



# COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

## Library

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### Introduction

The month of June heralds the beginning of the Summer Reading Program (SRP). Many adults might remember reading for enough points to get a gift certificate for a personal pizza, but SRP has grown so much more than that. It is a way to continue literacy of all sorts through the summer months by offering programs in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM). The Library offers a bridge to learning through fun events as well as addressing the lack of access to services such as free school lunches. More on how Mendocino County Library bridges the gap during the summer is explored below.

#### I. Effective County Government

The Library's Outreach team offered a Summer Reading event in partnership with Pennyroyal Farm in Boonville on Tuesday, June 10. Children and adults toured the barn and dairy and got to see goats and other animals. The tour ended with a cheese tasting. Not only was this a great way to introduce kids to the concept of "Farm to Table," it also brought the Summer Reading Program to Anderson Valley, which doesn't have a library branch of its own.

#### II. Safe and Healthy Community

Lunch at the Library is being offered in Point Arena and Willits this year! When school is no longer in session, children and families may struggle to find food to fill the gap. With Lunch at the Library, youth have access to nutritious meals and enriching programs to help their minds and bodies grow strong throughout the summer. Programs include arts, crafts, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), outdoor activities, and creative play. Youth 18 and under are welcome to stop by the library for lunch every Tuesday through Friday at noon through August 8.

#### III. Thriving Economy

The Ukiah Branch is hosting its 36<sup>th</sup> year of the Kids' Farmers Market on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. It is a great way for children ages five to 17 to learn the skills of sales and bartering, cash-based math, design, gardening, and display with the intention of creating, growing, marketing, and selling handmade and/or homegrown products. The final market of the season will occur on August 6.

#### IV. Prepared and Resilient County

Round Valley Library is offering a Summer Reading Club for kids six and up on Thursdays at 3 p.m. through August 7 so they can gather, get recommendations, explore books together, and more.