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# Fort Bragg Library Expansion Project

Redwood boards salvaged from house to be repurposed in new building

When you are thinking about making a donation or a qualified charitable distribution, why not donate to the Friends of the Fort Bragg Library?

The Fort Bragg Library, supported by the Friends, is an extraordinary community organization, providing programs for toddlers, grade school students, middle school, high school, and adults, not to mention material in every format, including e-collections. It also offers a popular seed library. Patrons can select material from 25 libraries in a three-county system. Internet access has increased library use so the computers are always full. The library assists nearly 10,000 people a month in a user area stretching from Elk to Westport.

The Friends expansion project will provide more space and materials for an increasing number of patrons. In 2016, the Friends of Fort Bragg Library bought the ramshackle house next to the library. That lot has now been cleared, leveled and fenced, awaiting an architect.

The Friends of the Library have sponsored a number of fundraisers for this expansion. Since 2018, a grass-roots fundraiser called the \$1000 Club has added 75 members, raising over \$80,000. In addition to our building project, the Friends fund the library's active calendar of programs, paying for performers and providing materials and refreshments.

Your donation would be most welcome. Thank you. **Carolyn Schneider**, *City of Fort Bragg Representative to Mendocino County Library Advisory Board*

For more information, please contact FFBL Secretary, Valerie Frey, at [ffblnews@gmail.com](mailto:ffblnews@gmail.com) or write to PO Box 2718, Fort Bragg, CA 95437. Visit the library website at [fortbragglibrary.org](http://fortbragglibrary.org) Friends of the Fort Bragg Library, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation, Tax ID # 68-0013046.

**T**he greatest work is shared work. When we gather together, working towards a mutual goal, our common work and commonwealth is enhanced, individually and collectively.

Our local library's success is a result of common work and common wealth working together. Individuals in our community treasure their library where the concepts of teaching and learning from each other are valued and respected.

The opportunities available at our library are unlimited. We interact with community members by attending library programs and looking at displays, meeting acquaintances in the aisles, consulting with library staff or receiving book recommendations from friends.

The sense of common purpose grows, nurturing larger goals like an informed electorate, educated workforce, universal literacy and civil society.

Libraries foster civil society by offering free and equal access to factual information and promoting conversations and debate about issues. Libraries celebrate differences yet welcome all people on an equal footing.

These goals are large and lofty but within reach. Pooling our common wealth will help build an informed citizenry, educated workforce and meet all the needs of our patrons.

The Friends Expansion Project will increase the size of the library to help fulfill the library's mission. Please support the library expansion, intellectually and financially. Thank you for considering these goals.

**Janice Marcell**, *Vice President Friends of the Fort Bragg Library*

