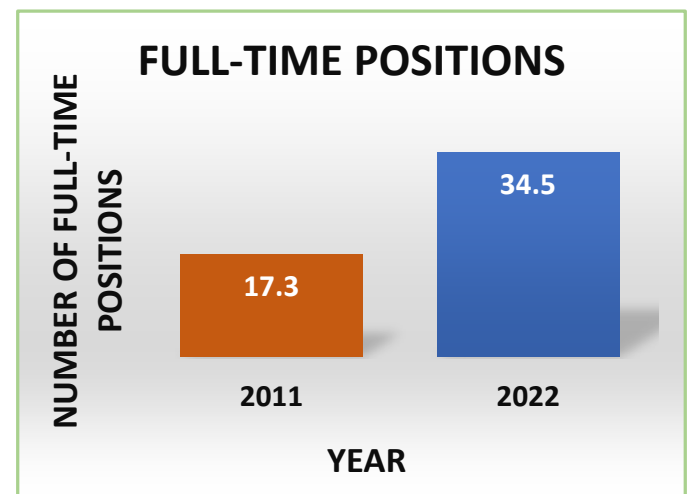
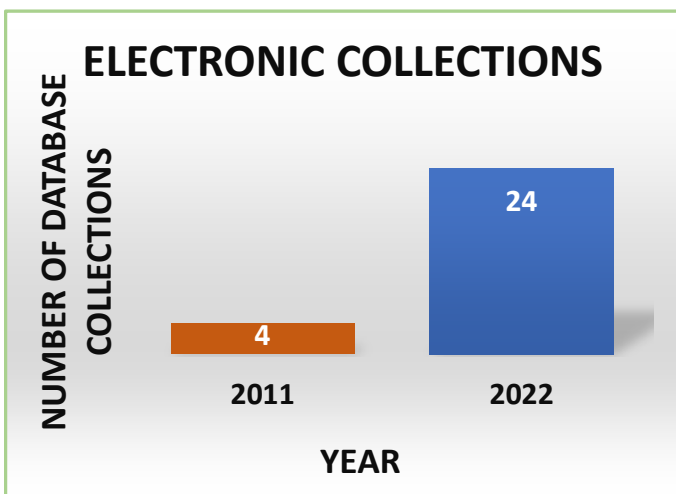
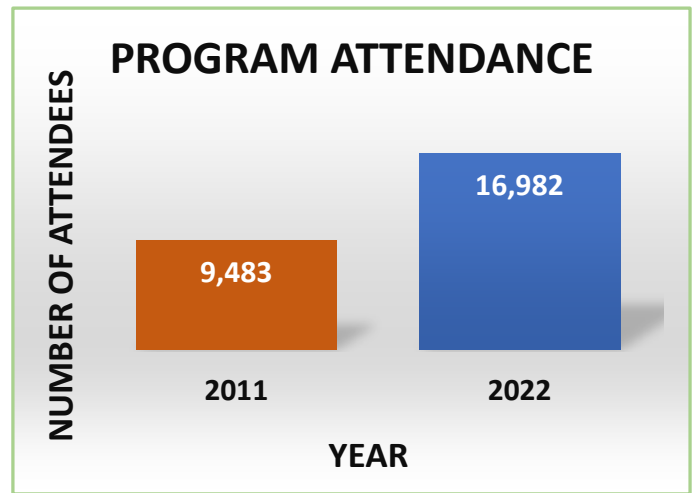
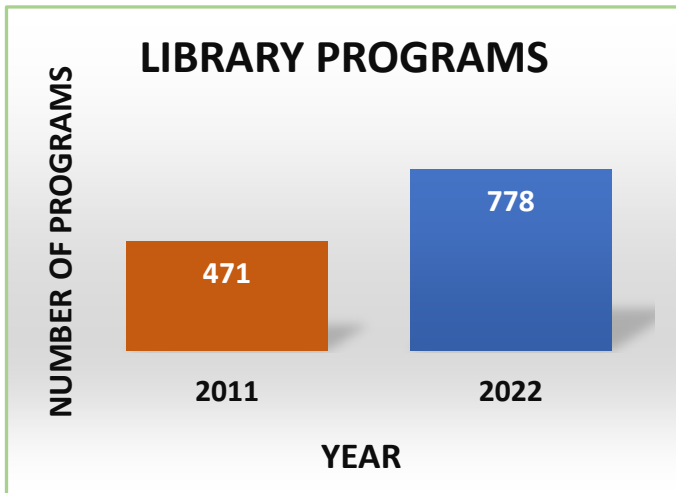
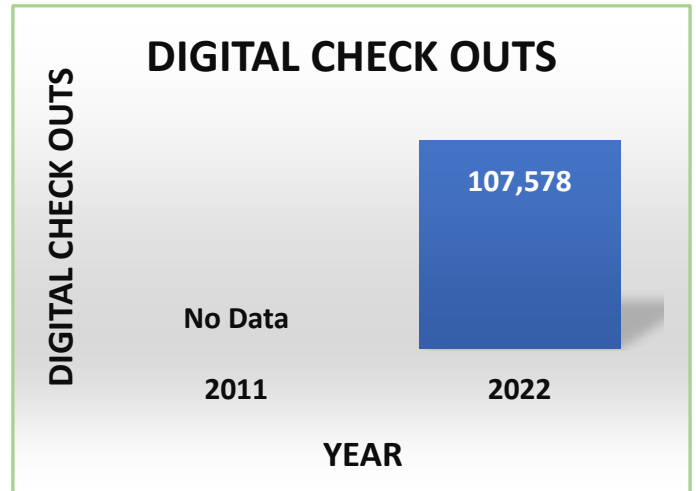
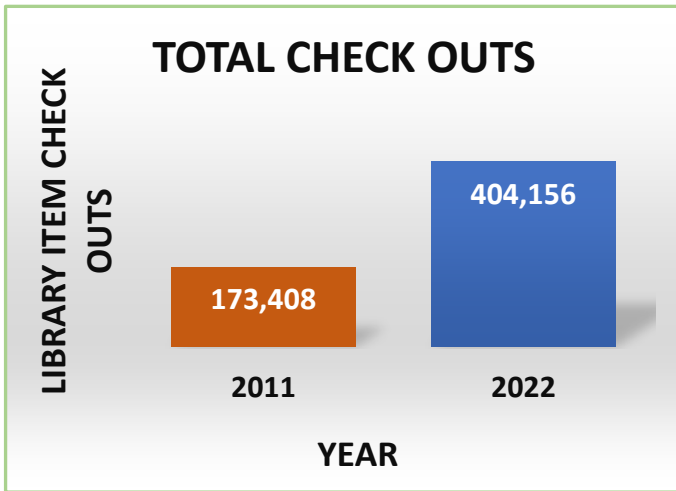
The Bookmobile continues to get seeds out to library patrons in areas not near brick-and-mortar branches, thus helping to increase food security along their route.

If you are interested in gardening or seed saving, please visit your nearest branch of the Mendocino County Library; we'd be thrilled to help you get started!

- Pat Sobrero & Seed Library Staff



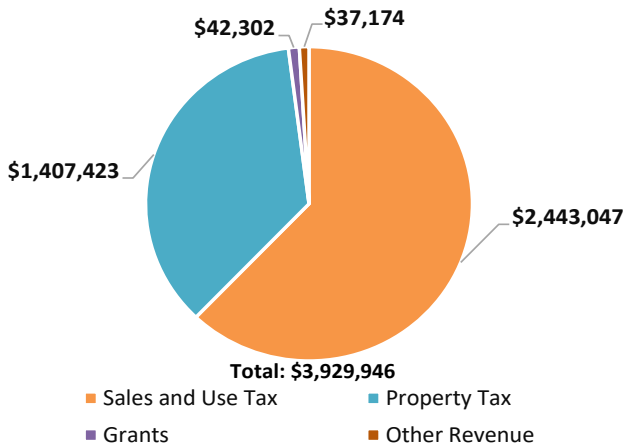
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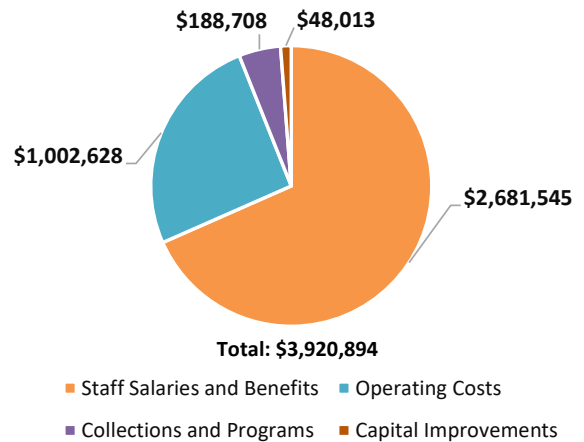
The Measure A - Before and After graphs illustrate the success that the Library has had in providing services to the public with the designated Library funds. Some highlights include how physical item check outs have more than doubled despite the popularity of digital books and other resources. Continued funding will ensure the continuity of resources to all residents.

Finances

2022 REVENUE



2022 EXPENDITURES



FISCAL YEAR 21-22

Library staff **Salaries and Benefits** were \$2,681,545 for the 36.5 FTE budgeted positions. \$188,708 was spent on **Collections and Programs** for all library branches. The **Operating Expenses** detailed list is on the right. Of the larger expenses, the **Household Expense** category includes garbage and custodial services, **Professional & Special Svcs** include delivery costs for all of our library materials to and from all our branches and Sonoma and Lake County Libraries, our shared library catalog, and other services provided by Sonoma County Library, the Ukiah Branch security guard, and payment to County IT staff. **A-87 Costs** are charges to the Library for using County resources and decreased due to Board of Supervisors' Resolutions 16-015 and 21-118 so that items purchased with Library funds are not charged for use by the County. **Info Tech Equip** includes new purchases for keeping the Library up-to-date with everything from receipt printers and barcode scanners, to hotspots, public internet administration software, and computers.

The total revenue of \$3,929,946 was very close to the expenses of \$3,920,894 with a **Capital Improvements** expense of \$48,013 for the much-needed re-wiring of Willits Branch Library for broadband. The Library fund currently has \$2,007,106 in reserves.

NEEDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

All buildings require maintenance and as the demand for library services grows, there is also a need for larger and/or upgraded facilities which would consume the entire reserves balance very quickly. The deferred maintenance, as well as the need for

2022 OPERATING EXPENSES

COMMUNICATIONS	\$48,772
COMM MICROWAVE - COUNTYWIDE	\$6,769
HOUSEHOLD EXPENSE	\$101,220
INSURANCE-GENERAL	\$41,675
MAINTENANCE-EQUIPMENT	\$7,551
MAINT-STRC IMPR & GRN	\$55,999
MEMBERSHIPS	\$1,450
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$27,738
MEDICAL & DENTAL SVCS	\$300
EDUCATION & TRAINING	\$2,096
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIAL SVCS	\$218,225
PUBL & LEGAL NOTICE	\$400
A-87 COSTS	\$249,399
RNTS & LEASES BLD GRD	\$41,701
INFO TECH EQUIP	\$116,082
TRNSPRTATION & TRAVEL	\$9,951
TRAVEL & TRSP OUT OF COUNTY	\$198
UTILITIES	\$73,100
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,002,628

expanded library facilities projects, includes expansion and/or upgrades for the Fort Bragg, Willits, and Ukiah Branch Libraries, as well as improved agreements for the leased branch locations of Coast Community, Round Valley, and Laytonville, so that they may implement facility maintenance and upgrades as well.

Note: these figures are not final until the 2021-2022 fiscal year is closed out.



Library Boards & Friends

Library Advisory Board

- ◆ District 1 - Richard L. Towle
- ◆ District 2 - Michele Savoy, Secretary
- ◆ District 3 - James Stewart
- ◆ District 4 - Janice Marcell
- ◆ District 5 - Michael Schaeffer
- ◆ County Librarian - Deb Fader Samson
- ◆ City of Fort Bragg - Carolyn Schneider, Chair
- ◆ City of Point Arena - Larry Riddle
- ◆ City of Willits - Olga O'Neill, Vice-chair
- ◆ City of Ukiah - Maureen Mulheren

Board of Supervisors

- ◆ District 1 - Supervisor Glenn McGourty
- ◆ District 2 - Supervisor Maureen Mulheren
- ◆ District 3 - Supervisor John Haschak
- ◆ District 4 - Supervisor Dan Gjerde
- ◆ District 5 - Supervisor Ted Williams, Chair

Friends of the Library Presidents

- ◆ Bookmobile - Michael Schaeffer
- ◆ Coast Community Library - Chas Higgins
- ◆ Fort Bragg Library - Kirk O'Dwyer
- ◆ Round Valley Library - Ed TePas
- ◆ Ukiah Library - Michele Savoy
- ◆ Willits Library - Melinda Clarke

Message from the Chair of the Board of Supervisors

I'm delighted to take a moment to write about the good work our Library employees do daily under Director Fader Samson to keep our County's citizens informed, entertained, and connected to County resources.

Though only the Point Arena Branch of the Library is in the fifth district, the Bookmobile makes many stops in my area. I have visited a couple of the other branches as well and am always impressed by what I find inside. Our Library truly invites the entire community to learn, interact, explore, and celebrate together. The branches are such a vital resource for those less fortunate in our County who really rely on them for access to culture, financial and health resources, education, and job search advice.

As you may know, I'm a big fan of up-to-date technology and want to specifically mention the following e-resources available via our Library:

- [Linked in Learning](#) for acquiring new job skills
- Job resources such as [JobNow/VetNow](#)
- [GrantFinder](#), a user-friendly database of grants and funding for non-profits



- [Digital Books](#) for checkout
- Educational resources for [teens](#)
- Educational resources for [kids](#)

I look forward to seeing what the Library Strategic Planning Committee comes up with as far as the next five years are concerned and intend to help them out in their endeavors in any way I can.

-Ted Williams, 5th District Supervisor and Chair

Coast Community Branch
225 Main St.
Point Arena, CA 95468
707-882-3114

Fort Bragg Branch
499 E. Laurel St.
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
707-964-2020

Laytonville Branch
44960 N. HWY 1
Laytonville, CA 95454
707-459-5908

Round Valley Branch
23925 Howard St.
Covelo, CA 95428
707-983-6736

Ukiah Branch
105 N. Main St.
Ukiah, CA 95482
707-463-4490

Willits Branch
390 E. Commercial St.
Willits, CA 95490
707-459-5908

Bookmobile
707-234-2874

**Cultural Services Agency
Library Administration**
707-234-2873

105 N. Main St.
Ukiah, CA 95482