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Introduction

April is a big month in public libraries. National Library Week occurs, as does National Library Workers Day. This year, National Library Week fell on April 7 through 13. Mendocino County Library celebrated with programs and social media posts. The theme of 2024 was Ready, Set, Library! National Ambassador for Young People's Literature and Newbery and Pura Belpré-award winning author Meg Medina served as 2024 Honorary Chair. She stated, "Libraries connect our communities and enrich our lives in ways we may not realize, and one of my greatest pleasures is discovering the unexpected and beautiful things libraries offer. From book groups to lending sports equipment to providing a safe after-school hangout space and so much more, libraries support us wherever we find ourselves on the roadmap through life's journey. Join me and the American Library Association in celebrating the gift of libraries everywhere and the adventures and opportunities they unlock for us every day."

I. Effective County Government

Image: National Library workers day post.png

Caption: National Library Workers Day fell on Tuesday, April 9 this year. It is a day to highlight all the hard work and dedication library workers give to keep our libraries running.

II. Safe and Healthy Community

April is National Poetry Month. As part of a Safe and Healthy Community, Ukiah Branch Library was one of the sponsors of the ukiaHaiku Festival. On Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Ukiah Civic Center, the 22nd Annual ukiaHaiku Festival occurred. In recognition that the Pomo people are the original inhabitants of the Ukiah area, and that the word Ukiah itself is from the Pomo languages, an open call to our Pomo neighbors to share haiku in Pomo languages or express a Pomo perspective was offered. Four poems were selected to be read at the festival.

III. Thriving Economy

To support a thriving economy, Coast Community Branch Library partnered with Redwood Credit Union on a program focused on scams. The Fraud Awareness Workshop on April 27 at 1:00 p.m. included a discussion by Hana Aymar, Enterprise Fraud Manager, on current scams including impersonation, romance, cryptocurrency investments, and more. Aymar offered steps the public could take to protect themselves and their loved ones from fraud.

IV. Prepared and Resilient County

Fort Bragg Branch offered an Author Talk with Dot Brovarney on April 27 at 2:00 p.m. The discussion focused on Brovarney's book, "Mendocino Refuge." Patrons heard about the "wild place on California's North Coast" as seen through the eyes of its human inhabitants and the plants and animals who share it.

Other/Additional Information

All library branches will be participating in Free Comic Book Day on May 4. Since May 4 is also Star Wars Day (May the Fourth Be With You!), patrons can look forward to Star Wars comics — and maybe even some special programs — as well as lots of other fun comics for all ages.