



COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

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Introduction

April hosts National Library Week. 2025's theme is, "Drawn to the Library." Millions of people visit their libraries every week. What's the draw? Everything. Celebration days include **Monday, April 7: [Right to Read Day](#)**, a day for readers, advocates, and library lovers to take action to protect, defend, and celebrate the right to read. The American Library Association (ALA) kicks off National Library Week with the release of its [State of America's Libraries Report](#), including the list of Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2024. **Tuesday, April 8: [National Library Workers Day](#)**, a day for library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers. **Wednesday, April 9: [National Library Outreach Day](#)** (formerly National Bookmobile Day), a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are. **Thursday, April 10: [Take Action for Libraries Day](#)**, a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

I. Effective County Government

Get Social Services navigation help at the Round Valley Library on April 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Do you have questions about Medi-Cal, CalFresh, or IHSS? Mendocino County Social Services will be at the Round Valley Branch on the fourth Thursday of the month. Stop by and check on your case, ask questions, or apply for benefits. For more information, call (707) 463-5437.

II. Safe and Healthy Community

Celebrate literacy in Anderson Valley! Combine reading and the great outdoors with a StoryWalk® from mid-April 16 to mid-May. Take a stroll through downtown Boonville and enjoy successive pages from the bilingual tale, *Mateo and His Red Cat/Mateo y su Gato Rojo*. Book pages are displayed in storefront and community services windows so that the book can be read even when the stores are closed. Maps will be provided at the participating businesses and Coast Community Library in Point Arena. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier Vermont. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

III. Thriving Economy

Join our Tech Outreach Team at the Willits Senior Center on the third Tuesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. Bring your own device or use the computer lab computers to receive help with laptops, cell phones, tablets, email, social media and basic software and internet help.

IV. Prepared and Resilient County

Join the Ukiah Branch Library for a new monthly workshop, *Getting A Grip: Tools for Distressing Times* on the last Fridays of each month from 3 to 4 p.m. Local author, licensed therapist, and educator Jo-ann Rosen will share tools for these distressing times. Jo-ann Rosen is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who has worked for more than 30 years with individuals, families, and groups, and in workplace settings with a special focus on individual, group, and institutional trauma. Jo-ann is a certified teacher of the Community Resiliency Model and guiding teacher of the EMBRACE network. Having received the Lamp of Wisdom and the encouragement to teach the Dharma from her teacher the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh in 2012, she co-founded the international EMBRACE sangha, which employs a neuro-informed approach to Buddhist psychology.