



COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Library

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Introduction

December is the month of giving, and the Library is participating in the act of giving in a few ways. The Ukiah Branch is currently running a Cold Weather Clothing Drive. Coast Community Library partnered with the Point Arena Merchants Association on the annual Hometown Holidays event. Fort Bragg Library is teaching patrons how to grow more resilient and adaptive plants. Finally, the Ukiah Branch recently celebrated the unveiling of its new mural that can be admired at the main entrance.

I. Effective County Government

The Ukiah Branch Library is hosting a Cold Weather Clothing Drive that started in November 2024 and will be continuing through the month of January 2025. They are asking the community to donate clean and lightly used coats, sweaters, scarves, hats, and belts to the Ukiah Branch. The donations are then set out for individuals to find new-to-them clothing to help during this cold and wet winter season.

II. Safe and Healthy Community

The Ukiah Branch Library hosted a special mural unveiling celebration on December 6. The exterior entrance of the Ukiah Branch has been transformed into a whimsical tribute to how books inspire the imagination by local artist Dell Linney. Over the months, curious onlookers have watched Linney's concept come to life as she painted the massive wall, involving the community in the act of creation. The mural features three children and their cat reading a book together, imagining themselves in the story riding mythological creatures.

III. Thriving Economy

Coast Community Library partnered with the Point Arena Merchants Association to help bring tourists and locals alike to Point Arena for Hometown Holidays on December 7. Shops, galleries, and an Arts and Crafts Pop-Up Market offered unique holiday gifts, special discounts, and festive foods. The Friends of Coast Community Library helped with people's gift lists by running a huge book sale over the weekend. Coast Branch had special holiday crafts, "gingerbread" cardboard house building, holiday card making, and a cookie swap. Santa even visited for photos and to hand out treats to all the children who stopped by.

IV. Prepared and Resilient County

The Fort Bragg Library is having a Seed Saving Workshop on Saturday, December 14. Attendees will learn from Seed Savers from Nourishing Seeds how to save seed from their gardens for adaptation and sustainability. People are welcomed to bring stalks or pods from their favorite plants, but it isn't required. This is a hands-on workshop that has the potential to get messy, so it is recommended that everyone wear clothing that can get dirty.