



COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Library

MELLISA HANNUM
COUNTY LIBRARIAN

225 Main St.
Point Arena, CA 95468

Email: hannumm@mendocinocounty.gov
Website: www.mendolibrary.org

Office: (707) 882-3114
Cell: (707) 671-6014

Introduction

February is the perfect month to start thinking about the various ways you love your library, be it programs focused on cyber security, Blind Date with a Book displays, county departments working together, learning early literacy tips at Storytime, or being visited by the Bookmobile.

I. Effective County Government

Coast Community Library and County of Mendocino WIC are working together to bring WIC services to the South Coast. On the second Monday of even months, (February, April, June, August, October, and December) the library in Point Arena is being used for WIC services from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. These include appointments for families that need nutrition services, breastfeeding support, and referrals to community resources. Since the library branches are closed on Mondays, this is a perfect time for families to come in and get the help they require with no worry of privacy concerns. Plus, children have access to the toys, books, and coloring options in the Children's Room while their grown-ups work with WIC staff.

II. Safe and Healthy Community

Laytonville Branch is offering a Storytime on the fourth Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. Children and families are invited to attend each month to explore early literacy techniques to help get kids ready for Kindergarten.

III. Thriving Economy

The Library is seeking public input for its new Bookmobile. The typical lifespan of a bookmobile is approximately 12 years, and the Library's seasoned branch-on-wheels has already celebrated its 12th birthday. To ensure the new bookmobile best meets the needs of its users, the Library is conducting a survey and hosting public meetings to gather feedback from the community. The final decision on the features and options for the new Bookmobile will be based on public input, utility, safety, and budget considerations. The survey is available online, and two community meetings – one inland and one on the coast – are being offered in March. More information is available on the Library website.

IV. Prepared and Resilient County

Ukiah Branch Library offered a cyber security program for teens on Saturday, February 22 from 4 to 5 p.m. The event was called, "Internet Safety and Cyber Security for Teens: Don't get hoodwinked!" It focused on how to avoid scammers, tricksters, and thieves. It offered tips for staying safe on the internet as well as on Snapchat and TikTok.