



Promoting the arts and cultivating creativity to benefit and enrich the lives of residents and visitors

January 11, 2018

NEA Big Read Review Panel
National Endowment for the Arts
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20506

Dear NEA Big Read Review Panel:

I am writing to express the Arts Council of Mendocino County's strong support for Mendocino County Library's Big Read grant application. Should the NEA fund this grant, we intend to partner with the library on arts programming to deepen and expand connections to the book selected by the community, and to deepen connections to literature and story telling. In a rural county such as ours, grants such as these are tremendously impactful.

Through this grant, Mendocino County Library intends to have county-wide programs that tie into the theme of the sponsored book, book discussions and art programs. The Arts Council of Mendocino County looks forward to working together with the Mendocino County Library to do art focused programs that tie into the book that incorporates the rich creative and artistic communities we have throughout our county. Our residents are hungry for opportunities to connect through the arts and storytelling.

I am consistently impressed with the diversity and richness of the Mendocino County Library's programming. Our library is many things to many people, but perhaps most significantly, it is a safe place to learn and connect with people and ideas. I have great faith and confidence in the creativity and relevance of our library and this grant has the potential to really fuel and expand that creativity of programming and library relevance within the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alyssum Wier".

Alyssum Wier
Executive Director