

**Mendocino County Library Advisory Board**  
**Minutes of May 18, 2022**  
**via Zoom**

**Meeting called to order:** 1:02 by Chair, Lynn Zimmerman

**Introductions and Welcome:** Chair Zimmerman greeted the committee and introductions were made

**Members Present:** Janice Marcell, Mo Mulheren, Olga O'Neill, Michael Schaeffer, Carolyn Schneider, James Stewart, Richard Towle, Lynn Zimmermann

**Ex-Officio Member:** Deborah Fader Samson, County Librarian – Not present

**Members not Present:** Larry Riddle

**Others Present:** Josh Bennett, Round Valley Branch Librarian; Nayo Sicard, Librarian II, Pat Sobrero, RV Branch Library Tech; Barb Chapman, CSA Admin. Services Manager; Lew Chichester, Friends of the RV Library, Jessica Stull-Otto, public; C. Whiggins, Friends of the Coast Community Library/public, Michelle Savoy, Ukiah FOL/public

**Approval of the Agenda:** *J. Marcell moved to approve the agenda as written; C. Schneider 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried*

**Approval of 3.16.22 Minutes:** *R. Towle moved to approve the minutes of 3.16.22, J. Marcell 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried*

**Public Expression:** None

**Health Officer's recommendations for remote meetings and possible action**

*M. Schaffer moved that for the July meeting the LAB officers review current Public Health recommendations and determine if meeting will be held in person, a hybrid model, or via Zoom. C. Schneider 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried*

**Library Director's Report-** Deborah Fader Samson

- See written report
- MOUs with partnering groups are being reviewed and updated
- Other CSA News included the possible closure of the Mendocino County Museum

**Admin Services Manager's Budget Report and Library Positions-** Barb Chapman

- Reviewed current and next year's Budget – discussion ensued about collections, distribution of funds and proportionality, and the use of Reserves. Next meeting to include an agenda item for further discussion.
- Reviewed progress on current grants-
  - USDA – Laytonville – waiting on furniture, shelving and wiring have to be in place before occupancy permit approved
  - CENIC – changing contract, RV work coming up
  - Emergency Connectivity Fund II - 60 Chromebooks and Hotspots
  - Emergency Connectivity Fund I – Hotspots and monthly data
  - Future USDA grant – Round Valley – teleconferencing, RFID scanners, etc.
- 4 currently unfunded positions
  - Any changes to positions must go through Human Resources and Union

**Round Valley Library Branch Report –** Josh Bennett

- Library use has increased and the community is happy to have it
- Highlighted many of the activities happening:
- Classes, computer use, seed library, Story Times, Books to Action, Breakfast Club for teens, Teens reading to kids, Volunteer Market, board/card games very popular

- Reduction in branch budget challenging for maintaining relevant collection
- Much economic hardship and heavy reliance on library as a community resource
- Guests and members of FOL echoed important role of library and excellence of staff; expressed concern about reduced resources

**Report Out: Mendocino County Library Initiative Group** - J. Marcell

Update on initiative: 4,000 to 4,500 signatures needed to ensure enough viable signatures, more than half have been gathered and people have been very supportive

**Unfinished Business**

- **LAB Vice-Chair position**

*M. Schaffer moved that as O. O'Neill volunteered to be the vice-chair and step down as LAB secretary, that she be appointed to do so and that the LAB agendize the secretary position for 7/20/22 meeting. C. Schneider 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried*

**Updates from Working Groups to improve the library**

- Districts 1 & 2 – Ukiah – no report
- District 3 - Willits, Laytonville and Round Valley – no report
- District 4 - Fort Bragg – New expansion committee; looking at grants, continuing fundraiser
- District 5 – Port Arena– No report
- Bookmobile – No report

**New Business:**

**Announcements/Comments**

Lynn Zimmermann will resign her position and C. Schneider will take over for the July meeting. She expressed thoughts about her service. Michelle Savoy will be new representative for District 2.

Members expressed appreciation for Lynn's work on the LAB and wished her well in her move.

Next LAB Meeting Scheduled for July 20, 2022 via Zoom featuring Fort Bragg Branch Library; location/method to be determined in July.

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 P.M.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2022.07.20

- The County switched our email from Novell GroupWise to Microsoft Outlook at the beginning of May and we apologize if any emails or appointments got lost in the migration.
- The Executive Office asked for names of staff who could work in the Emergency Operations Center. Deb provided four names, all from different branches so as not to burden any one branch too much, and all of whom have NOT already spent time on County COVID work.
- Deb has been visiting the Willits branch weekly to help Giselle get acclimated to her new position; she has had a couple unique situations that might have given even a seasoned Branch Manager pause and Deb thinks she is doing well!
- Deb attended the NorthNet Executive Board meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup>, where a discussion was held on alternate methods of apportioning CLSA funds. (Mendocino County pays a huge amount for delivery and is not compensated at the same rate as the other systems.) We added a second delivery to the Round Valley branch this year that costs \$11,465. Only two other library systems voted against the current cost share plan with us, while 38 systems voted to keep it as is. The group agreed to hire the consultant again to explore different cost share scenarios that might benefit **all** the systems.
- Nayo has been visiting all the branches as a liaison between branch and administrative staff. She has discovered that most branch staff want administrative staff to visit more often, so Deb is going to one Ukiah branch staff meeting each month and visiting the other branches in turn. She participated in a Ulysses program at Coast Community in June, will be attending an outdoor story time at Round Valley this weekend, and is making plans to visit Fort Bragg in August. Nayo and Deb will continue rotating so every branch gets more visits. Barb may or may not make some trips as well, depending on her availability.
- Barb, Yoshiko, and Deb developed a records retention policy for the library at the request of the BOS to all departments to move towards paper-free operations. The policy must be approved by the Board and then will be disseminated to all the branches to aid them in clearing out documents being stored unnecessarily to free up more room for staff and to make search and location easier.
- The guidelines present in the documentation of the Space Needs assessment being conducted by the County with the help of an architectural firm showed us that some of our staff should have more

space. We were told the first week of July that CSA staff must vacate 880 N. Bush St. so the Emergency Operations Center and/ or Disaster Recovery people can use the space.

- We are currently recruiting for a Department Applications Specialist to fill Nayo's old role so she can concentrate on Outreach and other duties.
- CLA was held in Sacramento June 2-4 and we had a couple of staff members lined up to go who ultimately could not attend, so Giselle made it work for her at the last minute. She got a lot out of being surrounded for a weekend by others in the field and returned with some great ideas to share with the staff at the subsequent Branch Managers' meeting. One of those ideas is an online survey we added to our website so patrons who participate in programming can leave feedback.
- Starting in August, we will be holding pop-up events at the Laytonville branch with the Outreach van/ Bookmobile on the first and third Saturdays of the months for three hours each day. We are planning a Grand Opening for New Year's. If anybody wants to volunteer with us at these Saturday events with balloons or cookies or anything to make it seem more festive, we welcome that!! The schedule is posted on our website. Sarah from KZYX will come out and conduct an interview.
- In early 2021, the Board encouraged all departments to look at our cost recovery, how much staff time was spent doing specific tasks, and recalculate with the current salaries our fines and fees. For this reason, we added a \$5 processing fee for lost materials and a \$10 processing fee for damaged materials.
- An RFP for a security guard was conducted for the Ukiah branch and Allied Universal, our current contractor, was chosen for the new contract.
- The staff who handle the Seed library at the various branches are working together to create 3-4 standard county-wide documents that Deb is translating to Spanish to reach more of our community.
- We are moving to digital record keeping and a reduction in the number of paper applications, so many of the normal branch processes will be handled via Docu-Ware. Barb and Nayo have been working with IT to get us up and running one document at a time, which I am then also translating to Spanish. It looks like our Hotspot lending documentation will be the first to "go live."
- Deb had her first quarterly check-in with new CEO Darcie Antle, who asked some questions about libraries, such as "Who uses libraries?" Deb is grateful that she asked, and happy to fill her in on how important library services are to the underprivileged and how helpful and fun they are to everyone,

regardless of income. We have planned a visit for Darcie to the Ukiah branch Children's Farmers' Market in August so she can see first-hand the wide variety of services that the Library provides.

- The Outreach van's lift gate developed a leak of its hydraulic fluid that Yoshi, Barb, and Deb had to clean up, as instructed by Facilities. Nayo took the van to Best Truck Body Repair in Sonoma County, who fixed it for us on July 11<sup>th</sup>. If any of you know of a local mechanic who could be persuaded to work with us on our vehicles at a discounted rate, please let us know and we will look into it.
- Barb and new Coast Community Branch Manager Mellisa Hannum are completing the final reports for the Book to Action grant that we participated in this spring/ summer and we most likely will be doing it again next year.
- The Library Materials budget was allocated this year to each branch based on the population of its service area, its number of cardholders, the circulation statistics, and its gate count. For the past seven or so years a disproportionate amount of funds was going to the two smallest branches, Coast Community and Round Valley. This enabled those branches to beef up their collections to the point that they are pristine compared to the larger branches. We decided a more equitable division would be useful to bring the larger branches up-to-date for the majority of our constituents.



The Observer - What's up with proposed sales - Ukiah Daily Journal (CA) - June 12, 2022 - page 5

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By now most of you have probably heard something about the plan by three Supervisors, Ted Willims, Maureen Mulheren, and Gleen McGourty to place a sales tax measure on the November ballot. The stated purpose of their proposed sales tax is to provide funding for local fire departments and a resurrected county water agency.

There is absolutely no question that local fire departments, especially in the area of providing life-saving ambulance services, must receive additional funding, as it is a past, present and ongoing top priority. No argument there.

I'm going to attempt to explain the dilemma that's arisen through several memorandums and a couple of letters addressing the proposed sales tax.

Also, as I've informed you previously, I've been serving on a steering committee that's been dealing with the re-establishment of a county water agency, but I do not support funding an agency that has no defined organizational structure and purpose. It is currently an unfinished work-in-progress.

Here's the story.

Recently, Linda Bailey, a long-time supporter of county-wide Friends of the **Library** organizations, wrote the following letter outlining her thoughts on the proposed fire department-water agency sales tax.

"The BOS is threatening to poison the well for permanently increasing the sales tax support of our libraries. This next Tuesday they will again be discussing what sales tax ordinance they would put on the November ballot. What is the story here?"

"For many months a group of **library** supporters have been working on a proposal for a permanent sales tax that would fund the operations and building maintenance for the County Free Libraries. They are now circulating a petition to put it on the ballot in the November election; they need 6,000 signatures of registered voters by the end of this month. A major selling point has been that even though the sales tax support for the **library** would increase by 1/8 cent, the total sales tax would actually decrease because Measure B sales tax would decrease by 3/8 cent.

“Apparently some Supes looked at that 3/8 cent and said “Well, why don’t we grab that opportunity to get \$7 million a year?” and put it on the May 17 agenda as “a possible sales tax ordinance.” Despite the innocuous wording, it seems that there was advance notice to some residents of finer detail; all public comments were supportive of water or volunteer firemen. The BOS directed the staff to draw up a plan to divvy up the money between Fire and Water. (Sounds like a reprise of the Auditor/Treasurer merger rushed/no plan to take advantage of an “opportunity”?) Adoption of the ordinance requires a 2/3 vote so they went for two items of popular interest.

“There is no debate that the volunteer fire departments need help, but, if Supervisor Ted Williams wants tourists to contribute to services they use, surely the \$600,000 Williams, McGourty and Mulheren gave to Visit Mendocino could have been used to pay down some of what the County owes the fire departments. Or the \$400,000 they spent on remodeling their chambers. Community members throughout the county could band together and put an initiative on the ballot for 1/4 cent sales tax dedicated to volunteer fire districts. It would only need 50 percent+1 to pass.

“But, Water? Potter Valley/Eel River Diversion came up a lot. This is not a new problem; it has been many years in the making. The Mendocino County Water Conservation Flood Control Russian River Improvement District (popularly known as Russian River Flood Control) holds and administers Mendocino County’s water right to Coyote Dam waters. For at least the first 30 years after the dam was completed it GAVE AWAY that water to anyone who wanted to pump it. Their rationale was that the property owners paid for the bond so they should get to use it for free. Sonoma County Water Agency charged their users; look at the different results.

“Perhaps it’s time the property owners within the Improvement District put up some more money for their benefit. The Improvement District has the power; for example, it could levy a parcel tax. It has the water right to protect. The County has been putting money into the Joint Powers Agreement. Why should county shoppers subsidize the wine industry? The County has no water right to protect. Could this be a gift of public money?

“How does all this impact our libraries? Petition signature gatherers are encountering push-back, as in “I’m saving my vote for Potter Valley.” As Dan Gjerde and John Haschak noted, a County measure has little chance of passage because the voters have little confidence in the competence of the BOS. They remember cannabis, Measure B, the Auditor/Treasurer merger fiasco, etc. Furthermore, as Gjerde astutely commented, if confronted by two sales tax measures the reaction of many voters is to vote No on both.

“At the moment, Williams, Mulheren, and McGourty are poised to approve putting this sales tax on the November ballot. I suspect they will like any “plan” the staff brings forward.

“What a mean-spirited proposal. Raise your voices! Thank Haschak and Gjerde for their support of the libraries. Demand no County-sponsored ordinance on the November ballot.

“If they persist, I, for one, would support a recall. County residents love their libraries. The BOS? Not so much.”

On June 3, the Citizen’s Committee for the **Library** Initiative 2022, sent this letter to the Board of Supervisors:

“It has come to our attention that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors is considering proposing a sales tax that would compete with the Citizens for the **Library** Initiative 2022. We would like to remind the Board of Supervisors that the Citizens for the **Library** Initiative is the direct result of their approval in 2019.

“We have been working on the campaign to Renew Measure A since January 2022. Essentially, doing the work, as volunteer citizens, to fund the public libraries. Since then, in our appeal to the public to gain the required signatures necessary to put the measure on the November ballot, we have stated that taxes will not increase, because 3/8 of a cent sales tax from Measure B will sunset at the same time.

“We request that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors not put forth a “competing sales tax” at this time.

“Succinctly stated, the proposed sales tax measure is both premature and bereft of any broad-based public support at this time.”

What do you think?

Quite a story, isn't it?

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Board of Supervisors - County mulling sales tax - Ukiah Daily Journal (CA) - June 18, 2022 - page 1

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors voted earlier this month to move forward with a plan for floating a sales tax measure intended to fund water projects and fire services, though key details that include how much money they hope to collect still need to be worked out.

Those matters were expected to be discussed Tuesday, but 2nd District Supervisor Maureen Mulheren said that she and County Counsel Christian Curtis did not feel the item was ready to be brought back for the June 21 meeting. Mulheren said Friday that she hoped to be able to announce then if and when there will be a special meeting scheduled to discuss the potential sales tax.

So far, board members cannot agree on whether to ask for two-eighths or three-eighths of a percent, which is a significant difference because three-eighths will increase the current tax burden (five-eighths of a percent) imposed on voters by Measure B. With the amount collected for Measure B reducing to one-eighth of a percent this year, and a proposed **library** tax of two-eighths of a percent, if the board asked for two-eighths, the tax burden would stay at five-eighths.

If the board proposes three-eighths of a percent, however, the tax burden would be increased, and at the June 8 meeting 4th District Mendocino County Supervisor Dan Gjerde said he would not support that, and would likely actively campaign against it.

But even if the board settled on only asking for two-eighths, Gjerde said he was still generally opposed to the board adding a sales tax measure to the November ballot, both because it would compete with the attempt

to raise funds for the county's libraries, and because he didn't "think there's a high-likelihood that this will pass under the best of circumstances."

"I don't see this as **library** versus fire versus water," said Board Chairman Ted Williams, 5th District supervisor. "I think water security is a county issue, and it's our job to protect all economic drivers, and the time for leadership is now.

"I see that we're barely treading water, and we're on the verge of a death spiral in this county," Williams continued, adding that while he agreed with Gjerde that "this is the wrong time to ask for more money from voters — who are facing inflation, high fuel prices and possible recession — we

have to weigh that against the potential death spiral of having towns run dry. If the town of Mendocino runs dry, we won't have the bed tax dollars; within about one mile from my house, there's \$3 million generated in bed tax.

"And in addition to the water, we have an insurance problem," he said. "Houses in the unincorporated areas are becoming uninsurable. If we don't come up with a water solution, we won't see more housing development, and we won't see more long-term rentals — our communities are becoming nonviable."

"Libraries are wonderful and I support them, but sometimes you gotta make hard choices — this is one of those times," said 1st District Supervisor Glenn McGourty. "You can't sit here and ignore this; public safety and water supply are two things that people get kind of upset about if you're not providing them as a supervisor. This is just too important not to address."

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Citizens' Committee for the **Library** Initiative members Carolyn Schneider, Melinda Clarke, Michele Bisson Savoy, Wayne Menger, Michael Schaeffer, Barbara Blake and Victor Hoosac submitted signed petitions to the County Clerk on June 14

The petitions support the renewal of Measure A for one-eighth of a cent sales tax and request one-eighth of a cent sales tax from the sunseting Measure B, with 40 percent to be reserved for building improvements.

The Friends of the **Library** groups were instrumental in gathering signatures to put the citizens' initiative on the ballot in November. The Citizens' Committee for the **Library** Initiative 2022 is a countywide volunteer group formed for the purpose of building on the success of Measure A by passing a citizens' initiative in November to provide stable and permanent funding for all **library** branches and the Bookmobile.

Signatures were gathered in Albion, Elk, Fort Bragg, Gualala, Laytonville, Manchester, Point Arena, Redwood Valley, Round Valley, Ukiah, Westport and Willits. "We want to continue and supplement the current services of Mendocino County **library** services and programs and also provide stable and secure funding for needed building improvements," the committee stated in a news release.

"The language in the initiative states that the revenues will be deposited in a special fund that only the **library** can access. This has worked very well in the 10 years since Measure A taxes have been collected. The **Library** Advisory Board, a volunteer board representing the five supervisorial districts and four cities, regularly reviews the **library** budget to ensure that the funds are spent appropriately. If people are interested in working toward passage of this measure, contact your local Friends of the **Library** group."

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The Observer - Public not buying Supes' Sales - Fort Bragg Advocate News (CA) - June 23, 2022 - page 4

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By Jim Shields

In last week's column I explained that three Supervisors, Ted Williams, Mo Mulheren, and Glenn McGourty, are planning to place a sales tax measure on the November ballot. The stated purpose of their proposed sales tax is to provide funding for local fire departments and a resurrected county water agency.

To their credit and recognizing that County citizens are enduring tough economic times, Supes John Haschak and Dan Gjerde are opposed to their colleagues' misguided and ill-advised proposal.

There is absolutely no question that local fire departments, especially in the area of providing life-saving ambulance services, must receive additional funding, as it is a past, present and ongoing top priority. No argument there.

Keep in mind though that each town's Friends of the **Library** groups have planned since 2019 to place a sales tax measure on the November ballot, a move that the Supervisors were not only aware of but tacitly encouraged. As pointed out in an editorial by the **Ukiah Daily Journal** this past Sunday, "A proposal pitting libraries against fire services is not fair and any ballot with two tax measures on it will likely see voters saying no to both."

Also, as I've informed you previously, I've been serving on a steering committee that's been dealing with the re-establishment of a county water agency, but I do not support funding an agency that has no defined organizational structure and purpose. It is currently an unfinished work-in-progress. Succinctly stated, the proposed sales tax measure is both premature and bereft of any broad-based public support at this time.

Far and wide the reception from the public is they don't trust the Supervisors with this unguided missile of a sales tax. I'm also hearing that the cities of Fort Bragg and Willits are not on-board with the proposal.

This week, Willits Mayor Saprina Rodriguez sent the Supervisors an email broadly outlining all of the many reasons why the tax proposal is an idea whose time has not come.

I couldn't agree more with Mayor Rodriguez if I'd written the letter myself.

Here's her analysis on the proposed tax measure and advice to the Supervisors.

I didn't respond late Thursday night to the tax proposal information because I wanted to digest the information Saturday and Sunday and talk to constituents about what they would support. I heard an overwhelming "No" for several reasons.

#1 The first phrase of the tax measure says, "Measure \_\_ Sales Tax is unrestricted general fund revenue, by this resolution, the County intends to use these revenues for fire protection and water resiliency projects." The Public does not like unrestricted. "Intends" means little to constituents as Supervisors change with time. An advisory Board is meaningless if they have no real power. The County has a history of forming advisory Boards that have expressed feeling they have no true value. They appear to be more of a formality. Also in that phrase it states, "essential services". To most people this means-whatever the Supervisors deem important.

#2 The Supervisors made a promise to the **library**. An additional sales tax puts the **library** tax at risk. You can say that they are not competing, but it's not true. The reality is that voters may be completely turned off by more taxes during a difficult economic time. Is now really the best time to tax people further or offer relief?

#3 The PEOPLE put forth signatures to put the **library** tax on the ballot. THE PEOPLE did not submit signatures for this proposed tax. This was derived from government.

#4 When was the needs assessment performed to decide what funding level was needed for any of these ideas? My constituents feel the idea of throwing "Fire Funds" in an unrestricted ballot measure is a way of preying on their fears. We have heard no logical argument presented relevant to the needs and shortfall of EACH Fire Department. For example, which local communities have already invested in their fire departments with a special tax? How much tax? Any Fire district would be happy to get more tax money, but when is too much taxes too much? We want a comprehensive plan of what the money would be spent on and know that all districts are already contributing in similar ways to support their local fire departments,

#5 My constituents don't buy into the water theory. The City of Willits residents are already paying a high cost for water infrastructure. We made the investment and are paying for it. Now you want us to pay again to help others who are unwilling or planned poorly? Why should we all pay for Potter Valley water when those living there pay so little for the water they currently use? Check out the water rates. Maybe the first step should be to raise rates there. There was mention of storage

capacity in Willits. We believe this was thrown in to include us. We have already allocated funds for another water storage tank. We are not fooled into thinking this funding is really aimed at helping our community. We want to be good neighbors but we want our neighbors to pay their fair share first, then we can all contribute a second round.

#6 What's in it for the County? Will part of these funds be used to subsidize current salaries as they take on additional administrative duties and thus reduce the burden on the general fund? Many are suspicious of Politics at play here for a special group. Why are Supervisors taking on this mountain at a time when they should be focused on bigger budgetary issues? Some don't understand why the County Supervisors are pushing an issue that has so little support.

These are just a few of the arguments I and others have heard.

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Letters from our readers - Ukiah Daily Journal (CA) - June 24, 2022 - page 4

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## On guns

To the Editor:

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." In light of that statement, every person who owns a gun must be a member of a well regulated militia organized and run by the State. That is the purpose for owning a gun. He/she should be required to attend training one week a year and maybe more often for practice and drill. How else can a militia be "well regulated?" The California legislating body needs to pass a law requiring these elements in order to adhere to the Federal Constitution. Give it a try and watch the NRA wiggle out of that one.

— Janet Freeman, **Ukiah**

## Opposed to Supes tax idea

To the Editor:

The **Ukiah** Valley Friends of the **Library** is opposed to the Board of Supervisors recently proposed General Sales Tax Measure for Fire and Water Districts.

The BOS is stating that an Advisory Board would be formed to help distribute the funds.

That statement is disingenuous to the point of hypocrisy. The **Library** Advisory Board is being ignored completely. The LAB helped form the Citizens Committee for the **Library** Initiative 2022 with the full knowledge and consent of the BOS. And now the Board is actively campaigning against it as they propose a 3/8th of a cent sales tax.

The Citizens Committee for the **Library** organized a small army of volunteers who gathered petitions outside in the wind, rain, cold and heat. (With the full knowledge of the BOS, asking for 1/8th of a cent of the sunseting Measure B funds). The dedicated volunteers explained the sales tax proposed would not raise taxes. The petitions were turned in to the County Registrar on the June 14th. At best it appears we were uninformed.

There is no valid reason that the BOS can't request \$.25 (or 2 8ths) of a cent for the Fire and Water Districts instead of the 3/8ths. If it's such an emergency that a Citizens Committee cannot be formed and gather signatures, then the least they can do is designate those funds to Fire and Water Districts.

We urge your readers (and our supporters) to let your BOS representative know how you feel. In conclusion, we would like to thank Supervisors Dan Gjerde and John Haschak for their continued support of the libraries.

— Michele Bisson Savoy, President, **Ukiah** Valley Friends of the **Library**

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The Observer - Supes drop water sales tax; add - Ukiah Daily Journal (CA) - June 26, 2022 - page 5

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As they say, all's well that ends well, and that sums up Tuesday's (Jun 21) Board of Supervisors meeting where a decision was finally made ending the Great Sales Tax War.

Quick background on sales tax issue:

- In 2011 Friends of the **Library** groups sponsored a ballot measure, approved by 75% of the voters, that established a 1/8 cent sales tax dedicated to libraries. The measure called for the tax to sunset in 2027.
- Just recently the Friends of the **Library** qualified a citizen's initiative for the November ballot that would increase the **library** sales tax to ¼ cent upon the 2027 sunset of the 2011 1/8 cent measure. A major selling point has been that even though the sales tax support for the **library** would increase by 1/8 cent, the total sales tax would actually decrease because the Measure B Mental Health sales tax would decrease by 3/8¢ from the current ½ cent rate.
- In late May, Supervisors Ted Williams, Glenn McGourty, and Mo Mulheren introduced a 3/8 cents sales tax to fund local fire departments and a resurrected county water agency.
- With Measure B being reduced to 1/8 cent, and the proposed **library** tax at ¼ cent, the BOS proposed 3/8 cent sales tax would result in a 1/8 cent overall increase to the County's sales tax rate.

At Tuesday's session, Board Chairman Williams announced at the outset of the sales tax discussion, that he was disinclined to put the measure on the ballot unless all five Supervisors agreed to do so. Since Supes John Haschak and Dan Gjerde have opposed the proposal, especially the water tax, from its inception, there was little doubt that some kind of compromise was in the offing.

Williams made it clear that he wanted Board unanimity on a decision that would avoid a divisive public battle over competing sales tax proposals.

There have been several other twists to this scenario.

While a sales tax for the benefit of local fire departments is generally supported by taxpayers, the same backing is not found for the proposed water tax, especially when talk turns to a general

public perception that the County has done a less than poor job of crafting any cohesive, coherent water policies.

When you couple those public reservations with concerns raised by Supervisors Gjerde and Haschak about the potential usage of water sales tax funds, it points to a rocky road ahead for voter approval.

In a recent memo to his colleagues, Gjerde warned, "It is going to hurt the causes the taxes are intended to help. A countywide water sales tax, for example, is going to bring intense scrutiny to the intended beneficiaries of the water tax. Voters throughout Mendocino County will question why they are being asked to pay a water tax, when the agricultural interests served by the Potter Valley Irrigation District pay virtually nothing for their irrigation water ... It is going to divide our communities. To be clear, the Board of Supervisors politically and financially supports the efforts by the Potter Valley Irrigation District, the Inland Water and Power Commission and others who are attempting to retain reasonable water diversion rights from the Eel River to Potter Valley and Lake Mendocino. But support has its limits. Ultimately, the debate over a flawed and unwelcome water tax will trigger devastating political division within Mendocino County, while setting back the very cause the water tax was intended to help. "

In response to Williams signal for a re-worked tax proposal, Gjerde and Haschak ended up proposing a slimmed down one-quarter cent sales tax that would fund only fire departments and the county's Fire Safe Council. The water portion of the sales tax was dropped.

While it took some convincing to bring McGourty and Mulheren aboard, the Supes finally and unanimously approved the compromise. Near the end of the meeting, McGourty said he felt "kind of betrayed" by the turn of events.

Mulheren, who a week ago, cobbled together a water tax plan that was essentially unworkable due to mostly structural defects, including a bloated "technical advisory" committee, was upset that her colleagues had not paid closer attention to her proposal.

The quarter-cent sales tax, if approved by voters, would be effective in both the unincorporated areas of the county as well as the cities.

The tax would be a general tax, so it would only require a simple majority of votes to pass. Most likely the measure would include an "intent" provision or a non-binding resolution stating it's the Supes intention the funds will be spent on fire services.

If the measure were a specific tax dedicated solely to fire services, it would require two-thirds voter approval.

The quarter-cent sales tax would generate \$4 million to \$4.5 million, annually.

The tax proceeds would be split 90 percent for local fire departments and 10 percent for the Fire Safe Council.

If approved by voters, the tax would be in effect for 10 years and then sun-setted, unless renewed by voters.

The deal is also contingent on the county securing another source of funding, that's not a tax, for a water agency and other water related issues. Supes Gjerde and Mulheren agreed to serve on a special committee that would bring a finished product back to the Board on July 12.

If both the **Library** tax measure and the Fire tax proposal are approved by voters in November, the sales tax rate would remain at the current 5/8 cent rate.

Jim Shields is the Mendocino County Observer's editor and publisher, [observer@pacific.net](mailto:observer@pacific.net), the long-time district manager of the Laytonville County Water District, and is also chairman of the Laytonville Area Municipal Advisory Council. Listen to his radio program "This and That" every Saturday at noon on KPFN 105.1 FM, also streamed live: <http://www.kpfn.org>

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Here we go again because here they come again with their hands out and palms up, looking for more money because they spent all the other money.

County supervisors want us to open our hearts, but mostly our wallets, to fund what they say are critical services. We've heard that pitch before.

We pay taxes to have safe, secure places to live. We want cops on duty, fire fighters available around the clock and roads in good shape. We want water to flow when we turn the tap and lights when we flick the switch.

Sewer systems? Trash pickup? Streetlights? Yeah, yeah, yeah.

But what's the smart, sneaky idea among government agencies? Absorb the tax money and spend it on dubious programs and lavish salaries, then go back and ask for more money if citizens want the basics.

Before we hand another suitcase of cash to county supervisors to fund more vague programs, a few questions:

1) Where did the money go to fund the Bullet Train? All we know for certain is it didn't build a high speed rail line between Sacramento and Los Angeles. Last count? A billion bucks, and all we got was a hole in the ground.

2) Let's ask about gasoline taxes for highways that we pay out by the millions, and get back bicycle lanes, rail trails and stretches of Highway 101 through Mendocino County hardly improved in a 100 years. Still two lanes, just like 1930, into Hopland and out of Willits.

3) Where has the money for Measure B gone? It was to fund treatment centers, help cops with mentally ill criminals and a secure lockdown facility.

The Measure B committee never says, but will soon hold a meeting to count the many millions of dollars collected but hasn't spent.

4) We pay a cash recycle fee for aluminum cans and plastic or glass bottles. Every sixpack, every Coke bottle. The promise was the money would be refunded at government-sponsored redemption centers. But those centers are gone. The state still charges redemption fees, but has disappeared the recycle centers.

5) Local politicians, using local dollars provided by local citizens, bought and renovated a local motel for the exclusive use of nonlocal homeless people. Cost was around \$11 million. Why do politicians need more money if there's money for stuff like that?

6) If money is so tight how was the county able to pay two (2) redundant Covid Health Advisory Officers to accomplish approximately nothing? One even had the cheek to move to San Diego and cash her checks from there.

7) The promise that a tax increase for roads (passed a few years ago) would fix roads. Instead the city used the money for a (surprise!) Downtown Streetscape Plan. Voters had no say in the project and funded it unwittingly.

IDEA: How about tax money is first spent on cops, parks, roads and water, after which we ask voters for tax hikes to fund employee seminars in Florida, consultants, lavish-for-life public employee pensions and 30 percent raises for city administrators? Shall we vote on a tax to ensure **Ukiah's** City Manager gets paid more than California's Governor?

Roads are frivolous add-ons when it's time to spend tax money. But why make travel budgets and seminars a top priority, then wait to see if there's cash left over for police and fire services? If not, demand an increase in taxes.

Dear readers, this is what they do and are doing and have done for many years: Tax the pants off citizens, spend the money on pet projects and favored groups, and shrug off the spending needs we assume are priorities.

But priorities for you and me aren't the same priorities for our state and local politicians. Otherwise we wouldn't have to pay more taxes every few years to take care of schools, streets, clean water or public safety

## **Library** bailout II

The **library** tax is another funding drain that should come from taxes already paid. The city spends money on free movie nights, tourist recruitment drives, wheelchair ramps all over town and the

ridiculous dead-end Rail Trail.

Vote the **library** tax down. Libraries are appendages that have survived from long-gone centuries when they were the place to go for reading matter. No longer.

Have you heard about Kindle books, iPods and Smartphones? They are the future; libraries are sooo yesterday.

Keeping a **library** as a rest stop for homeless drifters is an expensive luxury that social services should absorb. A new tax will saddle future generations with even bigger burdens, the cruel joke being no one will know what the word "**library**" means or where to find one.

Dewey Decimal System? Ha. It'll get lumped in with Esperanto, Morse Code and protractors.

TWK says check out 'Transparent California' for a jaw-dropping scroll through salaries paid to **Ukiah** and MendoCo "public servants." Tom Hine has his head in the sands of another state altogether.

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The **Ukiah Branch Library** invites children aged 12 and under to pick up one of our new STEAM Take & Make Crafts for Kids! This kit will introduce children to celebrating our beautiful planet by sustainably crafting with biodegradable materials.

The Planet Earth: Moss kit is a program in partnership with Book to Action/ Mendocino County Reads, and is intended to encourage children to gain hands-on experience with science, technology, engineering, art, and math from the comfort of their own homes.

Kits are available on a first come, first served basis starting on Tuesday, May 24. Limit one STEAM Take & Make Craft Kit per child. Swing by the **Ukiah Branch Library** during our open hours to pick up a kit of your own or call 707-463-4490 to set up a curbside appointment.

For more information, call Sam White, children's librarian, at 707-234-2865.

Book to Action/ Mendocino County Reads is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and **Library** Services under the provisions of the **Library** Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

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Music - Borrow a ukulele from the library - Ukiah Daily Journal (CA) - May 18, 2022 - page 3

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The **Ukiah Branch Library** is pleased to announce that we have received a California State **Library** LSTA (**Library** Services and Technology Act) grant to loan ukulele kits free to Mendocino County **Library** cardholders.

These ukulele kits have everything you'll need to get started: a Soprano Ukulele with carrying case, a shoulder strap, a battery tuner, and a 20-page Quick Start Guide with information about your new ukulele.

"Kala Ukulele, known for high-quality instruments, is the most recognized and sought-after ukulele brand in the world. Kala ukuleles are the instrument of choice for schools — more people learn to play on a Kala than any other ukulele brand." — From the Kala website

For more information, contact the **Ukiah Branch Library** at 707-463-4490 .

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**Ukiah Library - Plant the three sisters - Ukiah Daily Journal (CA) - May 21, 2022 - page 3**

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May is the best time for planting beans, corn and squash. The Yokayo Seed Project has many varieties for patrons to choose from at the **Ukiah Branch Library**. The **Ukiah** branch is now open for patrons to come in and get seeds in person. Please visit our website for our new full hours: [www.mendolibrary.org](http://www.mendolibrary.org).

You may place a seed order online at <https://www.mendolibrary.org/borrow/seed-libraries>. For more information, contact the **Ukiah Branch Library** at 707-463-4490, and ask for Seed Librarian Jen, or email [lyonj@mendocinocounty.org](mailto:lyonj@mendocinocounty.org).

This service is for all ages, free to the public, and sponsored by the **Ukiah Valley Friends of the Library** and the Mendocino County **Library**.

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Books - Ukiah Library presents - Ukiah Daily Journal (CA) - May 25, 2022 - page 3

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The **Ukiah Library** presents Mendocino County Reads: "Braiding Sweetgrass" on Thursday, June 2 on zoom from 6 to 7 p.m. Join for a book discussion of the Book to Action Mendocino County Reads title "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants," by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

The **library** has a select number of free copies for participants to keep or share with others. Please visit the **library** for your free copy. This is a free event.

### About 'Braiding Sweetgrass'

"As a botanist and professor of plant ecology, Robin Wall Kimmerer has spent a career learning how to ask questions of nature using the tools of science. As a Potawatomi woman, she learned from elders, family, and history that the Potawatomi, as well as a majority of other cultures indigenous to this land, consider plants and animals to be our oldest teachers. In 'Braiding Sweetgrass,' Kimmerer explores a central theme of wider ecological consciousness and our reciprocal relationship with the world." — From the publisher

Email Melissa Carr at [carrm@mendocinocounty.org](mailto:carrm@mendocinocounty.org) or call 707-234-2862 to sign up. All registrants will receive an email invitation to participate via Zoom.

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x **Thomas Plaza - Library to host Summer - Ukiah Daily Journal (CA) - June 8, 2022 - page 2**

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**Ukiah Branch Library** will be hosting the Summer Reading Kickoff at Alex Thomas Plaza on Saturday, June 18, from noon to 3 p.m. There will be buttons, books, crafts, activities and summer reading logs.

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Talking flowers - Feed the pollinators: 'Let - Ukiah Daily Journal (CA) - June 10, 2022 - page 12

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Planting pollinator-friendly flowers is not only good for the health of our planet, it can be good for your mental health.

Take the California Poppy. Not only can looking at its bright colors improve your mood, watching each flower's many visitors provides plenty of free, enriching entertainment.

"Poppies don't have much nectar, but they have lots of pollen, so the bees dive in and roll around in them, which is fun to watch," said Cathy Monroe, a local naturalist who will be sharing her knowledge of native pollinators and the plants they depend on at an event Saturday hosted by the **Ukiah** branch of the Mendocino County **Library**.

The talk, called "Native plants and their pollinators: A conversation," is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. June 11 on the Rail Trail, also called the Great Redwood Trail. The group will be meeting where the paved path meets Ford Street in **Ukiah**, and will very likely find some poppies growing wild nearby.

If you don't already have poppies growing near you to enjoy, Monroe said their seeds are very easy to buy and plant. For those who want to provide more extensive, year-round habitat for pollinators, Monroe said the U.C. Davis Arboretum sells packets of seeds specially designed to support native pollinators.

Another easy way to support pollinators is by growing your own herbs, said Monroe, pointing to coriander as a great plant to choose for yourself and bees.

"Just let things get weedy," she said, referring to the practice of allowing plants like coriander, mint and sage to flower and go

to seed, thereby providing natural food for both bees and birds.

When buying plants for pollinators, Monroe said it's very important to avoid those treated with neonicotinoid pesticides, which she said are very harmful to the creatures you are trying to help.

To limit the use of these pesticides, Monroe said there is a bill being advanced in the California



**Mark your calendar - Willits Summer Art Walk - Ukiah Daily Journal (CA) - June 18, 2022 - page 3**

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This summer, the Willits arts community will showcase the best of Willits. The downtown area is filled with talented artists and creative activity. Plan to spend the evening exploring art, history, music and dance.

This event will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month from June through October between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. Grab a friend or your family and stroll the streets of Willits to discover local artists, new venues, and eateries right here in our own backyard.

The Summer Art Walk takes place June 25, July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24 and Oct. 22.

The following participants are sponsors of the Willits Summer Art Walk:

**Willits Center for the Arts:** 71 E. Commercial St. The WCA prepares monthly art exhibitions featuring local and regional artists. View the latest exhibit: Native American Art, while mingling with the artists and enjoying refreshments.

**Mendocino County Museum:** 400 E. Commercial St. Experience the new traveling exhibit from Exhibit Envoy: Bear in Mind — The Story of the California Grizzly. Open hours 5-7 p.m. with General Admission.

Mendocino College will have a pop-up exhibit at the museum. Don't miss the chance to see drawings and watercolors generated by talented student artists taught by local instructor Ann Maglinte.

**BACE** is located at 109 N. Main St. (next to North Spur Brewery). This venue is one of Willits' best kept secrets. The visionaries, David Blesse, Graham Considine, and manager Christy Lee Long bring a global perspective to the local art scene. A psychedelic art exhibit will mesmerize audiences of all ages. This unique venue will also feature musical talent in the later evening hours.

**Kemmy's Pies** is located at 299 E. Commercial St. Sip some wine and eat savory or sweet pie with a friend while viewing the latest crafts and art that adorn the walls of this community gem. While you are in the area, stop by the Willits Chamber of Commerce to discover events planned throughout the county.

\* Scoops, located at 110 N. Main St., is hosting the Willits **Library** Art Night in their courtyard. Bring your family and enjoy crafting tiny owl sculptures with **library** staff. Sign up your whole family for the summer reading program while enjoying the sweet taste of Scoops.

Shanachie Pub is located at 50 S. Main St. Enjoy well-curated brews while viewing the drawings of artist and educator Jazzminh Moore. Spend the evening listening to local talent during Singer Songwriter Night.

Art on the Plaza is located at 99 S. Main St. This gallery has something for everyone. Rex Morgan's metal art will be on display along with over 14 artisans from the community.

RE Evolution is located at 15 W. Mendocino Ave. This wonderful space is always spectacularly curated. Merchandise changes regularly. Come by to see what is new.

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Willits - Summer Reading - Library hosts event - Ukiah Daily Journal (CA) - June 25, 2022 - page 16

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The Willits **Library** hosted a Summer Reading Program Kick-off Event in the courtyard behind the Mendocino County Museum June 18. The event featured activity tables, games, snacks, summer reading sign-up information and a performance by Cowgirl Tricks.

Branch Librarian Giselle Delotch explained the theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge Log is "Read Beyond the Beaten Path." She said, "We are trying to encourage people to go into the great outdoors and read, or just experience the great outdoors more."

The Cowgirl Tricks performance featured whip cracking and rope tricks. Performer Karen Quest said, "I am excited, I have never been to Willits." She traveled up from San Francisco to be at the event. Quest described her routine as, "A one woman comedy variety show with trick roping, whip cracking, audience participation, music, magic and kooky cowgirl shenanigans."

The Mendocino County Museum had a booth promoting its new exhibit "Bear in Mind: the Story of the California Grizzly," which will be up through July 31. The museum was also giving out an oral history project, just in time for Father's Day where one could fill out a booklet about their father. Residents can gain free admission to the museum on Wednesdays with a **library** card.

For this summer's Reading Program, children must read for at least 10 hours and teens and adults must read for 20. Participants can also earn hours on their reading log by completing a listed activity such as: attend a **library** event, visit a local park, finish an art or craft project or

go on a hike, bike or run on a local trail. Those who complete their reading logs will earn prizes and will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a grand prize.

Delotch said there will be a variety of grand prizes including a Kindle Tablet. Paper reading logs are available at the **library** and digital reading logs are available at [mendolibrary.beanstack.org](http://mendolibrary.beanstack.org). The program will run through Aug. 13.

Sticking with the outdoors theme, this summer there will be a stuffy campout in the **library**. Children will be encouraged to drop off their stuffed animals to sleep over in the **library**. The **library** is also cross-promoting the California State Parks Park Pass, which is a free day parking pass for entrance into California State Parks. Anyone with a **library** card can check out a State

Parks Pass for a week at a time by visiting the **library** website; passes will soon be available by walk-in at the Willits **Library**. Delotch said, "It's all about lowering the barriers that people have to get to State Parks. Because, the cost of parking can be prohibitive."

Weekly **library** events include Stories in the Park Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at Recreation Grove Park; a full calendar of events is available at [mendolibrary.org](http://mendolibrary.org) or follow Willits- Mendocino County **Library** on Facebook for up-to-date information.

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✓ **Ukiah Branch Library** will present Dance Around the World on Saturday, July 23 at 11 a.m. at 105 N. Main St. Come "Dance Around the World" with Nikola Clay and learn a variety of traditional folk dances from Ecuador, Bolivia, China, Tahiti and more.

Nikola has taught these dances (and more) to people of all ages for over 12 years and believes that folk dancing is a great method for introducing people of all ages to some of the music and culture of various regions around the world.

This program will include dancing, playing, learning, and of course getting our wiggles out. Free event. For more information, email [whitesa@mendocinocounty.org](mailto:whitesa@mendocinocounty.org) or call 463-4490.

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\* **Ukiah Library** will present LOBA Poetry with Millicent Borges Accardi on Thursday, July 28 at 7 p.m. Join **Ukiah Branch Library** staff on the last Thursdays of the month for a live virtual poetry reading and open mic on Zoom. This free event is open to both teens and adults — all are invited to share poems in any form or style, or just listen to others.

Portuguese-American writer Millicent Borges Accardi is the author of three poetry collections: *Through a Grainy Landscape* (New Meridian Arts, 2021), *Only More So* (Salmon Poetry, 2016), and *Injuring Eternity* (2010).

Among her awards are fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, California Arts Council, CantoMundo, Fulbright, Foundation for Contemporary Arts NYC (Covid grant), Creative Capacity, Fundação Luso-Americana, and Barbara Deming Foundation, "Money for Women." She lives in the hippie-arts community of Topanga, CA where she curates Kale Soup for the Soul and co-curates Loose Lips poetry readings.

Registration is required. Contact Melissa at the **Ukiah Library** for the Zoom link: [carrm@mendocinocounty.org](mailto:carrm@mendocinocounty.org).

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### Kelley House Walking Tour

Kelley House docents lead Mendocino Historic District walking tours on Saturdays at 11:00 am. \$20 per person. Meet by the flagpole. Drop by or book in advance at [kelleyhousemuseum.org](http://kelleyhousemuseum.org). 45007 Albion Street, Mendocino. 707-937-5791.

### Temple of Kwan Tai Tours

Held from noon to 3:00 pm. The temple is located at 45160 Albion Street, Mendocino, CA.

### Storytime at Fort Bragg Library

Storytime will be held from 10:30 am to 11:00 am, weather permitting. Following from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm will be "Sinister Science: Rainbow Rain." The **library** is located at 499 East Laurel Street, Fort Bragg, CA. 707-964-2020.

Sunday, July 10, 2022

### Music Fest: Steel Wheels

From their base in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains, roots music collective The Steel Wheels has earned a reputation as one of the top independent bands on the scene today.

<https://mendocinomusic.org/event/steel-wheels-2022/>

### Walking Tour at the Kelley House

Kelley House docents lead Mendocino Historic District Walking tours on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. \$20

**LIBRARY BUDGET FY 2022/2023**

OBJECT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	Budget	YTD as of 7.14.22	Req or Adj.	Available Budget	YTD % used	Notes
821500	SALES & USE TAX	-2,962,795	0	0	-2,962,795	0%	Measure A funds
824100	INTEREST	-15,000	0	0	-15,000	0%	
826370	LIBRARY SERVICES	-15,000	-1,136	0	-13,864		Fees and Bookmobile stops in Sonoma
827600	OTHER SALES	-4,000	-405	0	-3,595	10%	Photocopy fees
827707	DONATION	-1,200	-242	0	-958	20%	Donations to MCL
827801	GRANT REVENUE	-64,209	0	0	-64,209	0%	Laytonville Grant
827802	OPERATING TRANSFER IN	-1,435,571	0	0	-1,435,571	0%	Property Tax from Assembly Bill 3027 in 1992
Total Revenue		-4,497,775	-1,783	0	-4,495,992	0%	
861011	REGULAR EMPLOYEES	1,850,505	0	0	1,850,505	0%	
861012	EXTRA HELP	35,000	0	0	35,000	0%	
861013	OVERTIME REG EMP	22,983	0	0	22,983	0%	
861021	CO CONT TO RETIREMENT	631,477	0	0	631,477	0%	
861022	CO CONT TO OASDI	104,293	0	0	104,293	0%	
861023	CO CONT TO OASDI-MEDIC	25,693	0	0	25,693	0%	
861024	CO CONT TO RET INCREMEN	36,027	0	0	36,027	0%	
861030	CO CONT TO EMPLOYEE INS	293,250	0	0	293,250	0%	
861031	CO CONT UNEMPLOYMENT	3,337	0	0	3,337	0%	
861035	CO CONT WORKERS COMPE	31,903	0	0	31,903	0%	
Total Salaries & Benefits		3,034,468	0	0	3,034,468	0%	
862060	COMMUNICATIONS	60,000	0	0	60,000	0%	Phone and data lines
862062	COUNTY-WIDE MICROWAV	7,041	0	0	7,041	0%	Billed by County
862090	HOUSEHOLD EXPENSE	107,000	0	0	107,000	0%	County custodial & garbage - all branches
862101	INSURANCE-GENERAL	37,287	0	0	37,287	0%	
862120	MAINTENANCE-EQUIPMEN	20,000	0	0	20,000	0%	Equipment maintenance (Bookmobile & outreach)
862130	MAINT-STRC IMPR & GRN	65,000	0	0	65,000	0%	Building & grounds maintenance
862150	MEMBERSHIPS	8,500	0	0	8,500	0%	CLA, ALA, ARSL
862170	OFFICE EXPENSE	38,732	10	0	38,722	0%	Office supplies including paper and toner
862185	MEDICAL & DENTAL SVCS	1,000	0	0	1,000	0%	Pre-employment physicals, screenings
862187	EDUCATION & TRAINING	3,000	0	0	3,000	0%	Staff education
862189	PROF & SPEC SVCS-OTHR	298,000	0	0	298,000	0%	Sonoma shared system, delivery, IT support, security guard, NeoGov, custodial contracts
862190	PUBL & LEGAL NOTICES	500	0	0	500	0%	Classified ads for job postings
862194	A-87 COSTS	318,081	0	0	318,081	0%	Actual cost to be determined
862210	RNTS & LEASES BLD GRD	42,953	0	0	42,953	0%	Round Valley, Laytonville MOU
862230	INFO TECH EQUIP	117,000	0	0	117,000	0%	IT equipment & software
862239	SPEC DEPT EXP	223,180	0	0	223,180	0%	Library collection materials and databases
862250	TRNSPRTATION & TRAVEL	20,000	0	0	20,000	0%	Bookmobile gas and maintenance, mileage
862253	TRAVEL & TRSP OUT OF CO	1,000	0	0	1,000	0%	Hotel, airfare, per diem conferences/trainings
862260	UTILITIES	95,000	0	0	95,000	0%	Water, sewer, electricity, gas, etc.
Total Services & Supplies		1,463,274	10	0	1,463,264	0%	
864370	EQUIPMENT	36,089	0	36,089	0	0%	
Revenue Total		-4,497,775	-1,783	0	-4,495,992	0%	
Expense Total		4,533,831	10	36,089	4,497,732	0%	
Budgeted Use of Reserves		36,056					

Endowment Funds	Balance	Reserves
2710-760844 Fort Bragg Principal	12,875	2,132,804
2710-760845 Fort Bragg Interest	21,924	
2710-760846 Ukiah Principal	114,513	
2710-760847 Ukiah Interest	72,275	
2710-760856 Bookmobile Principal	4,290	
2710-760857 Bookmobile Interest	3,750	
2710-760858 Willits Principal	6,234	
2710-760859 Willits Interest	2,723	
2710-760870 Library/Hallam Principal	20,382	
2710-760871 Library/Hallam Interest	1,511	
Total	260,478	

		Collection Budget	Percent	2023
			100.000%	200,000
Branches	TOTAL		57.000%	114,000
Ukiah			34.000%	38,760
	M1A	Mendo Ukiah Adult	50.000%	19,380
	M1J	Mendo Ukiah Juvenile	30.000%	11,628
	M1Y	Mendo Ukiah Young Adult	20.000%	7,752
Fort Bragg			29.500%	33,630
	M2A	Mendo Fort Bragg Adult	70.000%	23,541
	M2YO	Mendo Fort Bragg Youth	30.000%	10,089
Willits			15.000%	17,100
	M3ALL	Mendo Willits All	100.000%	17,100
Coast			6.125%	6,983
	M4ALL	Mendo Coast All	100.000%	6,983
Round Valley			6.125%	6,983
	M5ALL	Mendo Round Valley All	100.000%	6,983
Bookmobile			6.125%	6,983
	M6ALL	Mendo Bookmobile All	100.000%	6,983
Laytonville			Grant	23,180
		Mendo Laytonville All	100.000%	23,180
	M7ALL			
Outreach			3.125%	3,563
		Mendo Outreach All	100.000%	3,563
	M8ALL			
Countywide	TOTAL		43.000%	86,000
	M7E	Mendo Downloads/Databases	82.000%	70,520
	M8E	Mendo Programs - All Branches	4.000%	3,440
	M13E	Mendo Floating Collection - All Branches	7.000%	6,020
	M14E	Mendo Admin Materials/Processing	7.000%	6,020

Actual Total with Grant

223,180

### Statistics Examples

Current Cardholders		
Location	Number	Percent
Bookmobile	1,315	3.7%
Coast	1,936	5.5%
Fort Bragg	8,281	23.6%
Round Valley	1,529	4.4%
Ukiah	16,178	46.1%
Willits	5,836	16.6%
Total	35,075	100.0%

Circulation from FY 2019 (pre-COVID)		
Location	Number	Percent
Bookmobile	22,070	3.8%
Coast	36,181	6.3%
Fort Bragg	186,974	32.6%
Round Valley	35,489	6.2%
Ukiah	192,704	33.6%
Willits	100,827	17.6%
Total	574,245	100.0%

Volumes Held		
Location	Number	Percent
Bookmobile	4,677	2.9%
Coast	19,101	12.0%
Fort Bragg	39,712	24.9%
Round Valley	23,434	14.7%
Ukiah	44,308	27.7%
Willits	28,458	17.8%
Total	159,690	100.0%