



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Library

**Meeting Date:** June 6, 2017

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Approval for the Mendocino County Library to Offer a Fee Amnesty Period from June 10, 2017 Through June 17, 2017, in Recognition of the Mendocino County Library Summer Reading Program Kickoff

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Authorize the Mendocino County Library to offer a fee amnesty period from June 10, 2017 through June 17, 2017, in recognition of the Mendocino County Library Summer Reading Program kickoff.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

On December 6, 2016, the Board approved a fee amnesty period from December 24, 2016 through January 3, 2017.

**Summary of Request:**

In the past the library has requested a fee amnesty period during the one week holiday closure in December. In tough economic times, many patrons need to use the library more than ever, but late fees can be a barrier to the library use for those who need it most. During the fee amnesty period, patrons can bring back any materials, regardless of how long they have had them, and not have to pay a late fee. In addition to helping patrons who struggle financially, a fee amnesty week should also lead to an influx of overdue and much needed materials being returned to the library, therefore reducing the costs associated with replacement. The last amnesty period in December of 2016, was very successful and resulted in the return of substantial numbers of overdue materials. This would be the first year the library would offer a fee amnesty period in June, but it is thought that it would be a great way to help kick off the Summer Reading Program which continues to grow each year. Fines for lost or damaged materials will not be included.

Although this item has not been budgeted for it is believed that the revenue lost from fees will be offset by the cost of lost items and or claimed returned items being returned to the library thereby saving the library replacement costs.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Return to department with alternate direction.

**Supplemental Information Available Online at:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Source of Funding:** N/A

**Current F/Y Cost:** N/A

**Budgeted in Current F/Y:** No

**Annual Recurring Cost:** N/A

**Supervisory District:** All

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** N/A

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**CEO Liaison:** Sarah Dukett, Administrative Analyst II

**CEO Review:** Yes

**Comments:**