



MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – JOINT MEETING AGENDA

JOINT MEETING

November 13, 2017 – 1:30 P.M. – 3:00 p.m.

**JOINT MEETING OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AND LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – Room 1070
501 LOW GAP ROAD, UKIAH, CA 95482

ORDER OF AGENDA

ALL ITEMS ARE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. **WELCOMING REMARKS BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIR McCOWEN AND LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR**
2. **COUNTY LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
3. **LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON LIBRARY DIRECTOR SALARIES AND HOW THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR IS PAID**
4. **UKIAH LIBRARY FACILITY REPLACEMENT OR REFURBISHMENT**
5. **LAYTONVILLE LIBRARY STATION UPDATE**
6. **FORT BRAGG LIBRARY UPDATE**
7. **COAST COMMUNITY LIBRARY SEISMIC UPGRADE**
8. **PUBLIC EXPRESSION AND CLOSING REMARKS**
 - Public Expression
 - Closing Remarks By Board Of Supervisors Chair

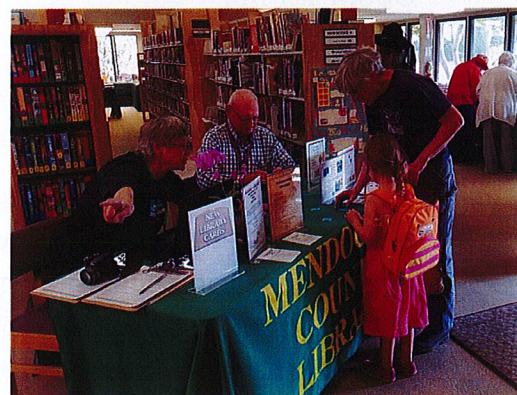
PUBLIC EXPRESSION: (PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

The Board welcomes participation in the Board meetings. Comments shall be limited so that everyone may be heard. This item is limited to matters under the jurisdiction of the Board which are not on the posted agenda and items which have not already been considered by the Board. The Board limits testimony on matters not on the agenda to three (3) minutes per person and not more than 10 minutes for a particular subject. No action will be taken.

September/October 2017 Library Director's Report:

Countywide:

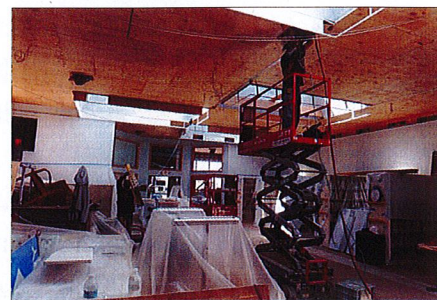
- The months of October and September were busy months for Mendocino County Library; we participated in Banned Book Week, Great Shakeout, Teen Read Week, Paul Bunyan Days in Fort Bragg and Pumpkinfest in Ukiah. We held another New Book Festival in Fort Bragg, sent several employees to conferences and during the fires provided a space for people to gather information and connect.
- All Mendocino County Branches celebrated Banned Book Week with displays that brought attention to the Freedom to Read.
- Our Branches also participated in the Great Shakeout bringing awareness to Earthquake preparedness in California.
- The New Book Festival was held in Fort Bragg on Sunday October 15th 1-4. Over 300 people visited the Festival. Had over 1,000 new titles for check out. Patrons enjoyed origami crafts, Celtic music, food, raffle baskets and lots of new materials.
- The Redwood/Lake Complex Fires was a major catastrophe for our county and the Library was there to provide support in any capacity needed. We kept library open 7 days a week and extended hours in Willits. Kept WiFi on 24 hours at all branches, fines have been made exempt for all victims of the fire and lost items have been forgiven. Handed out masks at Ukiah and Willits Branches and provided information and space to gather for the community during this tragedy.



turned into a great opportunity for check-outs because on the bookmobile “If you want candy you have to check out a book!”

Coast Community Library Highlights:

- The branch is still closed for a seismic retrofit. Library staff, Julia and Laura, continue to work their hours in a variety of ways, including working at the Ukiah and Fort Bragg branches, working at the mini-library at Action Network, and working on the bookmobile. It's been a broadening experience! We'll have a big job of clean-up before we can reopen and the Friends of the Library volunteers and staff are ready!



- Laura Schatzburg, Coast's seed librarian, attended the National Heirloom Expo in Santa Rosa on September 6. Laura was able to meet other seed librarians, there was good food to eat, and great displays of heirloom fruits and vegetables. Coast's seed library will be highlighted when the branch reopens and we will host a seed saving workshop in the spring with local organic market gardeners, Astrid and Allan Hogle.



- In October, both Laura and I helped at the New Book Festival in Fort Bragg. People were checking out armfuls of new books, audiobooks and dvds and the gift baskets for the raffles were awesome! Coast Branch will host a mini new book festival when we reopen.

- On Halloween, even though the library was closed we gave away candy and pencils AND the tooth fairy witch gave away toothbrushes. It's become a tradition...candy treats at one table and toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss at the other table. Because we were outside I was able to use real candles in the pumpkins and it smelled so good and I guess the heat made the photo look really weird...woooo!



Fort Bragg:

- September was a month of circuses, parade and book sales. Flynn Creek Circus did a benefit concert for the Friends of Library to raise money for expansion.



a drop box of information to share including our brochures, signage, and even recommended reading lists on seed-saving and gardening. It is always a productive meeting.

On Friday, September 15th the Seed Library hosted a **Tomato Tasting** for 2 hours during the Farmers Market. It was loads of fun, as usual. Thanks to the folks who entered their tomatoes to the 43 people who tasted all 17 varieties entered and voted. Thank you also to Nina Hettema and Josh Bennett who helped with set-up, tabling, and clean up! The winners were:

Best Tasting: Lucky Tiger (2nd Place: Sungold, 3rd Place: Black Cherry)

Best Old-fashioned Tomato Flavor: Streaked Lightning (2nd Place: Cherokee Chocolate, 3rd Place: Persimmon)

Films: At 7 pm on Friday, October 13th our documentary film series opens with a showing of *Landfill Harmonic*.

Tracking Thunderbirds Book Tour October 12th 3-5 pm. The Round Valley Public Library is very excited to welcome artist and author Obi Kaufmann. He will be signing copies of his new book *The California Field Atlas* and talking geography, ecology, aesthetics and storytelling. For more information about the artist and the "Tracking Thunderbirds" book tour, visit coyoteandthunder.com. If you like what you see, plan on entering a raffle on October 12 for a chance to win original artwork created by Obi Kaufmann. All proceeds will go to supporting Library materials and programming.

Dia De Los Muertos Storytime and craft. This two part workshop will happen on October 26th and 27. Participants will make sugar skulls with molds on 10/26 and paint them on 10/27. Both gatherings will include storytelling and other kid-focused activities.

On October 19th at 10:17, our branch observed the **Great Shakeout**, which organizers say is the largest earthquake drill on earth! We will have earthquake preparedness info available during that week as well as books on earthquakes and disaster preparedness on display.

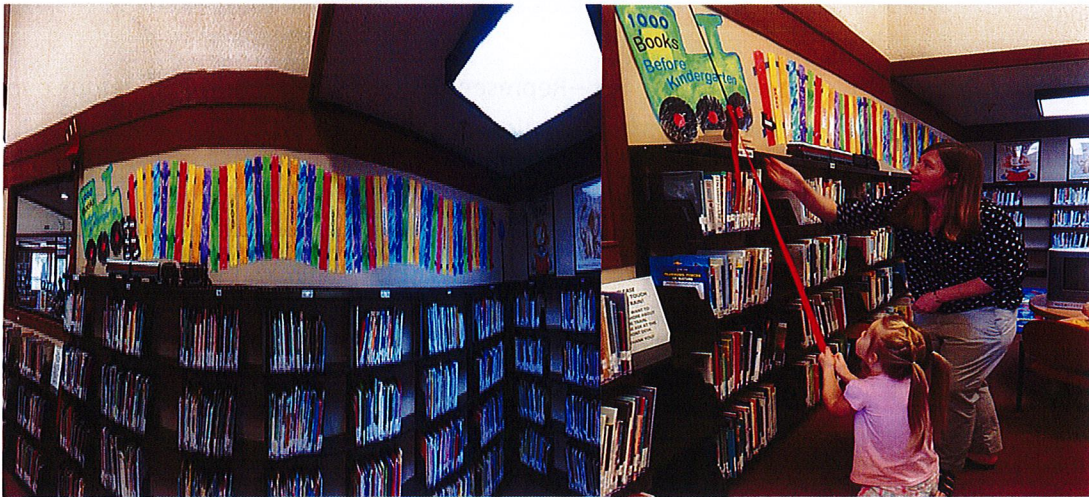
Ukiah:

- First Friday Art Walks remain very popular events. With the Friends Book Sale, Live Music, fresh art and craft stations, we are getting a lot of community response and feedback! In October, we had a sale of an art piece AT the First Friday event for the first time.
- Roseanne and Jen attended ARSL to discuss the Seed Library (Sept 7-9). Ukiah is becoming known nationwide as an innovator for this program.
- The Kindness Rocks program (Sept 22) drew an impressive amount of people – so many the supplies ran out.



Programs—

- Author Talk— Local Willits author, Robin Rule, enthralled her audience with readings from her latest book called “Trailer for Rent”. She also spent time reflecting on her writing process and how the book came to exist.
- 1,000 Books before Kindergarten Kick-off Party—Willits Library re-launched this early literacy program with a new train inspired theme. Incentives for the young readers include sounding the train whistle and conducting the Polar Express train.



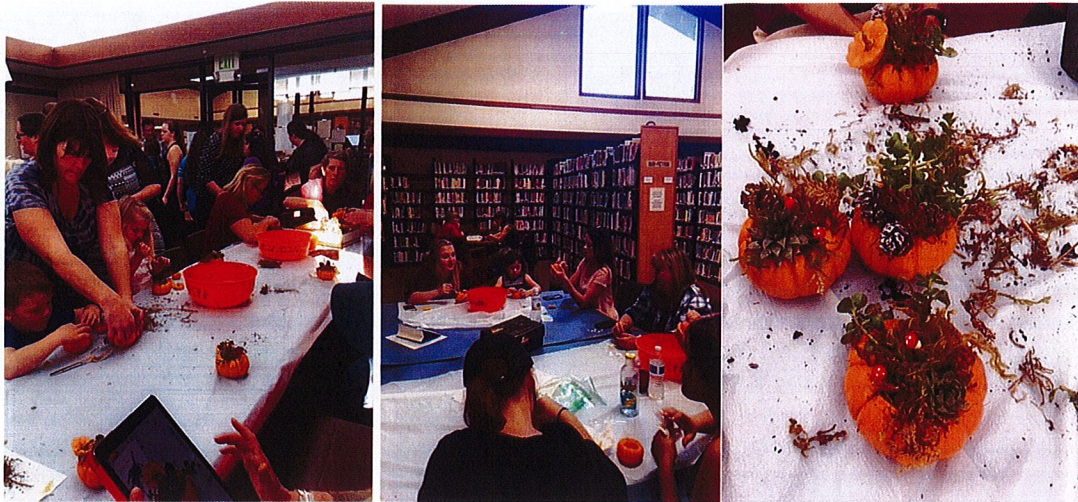
- Seed Cleaning –Master Gardener Carol Cox demonstrated the value and the basics of cleaning seeds.
- Pirate Week- A week filled with pirate-themed activities. It started off with the making of treasure maps and pirate flags and culminated in a magnificent treasure hunt.



- Art Night-In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the art night craft was Amate Paper Painting. This type of art is a popular form of Mexican Folk Art.
- Mary's Book Club: The Tortilla Curtain by T. C. Boyle

Displays—

- Hispanic Heritage –Our lobby display case featured books and artwork honoring Hispanic Heritage Month



- Mary's Book Club: Tortilla Flat by John Steinbeck

Special Events—

- Halloween Carnival—The library's Halloween finale was the ultra-popular Halloween Carnival. The library staff put together a plethora of activities including creepy crawly booths, fun carnival games such as a ring toss, a bean bag toss, pumpkin golf, and the awesome Book Patch. There was also a craft corner where participants could decorate their Trick-or-treat bags and their prize boats. Highlights of evening included the costume contest. There were so many awesome costumes in the mix. This event was absolutely breath-taking. The library hosted a crowd of over 300 people. The wonderful artwork and sets were created by library technician, Karen Mattson. The entire staff jumped on board to make this event spectacular. Special thanks goes to Karen Mattson, April Harper, Benjamin MacBean, Will Minor and our wonderful library volunteers.

Fiscal 2017-2018 Statistics

Number of checkouts	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Total
Ukiah	16,399	17,735	16,172	14,642									64,948
Ft Bragg	12,709	14,868	13,240	12,545									53,362
Willits	6,881	7,913	7,766	7,387									29,947
Coast	476	497	458	413									1,844
Round Valley	2,538	3,175	3,255	2,881									11,849
Bookmobile	1,557	2,006	1,687	2,129									7,379
Total Checkouts	40,560	46,194	42,578	39,997	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	169,329
New Library Patrons													
Ukiah	74	121	157	93									445
Ft Bragg	50	55	73	52									230
Willits	38	47	66	44									195
Coast	0	0	0	6									6
Round Valley	15	23	31	16									85
Bookmobile	22	25	37	22									106
Total New Library Patrons	199	271	364	233	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,067
ILL: Items loaned													
Lake Co	835	1,040	1,125	956									3,956
Sonoma	8,719	9,005	8,076	6,225									32,025
ILL Requests Filled (Loan)	6	6	2	5									19
ILL Requests Filled (Copy)	0	0	0	0									0
Grand total - all ILL loaned	9,560	10,051	9,203	7,186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36,000
ILL: Items borrowed													
Lake Co	1,012	1,010	1,022	1,032									4,076
Sonoma	6,004	7,201	6,723	4,853									24,781
Requests Filled (Loan)	6	3	6	5									20
Requests Filled (Copy)	0	2	1	0									3
ILL Zip Books "borrowed"	32	40	54	35									161
Grand total - all ILL borrowed	7,054	8,256	7,806	5,925	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29,041

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Bookmobile Dave celebrates 10 years on the road

By David Torres

On Wednesday morning Sept. 6, Mendocino County Bookmobile driver David Frick of Redwood Valley will wake up at 4:30 a.m., pick up his 28-foot Bookmobile at the Mendocino Transit Authority yard and head over to the main library in Ukiah to pick up requests. By 6:30 a.m. he will head out to the coast, arriving in Manchester at 8:20 a.m. for the start of a 200 mile round trip that extends south along Highway 1 to Stewarts Point.

When he returns home 12 hours later, he will have competed 10 years of bringing books

dodocino County, along with the two stops south of the Gualala River in Sonoma County.

Frick began his driving career in the Marine Motor Pool stationed in 29 Palms. Then, after four years of driving the roads in Alaska, he came back to Northern California to eventually land a job with Louisiana Pacific Lumber Co. He later went to truck driving school and earned his Class A license in 1990.

Before Frick was hired as Mendocino's Bookmobile driver, he had been laid off and was looking for work. Meanwhile, he was riding

doing a lot of reading. As luck would have it, he was hired, and took over the arduous 2,000-mile three- to four-day route that covers Branscomb to Percy, Westport to Albion, Anderson Valley to Navarro, the surrounding areas of Hopland, the South Coast, Caspar and Mendocino — including Parlin Fork and Chamberlain Creek.

Then there are the alternative Fridays for the Senior Living Centers in Brookside and Mountain View in Ukiah and the Point Arena City Hall. The latter is a temporary stop until the Point Arena Library is



Bright Beginnings pre-Kindergarten is held at Horicon School in Annapolis on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Photo courtesy Action Network.

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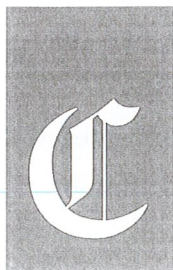
Mendocino County town all but cut off from outside world

By Michael Cabanatuan Updated 9:34 pm, Tuesday, October 10, 2017



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State Sen. Mike McGuire walks past a charred BMW parked off East Road during a tour of the fire zone in Redwood Valley, Calif. on Tuesday Oct. 10, 2017. Authorities have reported at least three people have died and 50 residences have been destroyed by the Redwood Complex Fire.



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information will be used as described in
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WILLITS, Mendocino County — The number of people killed in a fire burning through southern Mendocino County rose to three on Tuesday, as nearby communities struggling with dead cell phones and web connections



unhealthy around region

"I can assure you no one is sitting on their can, waiting to figure out what to do," Allman told the crowd. "Everyone is working at this."

The library has become Willits' main link to the rest of civilization.

The string of fires that erupted across the North Bay late Sunday knocked out 77 cell phone towers throughout the region, state Sen. Mike McGuire, D-Healdsburg, said Tuesday after meeting with utility executives and emergency officials. Thirty-five of those were running Tuesday morning, but in Willits, the library proved to be the only place where residents could get a wireless phone or Internet connection.

They milled about outside the small brick building, tapping messages on their phones and laptops.

Landline phones weren't much help. Allman said the telephone cable that connected Willits to other communities wasn't working — perhaps the fault of a road crew digging into it, he said, or perhaps due to copper thieves. Residents of this town of 5,000 could call each other, but no one in the outside world. The damaged cable also meant that businesses couldn't process credit or debit cards.

Not that many businesses were open. Pacific Gas and Electric Co., fearing damage to its natural gas distribution network, shut down gas service from Willits to Calpella.

"It's cash-only," said Linda Matz, 65, at her gift store, the Cat's Meow.

"No one's come in here," added her friend Patty Rede, 57. "There's absolutely no business. It's dead."

Matz and her husband, Ed Morris, live outside of Willits. Worried that they might not get advance notice in case of an evacuation, they loaded up their mobile home Monday night and headed toward the coast. They couldn't get cell phone service until they reached Fort Bragg.

"It's an adjustment," said Morris, 65. "You get used to things, and then you can't connect."