



# COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

## Library

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### Introduction

Banned Books Week launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of book challenges in libraries, schools, and bookstores. The theme for 2025's Banned Books Week was, "Censorship Is So 1984. Read for Your Rights," and took place from October 5 – 11. While books have been and continue to be banned, part of the Banned Books Week celebration is the fact that, in most cases, the books have remained available. This happens only thanks to the efforts of librarians, teachers, students, and community members who stand up and speak out for the freedom to read.

#### I. Effective County Government

Coast Community Library has partnered with Senior Advocacy Services to host a workshop on Medicare Annual Choices and Changes. On Saturday, October 18 at 11 a.m., HICAP, the Medicare Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program, will help people explore savings options, Advantage Plan changes, Part D changes, and Guaranteed Issue Rights.

#### II. Safe and Healthy Community

Round Valley's Seed Library is celebrating a Gathering of Seed Savers/Seed Returns on Saturday, November 8 at 11 a.m. Julia Dakin, co-founder of Going to Seed and farmer in Caspar, is tentatively scheduled to attend. This gathering is all about sharing seeds that have been saved in the local community. Local seeds are more adaptive to the specific climates in Mendocino County, and these seed sharing opportunities offer a way for local gardeners to be more food secure.

#### III. Thriving Economy

Willits Library is supporting its artistic community with "The Writings on the Wall: A Creative Writer's Workshop" on the third Thursday of each month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Teen and adult writers are invited to share their work in a friendly, supportive environment where they can receive constructive feedback. Discussions on publishing are a regular topic, Chromebooks are available for checkout, and paper and pencils are provided.

#### IV. Prepared and Resilient County

The Outreach Team is offering tech help at the Redwood Coast Senior Center, located at 490 N. Harold Street in Fort Bragg, on the second Friday of each month at 1 p.m. Seniors can receive assistance with laptops, cell phones, or tablets, as well as email, social media, and basic software and internet support.