



# COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

## Library

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### Introduction

Mendocino County Library is participating in One Book, One Coast (OBOC) in April and May. Created by L.A. County Library, OBOC is a multi-state community reading initiative that invites readers to engage with a shared text through discussion, programs, and reflection. Our inaugural selection is "They Called Us Enemy" (2019), a graphic memoir by George Takei that recounts his childhood experience of incarceration alongside more than 120,000 people of Japanese descent, most of whom were U.S. citizens, following Executive Order 9066 in 1942. Takei will be participating in an Author Talk Viewing Party on May 31 on Zoom. More information is available on the library's website, [mendolibrary.org](http://mendolibrary.org).

#### I. Effective County Government

Library Outreach participated in a few events in April including the Redwood Valley Rancheria Spirit Run on April 11 and Native American Motivation Day on April 17. The Spirit Run is a community building day that helps bring awareness to National Child Abuse Prevention Month hosted by the Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo Indians Indian Child Welfare Act Program. During Native American Motivation Day, Native American youth in middle and high school across Lake and Mendocino Counties were invited to attend this annual event featuring workshops, feather dancers, complimentary lunch, and more.

#### II. Safe and Healthy Community

The Ukiah Branch Library invites school-aged children from kindergarten through 5th grade to join them in the children's room for a three-month series of fairy tale-themed S.T.E.M., where they will use practical science, technology, engineering and/or math principles to make fairy tales come alive! They will start on Friday, April 24 with "Jack and the Beanstalk," followed by the "Three Billy Goats Gruff" on Friday, May 29, and ending with the "Three Little Pigs" on Friday, June 26. All events will begin at 3:30 p.m. and will run for approximately one hour.

#### III. Thriving Economy

Fort Bragg Library has restarted its popular Open Mic Poetry events. Now on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., poets are invited to read their original poetry aloud, or maybe another author's work they are moved to share. Come to listen, come as moral support, or just come as you are.

#### IV. Prepared and Resilient County

Willits Branch Library offers Digital Skills for Everyday Life on the second Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. Patrons are invited to build skills to help keep them connected.