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### ***COUNTY LIBRARIES OPEN REDUCED HOURS***

All of the branches of Mendocino County Library District will be closing an additional day per week beginning in July.

The Mendocino County Library System, which is a special district, is facing a budget shortfall. It will continue to decrease spending on supplies, collections, and staffing. As a result of this decrease, the District announces a reduction in its hours of service at all locations, effective July 3, 2011. Meeting rooms will be unavailable during closed hours in Fort Bragg and Willits.

Library staff worked hard to determine the most customer-friendly selection of open hours to best serve all the communities. Willits and Ukiah Libraries will alternate open and evening hours during the week, however Ukiah's reduced hours will not start until August 1st. The Coast Community Library will now close on Fridays. The Fort Bragg Library will close on Thursdays in addition to Mondays and Fridays. Round Valley Library will be closed every Wednesday as well as Mondays and Sundays.

The Library District's website services found at [www.mendolibrary.org](http://www.mendolibrary.org) will be still be available 24 hours a day, as well as wireless internet access at the branches. Customers may also call the Telecinc number, 566-0281. There will be no change to the bookmobile's biweekly routes. Library Administration will be available Monday through Thursday.

The branch libraries will continue to depend on its many library volunteers. Currently there is an average of 18 volunteers to one paid staff member across the district. Each library also relies heavily on the donations of its Friends of the Library group.

The revised open hours will be as follows:

<b>Branch</b>	<b>Public Operating Hours Beginning July 2011</b>
Bookmobile	Routes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (no change)
Coast Community Library	Monday noon-6pm Tuesday: 10am-6pm Weds & Thurs: 10am-8pm Saturday: noon-3pm  <b>CLOSED FRIDAYS, SUNDAYS</b>
Fort Bragg	Tuesday: 10am-6pm Wednesday noon - 8pm Saturday: 10am-5pm  <b>CLOSED MONDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, SUNDAYS</b>
Round Valley Library	Tues and Thurs noon-7:00 Fri and Sat 10:00-5:00  <b>CLOSED MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, SUNDAYS</b>
Ukiah Main Library	<b>Beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>:</b> Tues and Thurs: noon-8pm Saturday: 10am-5pm  <b>CLOSED MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS, SUNDAYS</b>
Willits Library	Monday: 10am-6pm Wednesday: 10am-8pm Saturday: 10am-5pm  <b>CLOSED TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, SUNDAYS</b>
Administration	Mon – Thurs, 8 to 5pm

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