



COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Library

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Introduction

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. An initiative of the American Library Association, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September since 1987 to mark the beginning of the school year, combat illiteracy, and encourage communities everywhere to explore all the offerings that having a library card unlocks. Today, thousands of public libraries and schools nationwide participate in the month-long celebration each fall. This year's theme, "A Library Card Hits All the Right Notes," is a reminder that libraries offer something for everyone—no matter your age, background, or goals.

I. Effective County Government

The Library has a new catalog, and the Willits Branch is helping its patrons be more prepared with a workshop on Thursday, September 10 and Saturday, September 12. The catalog looks different than it used to, and accessing patron accounts is slightly different. These two sessions will help patrons familiarize themselves with the capabilities of the new catalog system and how to use it, as well as provide an opportunity to answer any questions.

II. Safe and Healthy Community

The Ukiah Branch Library invites the community to join us for our Art Walk openings on Friday, September 4 and Friday, October 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. The library will feature a mixed media and oil painting show by local artists Cottie Morrison and Janet Rosen. "People and Places" is an art show by longtime friends Morrison and Rosen. While working separately in their studios, they have each created evocative portraiture that invites the viewer to join the subject's interior world. The landscapes and interiors are just as important to the portrait as to how the subject is rendered.

III. Thriving Economy

On Saturday, September 12, the Fort Bragg Branch will be hosting gardening expert, Sakina Bush, to discuss best practices for getting the most from composting, cover crops, and worm bins. Sakina has been gardening on the coast for 17 years. She formerly taught vocational horticulture for Mendocino County schools and currently operates Sakina's Garden Nursery providing garden starts for local gardeners. It is recommended that attendees bring notebooks and pens.

IV. Prepared and Resilient County

Join the Ukiah Branch Library on Tuesday, September 22 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for a tomato tasting. These tomatoes will be homegrown beauties, non-hybrid varieties provided by local gardeners. Staff and volunteers will demonstrate how to save seeds from tomatoes for next year's garden. Attendees are welcomed to bring a favorite tomato from their garden if they would like to share.