

Mendocino County Library, Ukiah Branch
Library Advisory Board Report to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
November 13, 2017

Thank you Supervisor Carrie Brown for attending the Library Advisory meeting of September 20th when you addressed the concerns that were raised in our letter of August 30th.

The resolution of the security issues at the Ukiah Library is very much appreciated. The presence of a reliable and effective security person has greatly improved the climate and culture of the library for patrons and raised staff morale.

Thank you for moving ahead in January with the capital improvement projects of re-purposing existing spaces for the teen room and a quiet area for public meetings.

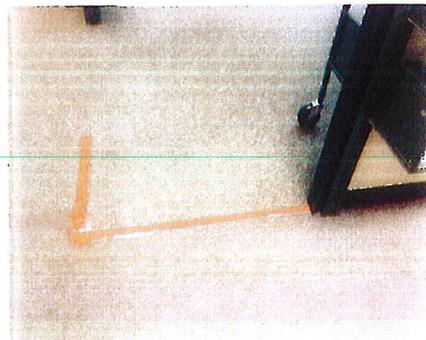
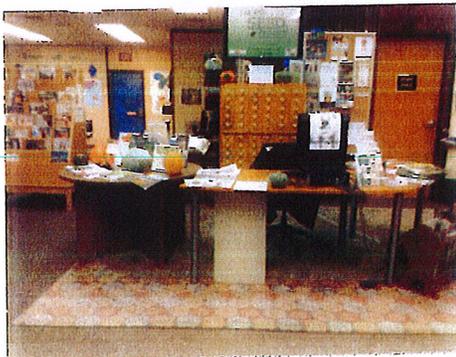
Short Term Goals for 2018

1. We would like to request that funding for the re-positioning of the circulation desk be in place in the 2018 budget. This will result in improved community relations. Librarians at the desk will face the building entrance and be able to greet patrons as they enter. Security will be improved when the desk librarians do not have their backs to those entering the building.

2. We would also like to request that the 'curb appeal' of the building's entrance be improved with exterior maintenance and landscaping. Specifically:

- Remove broken empty wine barrels that now serve as ash trays and garbage receptacles
- Landscape the entrance once the barrels are gone
- Paint the wood trim. If not treated, it will rot.

3. We would also like to request that the mis-matched, worn and permanently stained carpet be replaced.



Long Term Goals: The Library Advisory Board and Friends of the Ukiah Library would like to work together with Mendocino County to improve the Ukiah Branch Library, a county-owned building. In 2018 we would love to have you join us in establishing a committee to assess the needs of the community for a public library building that will meet current and future needs.

The library has become the heart of the community in the years since the passage of Measure A. It is an important free public place in the community where large numbers of inter-generational citizens meet to participate in services and programs for all ages.

Library Programs , Services and Participation

2017 Programs & Services	Participants
Projected check-outs	205, 620
422 Children's programs	8,624
100 Teen Programs	1,500
148 Adult Programs	3,096

The Ukiah Library was opened in 1970 with a square footage of 14,410. It is significant to note that of the 14,410 figure, 1500 square feet represent the basement area, reducing the main floor footage to 12,600.

In 1970, the population of Ukiah was 10,000 according to census figures*. The current population figure is 34,000. Thus the current ratio of square footage to population is: .42 (using 14,410 figure) or .37 (using 12,600 figure).

Ratios of Square Footage/Population of Neighboring Public Libraries

Public Library	Ratio: square footage to population
Mendocino County aggregated	0.42
Sonoma county aggregated	0.40
Ukiah	0.42
Cloverdale	0.557
Healdsburg	0.674
Windsor	0.226

Sources: CA Library Report.; disaggregated data courtesy of John Haupt, Healdsburg Public Library Branch Manager

In conclusion, we welcome the opportunity to work together to improve the county-owned Ukiah Public Library Building for the benefit of the citizens of our community and the outlying areas.

* In the 10,000 population census figure for 1970 it is unknown if it includes the outlying areas that the library serves: Boonville, Redwood Valley, Hopland, Talmage, Calplella and Potter Valley.