



Mendocino County Library Advisory Board

NOTICE OF MEETING

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

1:00 P.M. - Wednesday, September 21, 2022
Via Zoom

The LAB meetings will be conducted virtually and not available for in person participation pursuant to the provisions of Government Code section 54953 and the recommendation of the Mendocino County Health Officer. The public may join the Zoom meeting at (no registration required):

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or participate by sending comments to libtechservices@mendocinocounty.org. All email comment must be received by 8:00 A.M. the morning of the meeting in order to be published online prior to the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions and Welcome
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes from the July 20, 2022 meeting
5. Public Expression

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

6. Health Officer's recommendations for remote meetings and possible action for the next LAB meeting Carolyn
7. Library Director's Report Deb
8. Admin Services Manager's Report Barb
 - A. YTD Budget
 - B. Library Annual Report FY 21-22
9. Branch Report: Coast Community Branch News Mellisa
10. Report out: Measure O - Citizens Initiative Michael
11. Unfinished Business
 - A. Updates from Friends' Working Groups to Improve the Library Branches
12. New Business: Carolyn
 - A. Welcome to Michele Savoy, newly confirmed representative for District 2
 - B. LAB Secretary appointment
13. Next Meeting, November 16th, 2022 (location?) Carolyn
14. Announcements and Comments

Attachments:

Minutes July 20, 2022

Director's Report

Library News

YTD Budget Report

Library Annual Report FY 21-22

LAB Bylaws

Mendocino County Library Advisory Board
Minutes of July 20 2022
In person and Zoom

Meeting called to order: 1:05 by Chair, Carolyn Schneider

Introductions and Welcome: Chair Schneider greeted the committee and introductions were made

Members Present: Janice Marcell, Olga O'Neill, Michael Schaeffer, Carolyn Schneider, James Stewart, Richard Towle

Ex-Officio Member: Deborah Fader Samson, County Librarian

Members not Present: Mo Mulheren, Larry Riddle

Others Present: Dan Hess, Fort Bragg Branch Librarian; Nayo Sicard, Librarian II, Lew Chichester, Friends of the RV Branch Library, Michelle Savoy, Ukiah FOL/public

Approval of the Agenda: *M. Schaffer moved to approve the agenda; J. Marcell 2nd, carried*
Members agreed to reorder agenda to discuss 11.B as first item

Approval of 3.16.22 Minutes: *M. Schaffer moved to approve the minutes of 3.16.22, R. Towle 2nd, carried*

Public Expression: None

Health Officer's recommendations for remote meetings and possible action

M. Schaffer moved that for the September meeting the LAB officers review current Public Health recommendations and determine if meeting will be held in person, a hybrid model, or via Zoom. R. Towle 2nd, motion carried

Discussion: How funding for each branch's collection/materials is determined (11.B)

- Lew Chichester, President of FOL in Round Valley expressed concern about the cuts in RV's collection budget
- Director Fader Samson addressed funding allocations in her written report and verbally explained; in her remarks she included the recent addition of a second delivery day to Round Valley
- Discussion ensued; agreed that the LAB should look at this issue when budget is being formed

Library Director's Report- Deborah Fader Samson

- See written report

Budget Report

- Looked at current budget and some statistics regarding use
- Budget reflects projection of increase in revenue compared to last year
- Funded unfilled positions are for a Librarian 1 and extra help positions

Fort Bragg Branch Report – Dan Hess

- Appreciation expressed for staff, admin and LAB
- Branch is thriving and its high usage has increased
- Dan Hess reported the many programs being offered and highlighted work with community partners including Mendocino Botanical Gardens, Mendocino College and local Summer School. The outreach and collaboration have been hugely successful.
- Good WIFI availability

Report Out: Mendocino County Library Initiative Group - J. Marcell, Michael Schaeffer, Carolyn Schneider

- Measure qualified and will officially be on the Ballot as Measure O
- Committee is meeting weekly
- Good community support
- 300-word argument to county in support of Measure O is due August 5
- Donations and fund-raising are underway for campaign; Sept. 10 event at Barra planned
- Michael Schaeffer would like to know if there are negative reactions or questions so they may be quickly addressed

Unfinished Business

Updates from Working Groups to improve the library

- Districts 1 & 2 – Ukiah – no report
District 3 - Willits, Laytonville and Round Valley – when asked, D. Fader Samson said there was no news on the Willits solar/roof program
- District 4 - Fort Bragg – Reconfiguration of committees and members, continuing fundraising
- District 5 – Port Arena– No report
- Bookmobile – No report

New Business:

LAB Secretary position: Michelle Savoy will be the secretary for the rest of the year once she is confirmed as a member by the BOS.

Board Vacancy: District 2 member: Supervisor Mulheren has appointed Michelle Savoy; sent to BOS for consent.

Announcements/Comments

Janice Marcell announced that she will step down as a member at the end of the year. She is speaking to people about the opportunity to be on the LAB.

Next LAB Meeting Scheduled for September 21, 2022 featuring The Coast Branch Library; location/method to be determined in September.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 P.M.

C. Schneider moved that the meeting be adjourned, O. O'Neill 2nd, motion carried

DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2022.09.21

- Deb visited the Round Valley branch on July 23 to watch a very family-like community story time and chat with staff. That branch looks great, very neat and clean and busy with shelves full of new materials.
- Coast Community Branch Manager, Mellisa Hannum, did most of the work to fill out an application for the 2023 Book to Action Grant for the entire system. If MCL is selected, all the citizens of our county will be invited to read *Six California Kitchens: A Collection of Recipes, Stories, and Cooking Lessons from a Pioneer of California Cuisine* by Sally Schmitt. The branches will be holding cooking classes, gardening programs, etc. revolving around the book.
- Having difficulty filling the Department Applications Specialist position and the Youth Services Librarian for Ukiah. We had to reopen and advertise second times for those positions, so we put out a call to internal staff who can take classes and grow into the job.
- Library Administration team moved offices from 880 N. Bush St. to Ukiah Branch Library last week of July and everyone has settled in.
- Currently working on the Library Strategic Plan and have collected staff responses to a survey to provide their input on where they think we should be heading during the next five years. We are developing an online survey and hard copy community survey to be passed out at the branches and various neighborhood gathering places during October and November. Branch Managers will be holding meetings at their locations to talk to residents about what they would like to see from the library and attending local City Council meetings for input. We're looking for donations from the community for a "raffle-type" prize for completing the survey in order to boost survey participation. Please feel free to fill out a survey and make them available to as many people as you can between October 1 and November 30.
- All Staff Training Day will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at the Willits Branch. All branches will be closed that day so staff can learn, celebrate accomplishments, and build teamwork. We will not be able to attend the LAB meeting, but we have promised to provide reports to Carolyn.
- New Director of IT initiated a meeting with Barb and Nayo regarding outstanding work orders, etc. and has offered to meet monthly or quarterly depending on what our needs are. The Dept. Application Specialist will work most closely with IT when we have one onboard.
- 2022 Summer Reading Program was hugely successful, with participation up from last year, though not as high as pre-pandemic levels.
- Deb attended the NorthNet Library System Executive Board meeting on August 25 NorthNet will provide \$1500 towards our All Staff Training Day.
- Transferred the Branch Librarian phone to her office at the Willits branch.
- Deb visited the Bookmobile Laytonville stop on August 30 and subsequently created cardstock bookmarks announcing the opening and hours of the Laytonville branch for the bookmobile staff to slip inside each patron's check-outs.
- Deb presented to other Department Heads at the September 7th meeting about the Library and Museum. Promoted library services they may know about and encouraged everyone to take advantage of September being Library Card month and to get a card.

- Seed Library staff are still compiling their documents into one of each for all branches that I will then translate into Spanish. We have completed two so far.
- Deb visiting the Coast Community branch on September 17th for a poetry reading and chat with staff.
- We started twice-monthly Laytonville branch Pop-up Library Days starting in August and will run through the middle of December. The Outreach van, bookmobile, and library staff have been holding a pop-up out front of the building on 101 from 11:00-2:00 two Saturdays per month.
- The Outreach van and library staff will have a booth space at the Ukiah Country Pumpkinfest Planet Pumpkin October 15th-16th.
- Holding second interviews next week for the Youth Services Librarian at Main.
- Deb plans to attend CA Library Directors' Networking Call on the 21st after the LAB meeting to check in with other locations and see what they're doing.
- Many County Libraries in California are providing condoms for teens. One of our branches is currently doing this discreetly, but we're now working with the Public Health Department to provide them to all branches for free.
- Many library staff reported in the surveys for the 5 Year Strategic Plan that they wanted to have more Spanish language materials in our collections. Deb ran some reports and found that the percentage of Spanish language materials held at each location is far below the percentage of their population that speaks Spanish. We are looking at ways to fund a build-up of materials in that area. Ukiah and Willits Branch Librarians are planning to apply for a grant from LSTA for Spanish Language materials.
- We received notice from the California State Library that we will be awarded \$247,040 (one half the total amount necessary) from the Building Forward Infrastructure Grant for the replacement of the Willits Branch Library roof and the addition of alternative energy panels and battery back-up at that site.
- BOS approved our Library Annual Report for FY 2021-2022. It's available online to educate citizens re how their tax moneys are utilized.



Long Valley library closer to opening

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Shawn Haven at the site of the future Laytonville public library.

The future county library in Laytonville got approved for a \$64,200 grant to help pay for books, furniture, and audiovisual material.

June 30, 2022 — After seven years of fundraising and scouting for a location, the Friends of the Long Valley Public Library are close to opening a branch of the county library in downtown Laytonville. The Friends have raised about \$40,000 since 2015, and just last week, the library got the green light for a USDA Rural Development Grant of \$64,200 as a 75% match to buy furniture, books, and other materials for opening day. Shawn Haven, one of the core members of the Friends group, met KZYX on Wednesday morning at the future location of the new branch, in the Foster's shopping center just off of Highway 101.

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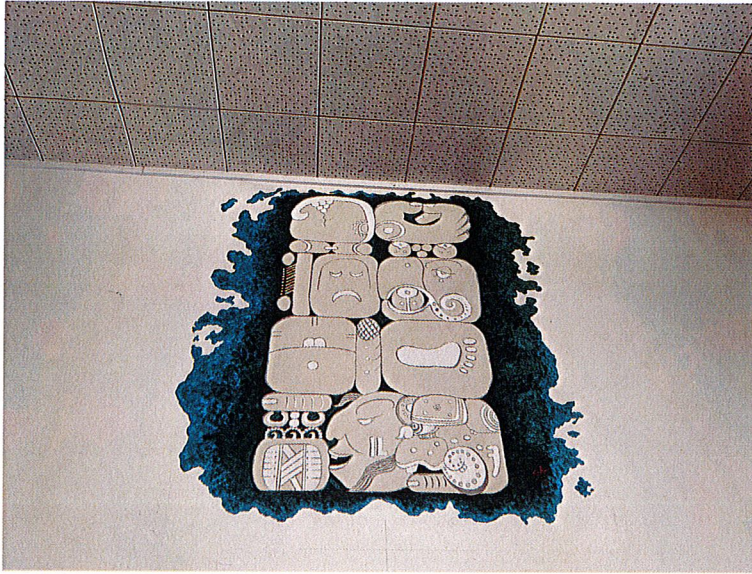
"We got started in 2015," she recalled. "John Pinches offered us the old Bookmobile, and we went from there." The county has an established Bookmobile program, which brings books to Laytonville every other Tuesday. "That Bookmobile that they gave us was not fit for county employee habitation, so we sold that and used the money, moving toward this project," she said. "Of course, paying rent on this space through covid was a little pricey, but we're getting there. A little more to go, and we'll be ready."

Deborah Fader Samson, the Library and Museum Director, said in an email that she is planning for a New Year's Grand Opening. Haven is pleased with the central location, which is within sight of the elementary and middle schools. It's a block or so from the high school and the Book Room, a bookstore at the site of the old high school that serves as an ongoing fundraiser for the library.



One of the murals by Azbal, a Mayan scholar who visited the Laytonville Book Room.

The walls at the Book Room are lined with school lockers, murals by a visiting Mayan scholar, a piano that's out of tune, and donated bookshelves stuffed with volumes. There is also a seed library, which will remain even after the public library opens. The Book Room has taken on a life of its own over the years.



A mural by Azbal, reading "Laytonville Book Room," in Mayan script.

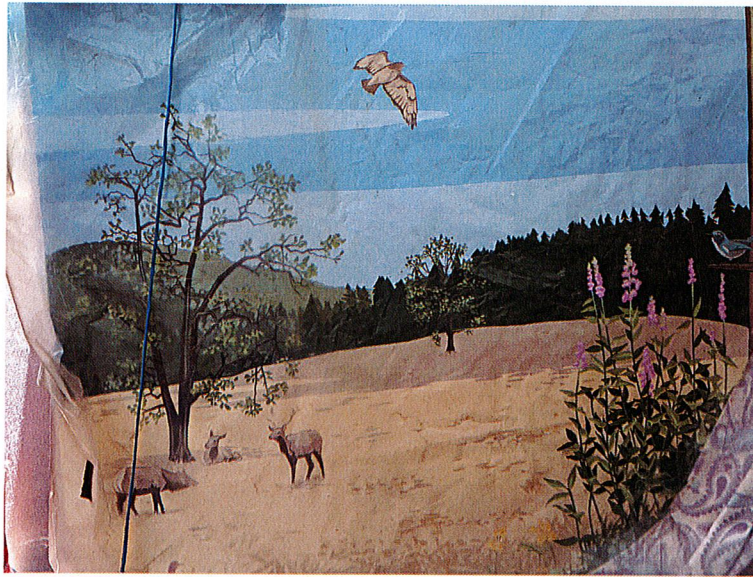
"We started with a big pile of boxes of books right there," Haven recalled. Originally, the local school superintendent gave the Friends permission to use the old school site as storage for their books between sales. "And we thought, well, this is such a mess, we can't function in here," she said. "So we put up some shelves. And then we thought, well, we can put up some more shelves. And then we said, well, can we open it? Why schlepp all these books? We're all old ladies, right? So she said, sure, go ahead. We just kept expanding our space, expanding our hours, so there you have it."

The Book Room has become more than a bookstore raising money for the library. It's a hub of community activity, with a large central room where groups gather to play bridge, spin, have healthy snacks, or curl up with one of the approximately 3,500 books that continue to pour in. Volumes are currently organized by subject and age range, with one shelf dedicated to books about insects for young people, another featuring biographies, and one section devoted entirely to books by lawyers. "We have a little bit of everything," Haven observed. "Or, as they say, something to offend everyone. The true job of a library."

Haven promised the Book Room won't be phased out by the library. "The library here, to start off, will be open three days a week," she said. "Probably Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. And then the Book Room is open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. So there will be full literary and seed library coverage every day except Sunday...so we've got your back."

The library site has had multiple incarnations: it's been a restaurant, a beauty parlor, and, most recently, a tattoo shop. It's about 1000 square feet and has the capacity for

variety of artwork, starting with a hand-carved chinquapin counter carved by local woodworker Robin Thompson along the expansive, north-facing windows, “for laptop work and staring out the window,” Haven noted. There will be two public computer stations, with free broadband provided by a California State Library grant with speeds up to 1 Gbps, “so it’s fast and reliable, unless someone cuts a cable, of course.”



A mural by Danza Davis and students at Juvenile Hall, which will hang in the new branch.

The Friends of the Library also have a 4x6 mural of local nature scenes that artist Danza Davis painted with kids at Juvenile Hall, as part of a Get Art in the Schools Program grant through the Arts Council. That piece will be one of the first things patrons see when they walk into the library. But another work of art, in the future break room, is being diligently covered over with a meticulous decoupage of printed material. “This post, it had pinups on it,” Haven said, gesturing at a column still featuring a few remnants of vintage girly pictures, leftover from the tattoo shop. “It’s really sad to cover them up,” she said. “But the method is starch with a little varathane over it, so if anyone ever wants to restore it, they can. I hate to destroy someone else’s art.”

The Friends found the site about three years ago, but the learning curve was steep, especially during covid. “When we started this, we didn’t even know we had to have a permit,” Haven recalled; “because we weren’t doing anything major. The place had been a business before. It was obviously okay...we thought. So we had to get an architect...it sounds so easy. But it took like three years.” They had to repair an unsafe irregularity in the floor, install new lighting and lots of new electrical outlets, and lay down a new sidewalk that’s ADA accessible from the parking lot.

The furniture is supposed to arrive in November, right around the time the ballots go out,

tax, and keep it going in perpetuity. Voters will also be asked to decide on a quarter cent sales tax for fire services. "The two taxes are not in a fight, I don't think," Haven said. "So we'll be out and about, and out and about." Voters have been primed by the signature-gathering process, "and we'll be sure they stay primed, and get more primed, and bring their friends."

Local News



Sarah Reith

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Ukiah Library - Farewell to Summer Reading Challenge

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The Ukiah Branch Library invites children and families to join us from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13 for a two-hour farewell to the Summer Reading Challenge! Come hang out in the Children's Room while we groove and sing to live kids' tunes performed by local duo The Aunties, who will be jamming until 4 p.m.

This musical celebration will be followed by an hour of crafting, where children will work on a collaborative art project to be displayed in the Children's Room. Staff will also be available to help children pick up prizes for their completed reading and activity logs.

Single-serve snacks and drinks will be provided, and face masks are recommended. This program is sponsored by the Ukiah Valley Friends of the Library. For more information, visit www.mendolibrary.org or contact the Ukiah Library at 707-463-4490.

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Willits Branch Library - In-person game events return

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The Willits Branch Library is excited to announce in-person games at the library. All tabletop gamers are invited to the library to play. Tobin will be coordinating and participating in the bi-monthly event, every first and third Friday of the month beginning Aug. 5 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The library will be dusting off its checkers, chess, and Trivial Pursuit boards as well as getting out decks of card games to play. We have various game offerings for different skill sets and age levels. Participants are also encouraged to bring their own games to share and play!

The event will be held indoors in the Willits Branch Library meeting room and is open to all ages. For more information, visit www.mendolibrary.org or contact the Willits Branch Library at 707-459-5908.

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In the shade of the oak trees at Recreation Grove Park in Willits, the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians partnered with **Mendocino County** Reads and the Willits **Library** to read excerpts from the award-winning book, "# Not Your Princess: Voices of Native American Women," edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale.

The book is filled with beautiful images and powerful words. In the book's foreword, Charleyboy explains the book gave her, "the space to not only write a love letter to all young Indigenous women trying to find their way, but also to help dispel those stereotypes so we can collectively move forward toward a brighter future for all." On the dedication page, Charleyboy dedicates the book, "For every Indigenous woman who has ever been called 'Pocahontas.'"

Those in attendance July 18 received a copy of the book to take home, along with cool water to drink and snacks. Despite the heat of the July day, the oak trees kept the temperature comfortable while patrons listened to excerpts from the book read by the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, who then invited the crowd to read passages that spoke to them.

Tribal Member of Sherwood Valley and Director of the Tribal Youth Diversion Program Antoinette Ascencio welcomed the crowd. Tribal Chairperson Melanie Rafanan read the first excerpt titled "Little Sister" by Tasha Spillett (Cree) while audience member followed along in their copies.

Ascencio, Rafanan and Youth and Family Coordinator Sabrina Angela read multiple passages, as did **library** staff and community members, while also reflecting on personal experiences.

In closing, Ascencio said the book contained "very powerful words." She said she liked that it was pointed out in discussion how feelings evoked from the reading are not limited by ethnicity. Ascencio said she was happy the audience participated

in the discussion.

Willits Branch Librarian Giselle Delotch said, "We would love to collaborate with the tribe in the future on events and programs." Delotch explained she is trying to actively forge relationships in the community. She said, "I think we need to be more active in engaging our community." One way the **library** is doing this is through events such as the book reading in which they partnered with

the tribe and **Mendocino County** Reads. Another way this is manifesting is with the new story time at the Willits Farmers Market every Thursday afternoon.

Delotch said, "I think it is important for the **library** to take an active role in the community, and not just be here, passively."

The event was one of three events **Mendocino County** Reads, the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians and Willits **Library** have partnered. The first was for small children with a book titled, "We are Water Protectors" by Carole Lindstrom. The next event will occur Aug. 27 and feature a plant identification walk, which starts at the **library** at 11 a.m. The book being discussed and given away is 'Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

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State of Homelessness - Librarians confront new workplace challenges

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For nearly two decades, Lisa Dunseth loved her job at San Francisco's main public library, particularly her final seven years in the rare books department.

But like many librarians, she saw plenty of chaos. Patrons racked by untreated mental illness or high on drugs sometimes spit on library staffers or overdosed in the bathrooms. She remembers a co-worker being punched in the face on his way back from a lunch break. One afternoon in 2017, a man jumped to his death from the library's fifth-floor balcony.

Dunseth retired the following year at age 61, making an early exit from a nearly 40-year career.

"The public library should be

a sanctuary for everyone," she said. The problem was she and many of her colleagues no longer felt safe doing their jobs.

Libraries have long been one of society's great equalizers, offering knowledge to anyone who craves it. As public buildings, often with long hours, they also have become orderly havens for people with nowhere else to go.

In recent years, amid unrelenting demand for safety-net services, libraries have been asked by community leaders to formalize that role, expanding beyond books and computers to providing on-site outreach and support for people living on the streets. In big cities and small towns, many now offer help accessing housing, food stamps, medical care, and sometimes even showers or haircuts. Librarians, in turn, have been

called on to play the role of welfare workers, first responders, therapists, and security guards.

Librarians are divided about those evolving duties. Although many embrace the new role — some voluntarily carry the opioid overdose reversal drug naloxone — others feel overwhelmed and unprepared for regular run-ins with aggressive or unstable patrons.

“Some of my co-workers are very engaged with helping people, and they’re able to do the work,” said Elissa Hardy, a trained social worker who until recently supervised a small team of caseworkers providing services in the Denver Public Library system. The city boasts that some 50 lives have been saved since library staffers five years ago began volunteering for training to respond to drug overdoses. Others, Hardy said, simply aren’t informed about the realities of the job. They enter the profession envisioning the cozy, hushed neighborhood libraries of their youth.

“And that’s what they think they’re walking into,” she said.

Across the U.S., more than 160,000 librarians are employed in public libraries and schools, universities, museums, government archives, and the private sector, charged with managing inventory, helping visitors track down resources, and creating educational programs. Often, the post requires they hold a master’s degree or teaching credential.

But many were ill prepared for the transformation in clientele as drug addiction, untreated psychosis, and a lack of affordable housing have swelled homeless populations in a broad array of U.S. cities and suburbs, particularly on the West Coast.

Amanda Oliver, author of “Overdue: Reckoning With the Public Library,” which recounted nine months she worked at a Washington, D.C., branch, said that while an employee of the library, she was legally forbidden to talk publicly about frequent incidents such as patrons passing out drunk, screaming at invisible adversaries, and carrying bed bug-infested luggage into the library. This widespread “denial of how

things are” among library managers was a complaint Oliver said she heard echoed by many staffers.

The 2022 Urban Trauma Library Study, spearheaded by a group of New York City-based librarians, surveyed urban library workers and found nearly 70% said they had dealt with patrons whose behavior was violent or aggressive, from intimidating rants and sexual harassment to people pulling guns and knives or hurling staplers at them. Few of the workers felt supported by their bosses.

“As the social safety net has been dismantled and underfunded, libraries have been left to pick up the slack,” wrote the authors, adding that most institutions lack practical guidelines for treating traumatic incidents that over time can lead to “compassion fatigue.”

Library administrators have begun to acknowledge the problem by providing training and hiring staff members experienced in social services. Ensuring library staffers did not feel traumatized was a large part of her focus during her years with the Denver libraries, said Hardy. She and other library social workers in cities such as San Francisco and Washington have worked in recent years to organize training programs for librarians on topics from self-care to strategies for defusing conflict.

About 80% of librarians are women, and the library workforce skews older, with nearly a third of staff members over 55. As in many professions, salaries have failed to keep pace with rising costs. According to the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association, the average salary for a public librarian in the U.S. was \$65,339 in 2019, the most recent year for which data is available.

Studies confirm that many librarians experience burnout.

In Los Angeles County, with more than 60,000 people who are homeless, the past few years have tested the limits of a public library system with more than 80 sites.

“The challenge is that the level of need is off the charts,” said L.A. city librarian John

Szabo. “Unfortunately, we are not fully and effectively trained to deal with these issues.”

Libraries began their transition more than a decade ago in response to the number of patrons seeking bathrooms and temporary respite from life on the streets. In 2009, San Francisco decided to formally address the situation by hiring a full-time library social worker.

Leah Esguerra leads a team of formerly homeless “health and safety associates” who patrol San Francisco’s 28 library sites looking to connect sick or needy patrons with services big and small, from shelter beds and substance use treatment to public showers, a model that has been copied in cities around the world.

“The library is a safe place, even for those who no longer trust the system,” said Esguerra, who worked at a community mental health clinic before becoming the “library lady,” as she’s sometimes called on the streets.

But hiring a lead social worker hasn’t erased the many challenges San Francisco’s librarians face. So the city has become more aggressive in setting standards of behavior for patrons.

In 2014, then-Mayor Ed Lee called for library officials to impose tougher policies in response to rampant complaints about inappropriate conduct, including indecent exposure and urinating in the stacks. Soon after, officials released an amended code of conduct that explicitly spelled out the penalties for violations such as sleeping, fighting, and “depositing bodily fluids on SFPL property.”

The city has installed extra security and taken other steps, like lowering bathroom stall doors to discourage drug use and sex and installing disposal boxes for used needles, although people still complain about conditions at the main library.

Some rural libraries have sought to make social services more accessible, as well. In Butte County, along the western slope of the Sierra Nevada in Northern California,

library workers used a \$25,000 state grant to host informational sessions on mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, and schizophrenia, as well as how to help people access treatment. Books on these topics were marked with green tags to make them easier to find, said librarian Sarah Vantrease, who helped build the program. She now works as a library administrator in Sonoma County.

“The library,” said Vantrease, “shouldn’t just be for people who are really good at reading.”

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Art Walk Ukiah - Ukiah Library presents 'Mixed Reflections'

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The Ukiah Branch Library will host "Mixed Reflections" by Alexandra Villarreal at the Ukiah Art Walk on Friday, Sept. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. at 105 N. Main St.

Villarreal will show portraits in watercolor. Her artwork is a celebration of Hispanic culture.

The Ukiah Branch Library will be hosting live music by Clay Hawkins. Watercolor painting materials will be available for in-person crafting or as a Take & Make.

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

For more information, visit www.mendolibrary.org, contact the Ukiah Branch Library at 707-463-4490, or email wetzler@mendocinocounty.org



fort bragg - Paul Bunyan Days return with a full lineup of events

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Paul Bunyan Days have been a Fort Bragg tradition since 1939. Always lumberjack rowdy and family-friendly, the festival is bigger and better than ever. 4 days packed with 30 different free, or almost-free events make us the oldest and largest festival on the Mendocino Coast. Named after the larger-than-life logger and his giant blue ox, we celebrate the history of the community and pay tribute to the strength of the people who live here. All events take place in Fort Bragg unless noted otherwise. Details can also be found online at paulbunyandays.com.

Library Book Sale — This is the Friends of the Fort Bragg Library's biggest fundraiser. The proceeds are used to purchase books including children's and large type, DVDs, audiobooks, carpet cleaning, and a host of other services that supplement the County Library District's budget. Saturday, Sept. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Fort Bragg Library Community room. 499 E. Laurel St, Fort Bragg.

Mendocino County heat wave - Cooling, hydration stations opened

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The following locations will provide cooling stations this week for the community:

—Round Valley Volunteer Fire Protection District, 75900 CA-162, Round Valley.

Cooling/Hydration Station

—Round Valley Senior Center, 77826 Covelo Road, Cooling/Hydration Station

—Round Valley Library, 23925 Howard Street, Cooling/Hydration Station, Tuesday — Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

—Round Valley Indian Health Center, 100 Biggar Lane, Cooling/Hydration Station, Monday — Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

—Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 S. School Street, Cooling/Hydration Station, Monday — Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

—Ukiah Senior Center, 499

Leslie Street, Main Hall — Cooling Station, Monday — Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

—Ukiah Library, 105 N. Main Street, Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.
Closed Monday

—Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Monday — Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

—The ARRC — Alex Rorabaugh Center, 1640 South State Street, #1, Ukiah, Monday —

Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

—Willits City Hall, 111 E. Commercial Street, Community Center — Cooling Station,
Monday — Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Mark your calendar - Ukiah Library presents a walking any-book book club for adults

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The Ukiah Library will be hosting the Amble and Ramble — a walking any-book book club for adults on Saturday, Sept. 24 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Great Redwood Trail on Perkins Street near the old Train Depot.

This will continue on the last Saturday of every month from noon to 1 p.m. Adults 21 and over are invited to participate. We welcome discussion and sharing about any book you are currently reading. No need to plan or pick up a designated book for this one — just show up when you can!

The Great Redwood Trail is ADA accessible. Contact 707-463-4490 or carrm@mendocinocounty.org to sign up or for more information.

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Mark your calendar - Willits Library creates Elementary! Mystery Lover's Book Club

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The Willits Branch Library is proud to announce its first book club, solely devoted to mysteries. Any adults who appreciate a good whodunit are invited to sign up at the library's circulation desk and get ready to meet and talk all about the riveting tale "The Man Who Died Twice: A Thursday Murder Club Mystery," by Richard Osman.

The Elementary! Mystery Lover's Book Club is hosted by librarian Benjamin MacBean and will meet the first Thursday of every month starting on Oct. 6, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Due to space limitations and book availability, folks are encouraged to sign up early and pick up their copy of "The Man Who Died Twice."

The Elementary! Mystery Lover's Book Club will meet in the Willits Branch Library meeting room. For more information, visit www.mendolibrary.org or contact the Willits Branch Library at 707-459-5908.

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Downtown - Venues participating in Ukiah First Friday Art Walk

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Join artists and their hosts for an evening of art, music and refreshments tonight as you stroll from one venue to the next — each showcasing local art and artistry.

Held in Historic Downtown Ukiah on the first Friday of each month, the First Friday Art Walk is the perfect way to relax your body, mind and soul. This event runs from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call (707) 391-3664.

The Grace Hudson Museum has planned the First Friday in September to coincide with the opening of its fall exhibition, "Gathering Time: Pomo Art During the Pandemic." Be the first to see the show, meet many of the artists, and enjoy the Hopland Pomo Dancers and Pomo style foods. Grace Hudson Museum is located at 431 S. Main St.

✦ Ukiah Library: Come enjoy an

exhibit by Alexandra Villarreal, titled "Mixed Reflections" between 5 and 7 p.m. Villarreal will show portraits in watercolor. Her artwork is a celebration of Hispanic culture. The Ukiah Branch Library will be hosting live music by Clay Hawkins. Watercolor painting materials will be available for in-person crafting or as a Take & Make. This exhibit is free to the public, for all ages, and sponsored by the Friends of the Ukiah Valley Library and Mendocino County Library. The library is located at 105 N. Main St.

Art Center Ukiah: "Salon D'Automne" is the invitational exhibit organized by Kate Gould, of diverse artists in both two- and three dimensions, reminiscent of the first intimate salons in Paris where artists, rejected by the mainstream juries, came

together to show their work. Michael Berg will complement the art with his music during the reception. Art Center Ukiah is located at 201 S. State St.

Corner Gallery, also at 201 S. State St., will be featuring lots of new art on Friday. Sarah Scott Falk is showing watercolors in the front windows under the title "Blue Skies." Elaine Richard exhibits her most recent oils at the MCAA corner. And something new: Painter Jill Millward creates a collaborative art installation and a commentary on the influence of cell phones. Young artist Melanie Muniz continues in September.

Bona Marketplace, located at 116 W. Standley St., will have a collaboration of watercolor, mixed media and collage with Laurie Howard and Lynn Williams of the beautiful changing of seasons and light in local art.

Introducing a new venue: A whole lot of Art! Corner of Main Street and Standley Street in Ukiah.

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LIBRARY BUDGET FY 2022/2023

OBJECT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	Revised Budget	YTD as of 9.14.22	Purchase Orders	Available Budget	YTD % used	Notes
821500	SALES & USE TAX	-2,962,795	-2,962,795	-135,989	0	-2,826,806	5%	Sales tax revenue
824100	INTEREST	-15,000	-15,000	0	0	-15,000	0%	
826370	LIBRARY SERVICES	-15,000	-15,000	-951	0	-14,049	6%	Fine revenue and Bookmobile stops
827600	OTHER SALES	-4,000	-4,000	-1,186	0	-2,814	30%	Photocopy/earbud fees
827707	DONATION	-1,200	-1,200	-139	0	-1,061	12%	Donations to MCL
827801	GRANT REVENUE	-64,209	-64,209	-8,997	0	-55,212	14%	USDA, ECF grants
827802	OPERATING TRANSFER IN	-1,435,571	-1,435,571	0	0	-1,435,571	0%	Property tax
Total Revenue		-4,497,775	-4,497,775	-147,262	0	-4,350,513	3%	
861011	REGULAR EMPLOYEES	1,850,505	1,850,505	296,936	0	1,553,569	16%	
861012	EXTRA HELP	35,000	35,000	11,233	0	23,767	32%	
861013	OVERTIME REG EMP	22,983	22,983	341	0	22,642	1%	
861021	CO CONT TO RETIREMENT	631,477	631,477	101,427	0	530,050	16%	
861022	CO CONT TO OASDI	104,293	104,293	16,519	0	87,774	16%	
861023	CO CONT TO OASDI-MEDIC	25,693	25,693	4,265	0	21,428	17%	
861024	CO CONT TO RET INCREMEN	36,027	36,027	7,001	0	29,026	19%	
861030	CO CONT TO EMPLOYEE INS	293,250	293,250	49,399	0	243,851	17%	
861031	CO CONT UNEMPLOYMENT	3,337	3,337	0	0	3,337	0%	
861035	CO CONT WORKERS COMPE	31,903	31,903	0	0	31,903	0%	
Total Salaries & Benefits		3,034,468	3,034,468	487,121	0	2,547,347	16%	
862060	COMMUNICATIONS	60,000	60,000	13,345	0	46,655	22%	Phone and data lines
862062	COUNTY-WIDE MICROWAV	7,041	7,041	7,041	0	0	100%	Billed by County
862090	HOUSEHOLD EXPENSE	107,000	107,000	9,914	0	97,086	9%	Janitorial & garbage - all branches
862101	INSURANCE-GENERAL	37,287	37,287	0	0	37,287	0%	
862120	MAINTENANCE-EQUIPMENT	20,000	20,000	2,180	0	17,820	11%	Equipment/Bookmobile maintenance
862130	MAINT-STRC IMPR & GRN	65,000	65,000	3,091	0	61,909	5%	Building & grounds maintenance
862150	MEMBERSHIPS	8,500	8,500	0	0	8,500	0%	CLA, ALA, ARSL
862170	OFFICE EXPENSE	38,732	38,732	4,368	0	34,364	11%	Office supplies-paper and toner
862185	MEDICAL & DENTAL SVCS	1,000	1,000	0	0	1,000	0%	Pre-employment screenings
862187	EDUCATION & TRAINING	3,000	3,000	367	0	2,633	12%	Staff education

862189	PROF & SPEC SVCS-OTHR	298,000	298,000	5,476	0	292,524	2%	Sonoma, Delivery, IS support, security guard, NeoGov
862190	PUBL & LEGAL NOTICES	500	500	10	0	490	2%	Classified ads for job postings
862194	A-87 COSTS	318,081	318,081	0	0	318,081	0%	Actual: \$318,081 (includes current FY credit of \$14,274), Previous FYs16-21 credit \$68,682
862210	RNTS & LEASES BLD GRD	42,953	42,953	0	0	42,953	0%	Round Valley, Laytonville MOU
862230	INFO TECH EQUIP	117,000	117,000	2,490	0	114,510	2%	Computer replacements & software
862239	SPEC DEPT EXP	223,180	223,180	13,021	0	210,159	6%	Library collection materials and databases
862250	TRNSPRTATION & TRAVEL	20,000	20,000	1,599	0	18,401	8%	Bookmobile gas and maintenance, mileage
862253	TRAVEL & TRSP OUT OF CO	1,000	1,000	0	0	1,000	0%	Hotel, airfare, per diem conferences/trainings
862260	UTILITIES	95,000	95,000	3,836	0	91,164	4%	Water, sewer, electricity, gas, etc.
Total Services & Supplies		1,463,274	1,463,274	66,737	0	1,396,537	5%	
864370	EQUIPMENT	36,089	36,089	0	36,089	0	100%	
Revenue Total		-4,497,775	-4,497,775	-147,262	0	-4,350,513	3%	
Expense Total		4,533,831	4,533,831	553,858	36,089	3,943,884	13%	
Balance		36,056	36,056	406,596	36,089	-406,629		

Endowment Funds		Balance	Reserves*
2710-760844	Fort Bragg Principal	12,875	2,039,192
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	3,749	
2710-760858	Willits Principal	6,234	
2710-760859	Willits Interest	2,723	
2710-760870	Library/Hallam Principal	20,382	
2710-760871	Library/Hallam Interest	1,510	
Total		260,476	

* Last FY not finalized

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NATURE JOE AT WILLITS BRANCH



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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.

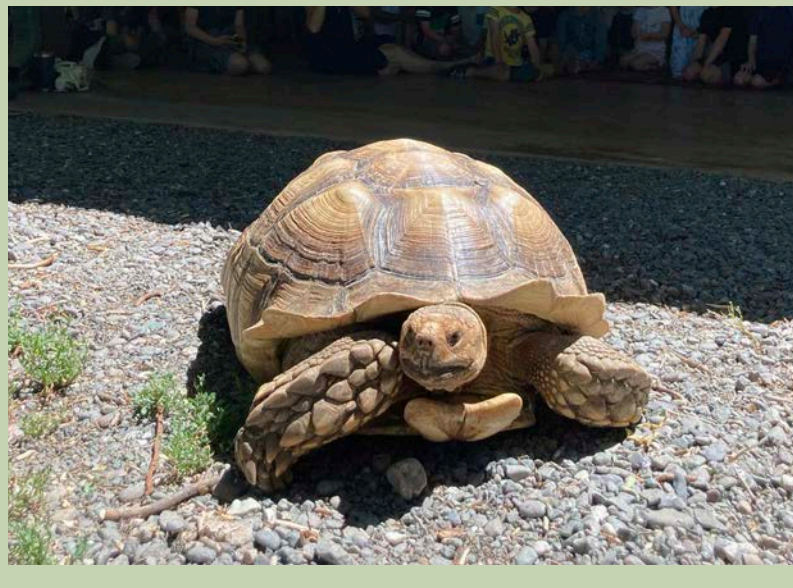
Round Valley Branch teamed with the Round Valley Indian Tribes creating a *Story-Walk® featuring the beautiful and multiple award-winning children’s book *Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story* by Kevin Noble Maillard. A StoryWalk® is a story combined with a walk. Each page of the book was laminated 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

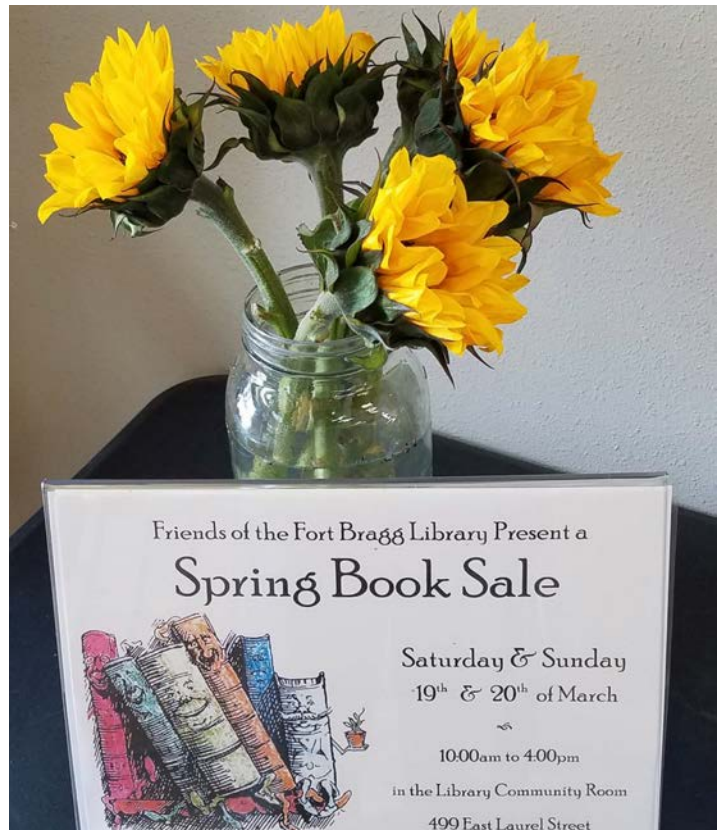
Friends of the Library

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.

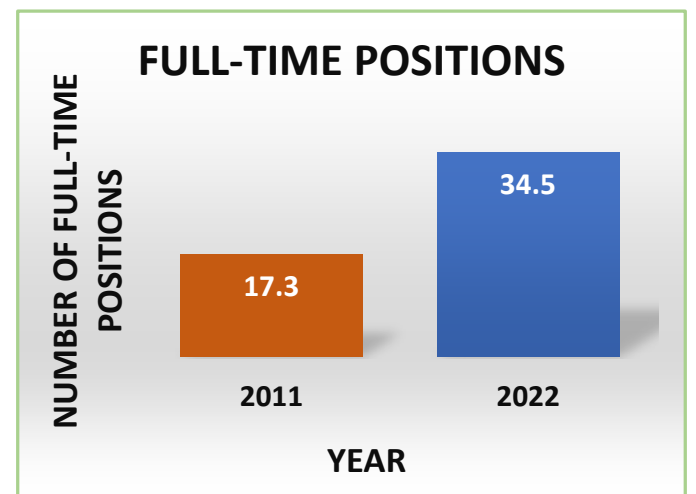
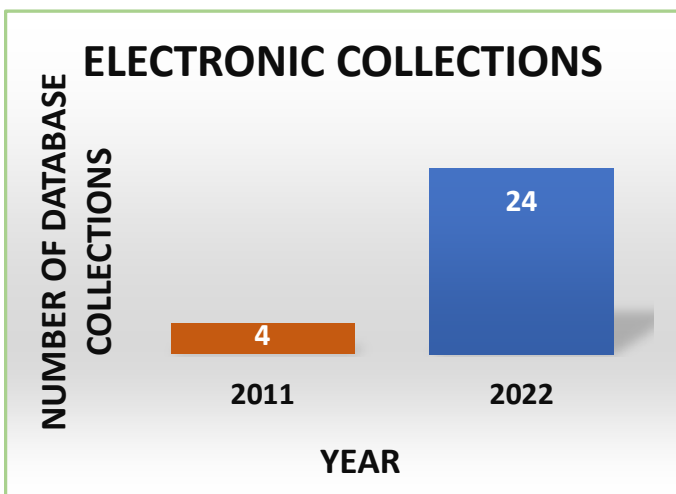
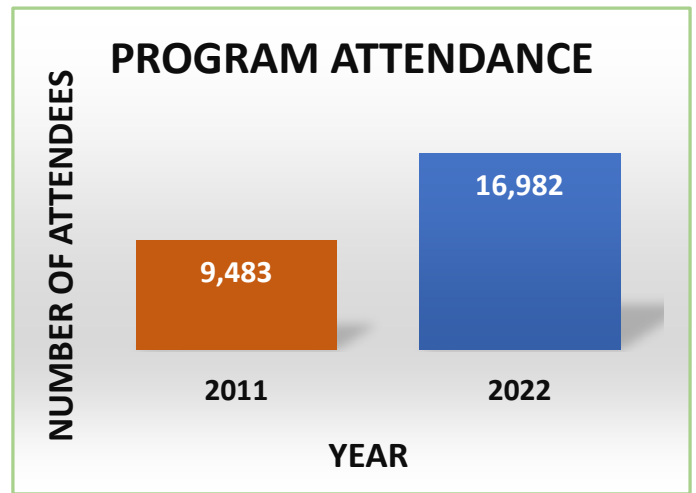
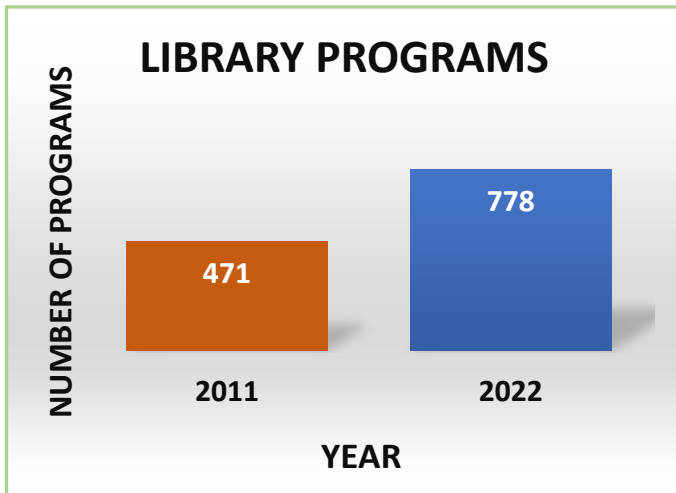
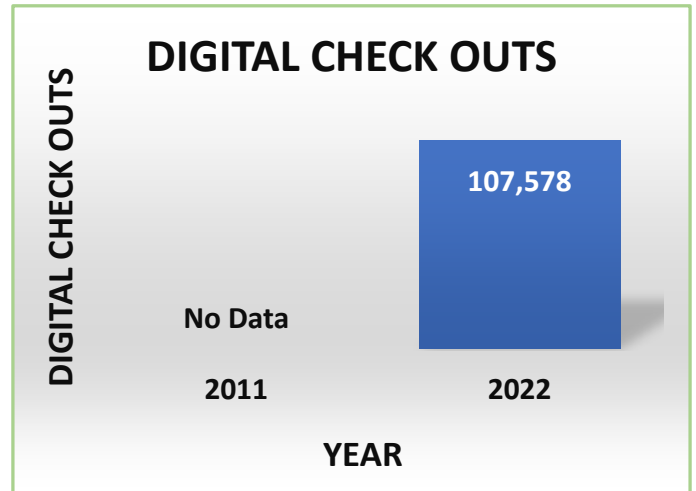
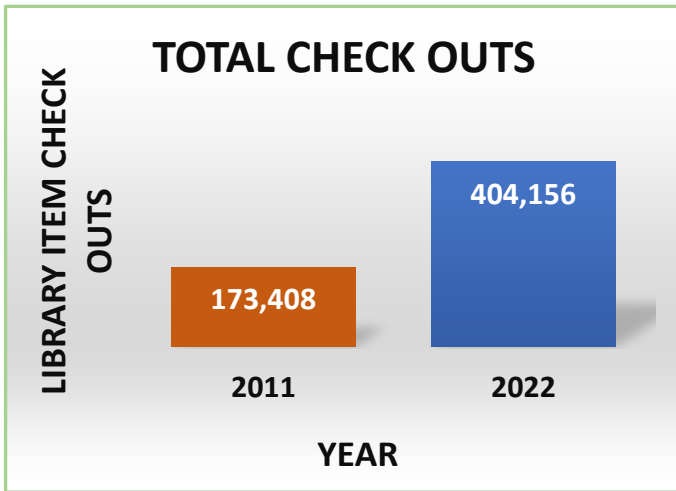
The Bookmobile continues to get seeds out to library patrons in areas not near brick-and-mortar branches, thus helping to increase food security along their route.

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



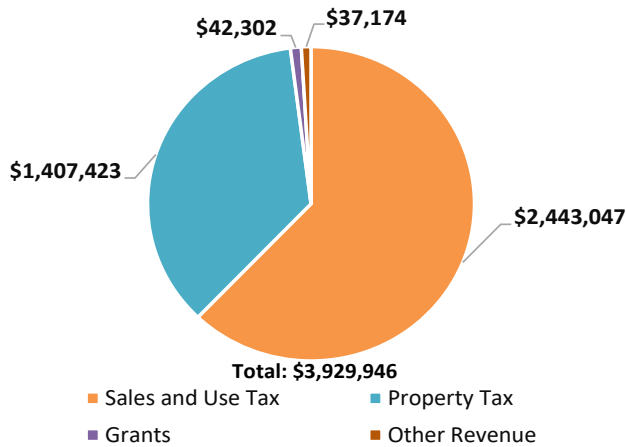
Measure A - Before and After



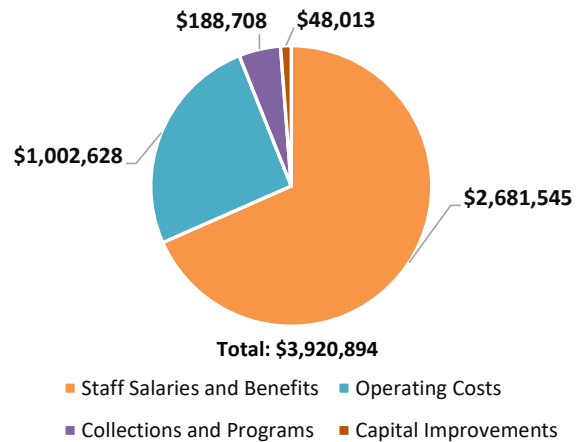
The Measure A - Before and After graphs illustrate the success that the Library has had in providing services to the public with the designated Library funds. Some highlights include how physical item check outs have more than doubled despite the popularity of digital books and other resources. Continued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

BYLAWS OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Purpose of Organization

The Mendocino County Library Advisory Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Advisory Board," was established by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors by Resolution No. 70-191. The Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 06-138 on July 18, 2006 which amended and superseded Resolution No. 70-191. The Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No.15-118 on August 7, 2015 to further clarify their intent.

The Advisory Board shall act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors. The function of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to the County Librarian, the Board of Supervisors, and the Chief Executive Office regarding issues of Library District operations, policy, services and programs for the Library District, consideration of proposals or requests submitted by citizens or groups pertaining to the Library District operations, review of budget programs and recommendations, and all matters affecting public library service in Mendocino County. The Advisory Board seeks input from the public and will make time for public comment at its meetings.

Time and Place of Regular Meetings

The Advisory Board shall set their annual calendar at their January meeting. Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM. Meeting locations shall be set at the January meeting. Dates and locations of meetings shall be posted on the Library website. A notice of Advisory Board meetings will be posted at the meeting venue at least seventy-two hours in advance of each meeting. These meetings shall be announced by email to board members and parties that contact the Recording Secretary of the Advisory Board. Advisory Board members shall be reimbursed for mileage to and from a regular scheduled meeting upon request of the Advisory Board member, at an amount determined by the Mendocino County Auditor Controller and pursuant to County travel policy. This charge shall be borne by the County Library budget.

Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called with the approval of a majority of Advisory Board or by the Chair. Notification of such special meetings shall be made to board members, and to those media outlets and members of the public who have requested, in writing, notice of such meetings at least 24 hours before they occur.

Membership

There are to be no more than nine voting members on the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall be composed of a) a resident nominated by each Supervisor from their respective supervisorial district and appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve a four (4) year term concurrent with the term of the Supervisor who nominated them; b) a resident of each City appointed by their respective City Council to serve a two (2) year term; c) one or more alternates nominated by each Supervisor and appointed by the Board of Supervisors or appointed by each City Council, except an alternate shall only vote in the absence of the regular member for whom they are an alternate; and d) the County

Librarian, who shall be an ex-officio member of the Advisory Board but shall have no vote, ~~nor~~^{or} be part of a quorum. The Board of Supervisors and City Councilmembers are encouraged to attend Advisory Board meetings, but shall have no votes. Members of the Advisory Board may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

Quorum

A majority of the current voting membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each Advisory Board member shall have one vote. Only an action or decision, taken or made by a majority of members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the action or decision of the Advisory Board. The Chair may adjourn meetings with less than a quorum. The Advisory Board shall be governed by the Brown Act and all appropriate State rules.

Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors

An Advisory Board representative shall submit a written annual Library District review and suggestions to the Board of Supervisors by February 15th of each year.

Notification of Intent to be Absent

A member who intends to be absent from a regular meeting shall so notify the Recording Secretary of the Advisory Board at least four hours prior to the time of the meeting. If a member has missed 50% of meetings in one calendar year, the Advisory Board may recommend that the appropriate Supervisor or City Council appoint a replacement.

Elections

Election of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Recording Secretary shall be held at the regular January meeting or the next regularly scheduled meeting should a quorum not be present. Election of these officers shall be by a majority vote.

Chair

The Advisory Board shall elect a Chair at its regular January meeting for a term of one year. The Chair shall be chosen from among the members. The Chair shall take office upon election, and shall hold this office until a successor shall be elected, unless the Chair shall resign from the office or from the Advisory Board at an earlier date. It shall be the duty of the Chair to preside at meetings of the Advisory Board and to represent the Advisory Board as occasion demands. The Chair shall have the power to appoint temporary or permanent committees as the need arises. The Chair, with input from the Recording Secretary, shall prepare agendas for the meetings of the Advisory Board. The Chair shall present a copy of the agenda to the Library Director's administrative assistant who shall forward a copy to each member of the Advisory Board, the Board of Supervisors, Library staff, and the Library website.

Vice Chair

The Advisory Board shall elect a Vice Chair at its regular January meeting for a one year term. The Vice Chair shall, in the absence of the Chair, or when a vacancy occurs in the office of the Chair, perform the duties of the Chair.

Recording Secretary of the Board

The Advisory Board shall elect a Recording Secretary at its regular January meeting for a one year term. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to take minutes of the meetings, and prepare official communications of the Advisory Board, conferring as necessary with the Chair. The Recording Secretary shall preserve the official minute book. The Recording Secretary shall make available to the Advisory Board a draft version of the Action Minutes, within five working days of the Advisory Board's meeting. Advisory Board members may submit corrections to the Recording Secretary within ten working days of the board meeting. After compiling corrections, the Recording Secretary will post the corrected draft meeting minutes.

Changes to the Bylaws

Revision to the Bylaws may be proposed in writing by any member of the Advisory Board and ^{be} presented to the Advisory Board at any regularly scheduled or special meeting. Proposed revisions shall be discussed at that meeting and duly reflected in the minutes of the meeting. Each member of the Advisory Board shall receive a copy of the proposed Bylaw changes and related discussions, and any member who is not present at the meeting shall have opportunity to submit in writing to the Chair of the Advisory Board any comments. At the next regularly scheduled or special meeting, the Chair shall summarize the discussions of proposed Bylaw changes, including reading any writings received from absent Advisory Board members, and the Chair will call for a vote for adoption or disavowal of any or all of the proposed revisions. After the revision of the Bylaws has been approved by the Advisory Board, the Chair shall give the revised Bylaws to the County Librarian who will present them to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.

The Bylaws will be reviewed and revised as necessary.

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 2

Whereupon, the Chair declared the Bylaws adopted, and SO ORDERED.

Date: May 18, 2016


s/ Marc Komer
Marc Komer, Chair
Mendocino County Library Advisory Board



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COAST COMMUNITY BRANCH

Point Arena

A close-up photograph of two hands typing on a laptop keyboard. The hands are positioned in the foreground and middle ground, with fingers pressing down on the keys. The laptop is silver and the keyboard is black. The background is softly blurred, showing a desk with some papers. A semi-transparent grey rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing white text.

CENIC update
& patron
computer use

A woman with a ponytail, wearing a white t-shirt, is sitting on the floor and reading a book titled 'NATURAL DISASTERS' to a young child. The child, wearing a green shirt and khaki pants, is sitting on the floor and clapping. They are in a library with many bookshelves filled with books. A semi-transparent grey box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the title 'Programming' and a list of audience groups.

Programming

- Children
- Teens
- Adults

Outreach

- Independence Day Parade
- High School
- Pride in the Park
- Manchester-Point Arena Band of Pomo Indians

Partnerships

- Point Arena Fire Safe Council
- Teachers
- Action Network
- City of Point Arena
- Friends of Coast Community Library



FORMAL WEAR DRIVE



INFLATION

- impact on patrons
- Bookmobile
- change in library use?

*Thank
you!*

