



COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

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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 into 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 is bridging the gap during the summer is explored below.

I. Effective County Government

Round Valley Library is partnering with Mendocino County Social Services to bring a series of programs called, "Social Services Navigation" on the fourth Thursday of each month. Topics that are covered include Medi-Cal, CalFresh, and In-Home Supportive Services. The public can stop by and check on their case, ask questions, or apply for benefits.

II. Safe and Healthy Community

All Library branches will be participating in Lunch at the Library this summer. For the second year in a row, Coast Community Library will provide lunches at the branch every Tuesday through Friday at noon beginning June 25 and continuing through August 9. Also for the second year running, Ukiah Branch Library will be attending pop-up events where summer lunches are served with books and activities in tow. Willits, Fort Bragg, and Round Valley Branches are adding pop-up events in their communities. Lunch at the Library is a project of the California State Library, supported with funds from the State of California.

III. Thriving Economy

The Ukiah Branch Library invites all children ages five to 17 to join them in its 35th year of hosting the Kids' Farmers Market. This program is designed as a learning opportunity for young farmers and entrepreneurs to learn the skills of sales and bartering, cash-based math, design, gardening, and display to create, grow, market, and sell products. This year's market will be held on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon starting June 19 and continuing through August 7.

IV. Prepared and Resilient County

Coast Community Library and Fire Safe Point Arena will be participating in a home hardening pilot project at the Manchester Grange on Saturday, July 13 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This project is a continuation of the goals of Coast Library and Fire Safe Point Arena in creating a prepared and resilient county. Other goals include being listed in Hubs & Routes (hubsandroutes.net), a readiness tool for the Mendocino Coast, and running community meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at the Coast Branch.