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To the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

I have heard that the Board may be considering mixing the library funds, voted on by Measure A, with other county funds for administrative purposes. If this is the case, I wish to state my strong objection, which is two fold.

First of all this money was approved by the voters with the understanding the it was only for library use. If the public feels that they cannot trust county officials to do what they were instructed to do with the money they are entrusted with, it will weaken trust in county government and when Measure A expires in 10 years time, it was not be refunded. If the county feels that the library money is needed, then the must go back to the voters and get their approval before the money is touched.

The other part of my objection is that if this money is seen as a pot that can be dipped into, it will eventually harm the wonderful work the libraries in this county are doing with the Measure A funds. We live in a large, poor, rural county. It is extremely difficult to improve literacy rates in such a setting. Since Measure A passed the libraries have been doing amazing outreach. This is fighting illiteracy and it's stepchild poverty on the front lines.

Please keep faith with the voters of Mendocino County and allow the libraries to continue their important work,

Sincerely and with Respect,

Susan Panofsky
resident and voter
Mendocino County