



BRIEF HISTORY of the Friends of the Long Valley Public Library

July, 2014 Laytonville community contacted by the Mendocino County Library Advisory Board with the suggestion to establish a public library in Laytonville because: LAYTONVILLE needs library services. In addition the Laytonville community voted 66 % to support Measure A, a sales tax increase to fund Mendocino County Libraries. . . despite Laytonville's lack of public library services.

September 24, 2014 - Community Meeting led by Mendocino County acting Library Director, Wally Clark. Mr. Clark's suggestion was public library services offered through a "kiosk" or through the retired Mendocino County Bookmobile which was offered at no cost to the community.

October-December 2014 - A series of community meetings at Harwood Hall highlighted visions and hopes for the future Laytonville library.

January-August 2015 - Friends of the Long Valley Public Library formed board of directors, participated in board trainings as well as information groups, recruited new members, solicited donations.

September 2015-February 2016 - Friends begin collecting books with help from generous library Friends groups in Ukiah and Willits along with a Laytonville volunteer, Zac Thompson. Laytonville Superintendent Joan Potter graciously offered book storage space at the former Laytonville High School office which was later stripped and remodeled. First successful book sale and *coming of age* experience in high hopes and disappointment when the bookmobile was delivered, cleaned out, inspected, and eventually rejected. The Friends who survived this era with added passion turned their attention to community service and fundraising at the Laytonville Book Room.

March 18, 2016 - Opening day of the Book Room. . . at the old Laytonville High School! With a great deal of passion and labor, the Book Room has continued to be open every Friday for 5 pm hours. The 3500 to 4,000 books are sorted and categorized thanks to **Shawn Haven** who has also discovered, purchased and built all sorts of shelving. The book-filled shelves spill out of the old office and into the hallways in all directions around its entrance. Books sell for \$.25 to \$3.00. The Friends, under Shawn Haven's direction, welcome all book donations and categorizes them for placement.

March 18, 2017 - FIRST BOOK ROOM BIRTHDAY BASH with Standing Rock speakers, Atta Stevenson and friend, refreshments, prizes and books.

September 16, 2017- Successful, fun music-filled FUNDRAISER at the Long Valley Garden Club

Services

Spring and Summer 2017 -Boxes of Books were given to the Cahto Rancheria Educational Center. School and Summer-School groups visit the Book Room for stories, singing, free books and invitations to return.

November 11, 2017 - Group of volunteers remove a substantial roomful of books in Willits to add to the collection at the Laytonville Book Room.

FUTURE CONCERNS: The Friends aim to have public library services within walking distance of the Laytonville schools and businesses. This may require zoning changes as well as special consideration for sewage.

***MARCH 10, 2018 - SECOND BOOK ROOM Birthday Celebration at Harwood Hall** with music and festivities. ***Please mark your calendar.**

For more information call Shawn 707-354-3080

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"It takes a village. . . ."

The Friends of the Long Valley Public Library owe a debt of gratitude to Jayma Shields Spence and her team at Laytonville Healthy Start. Jayma serves on our board and has been a supporter since the first meeting at Harwood Hall. When we need services or whatever, Healthy Start is our first call.

Friends of the Long Valley Public Library is a 501c3 nonprofit *under the umbrella* of Harwood Memorial Park and Laytonville Healthy Start.

The Friends is currently working to raise funds to purchase a commercial modular building to serve as our public library building. We believe that we will need about \$250,000. to purchase our building, set it up on a foundation, and connect it to a sewage facility.

Checks should be made out to:
Laytonville Healthy Start/Friends of the LVPL

Donations may be sent to our PO Box in Laytonville.

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Please phone Shawn for other arrangements. 354-3080

Thank you very much.