



Friends of Coast Community Library Vision, Mission, Goals and Strategies

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Founded July 21, 1989, by a hardy group of independent coastal visionaries, Friends of Coast Community Library (FOCCL) has provided library services to the southern Mendocino and northern Sonoma coast through volunteer effort and private donations.

Started in a Point Arena church, and using books donated by the community, FOCCL built a library that not only provided access to books and periodicals, but partnered with other local non-profit organizations, such as Village Tutors and Acorn School, to provide sorely needed educational opportunities for local residents.

Organizational Purpose

The purpose of this corporation shall be to support and maintain a library that is available free of charge, to stimulate use of the library's facilities and resources, and to encourage gifts of books, magazines, desirable collections, endowments and bequests.

Vision Statement

From the time of the first written word, whether cut into stone or woven as symbol into cloth, each generation of the human family has sought to record, store and save for posterity the story of its period and its peoples.

This collected repository of the world's cultures we call a library.

Recent years have seen an enormous growth in the numbers of libraries as well as the amounts and kinds of information and materials to be stored. Even for very small communities, the library is such a repository, serving as a community touchstone.

The services of the Coast Community Library are free to all who come seeking information, aids to learning; help with research projects, inspiration and reading enjoyment.

It is founded and maintained for residents of the coastal community from Stewarts Point to Elk and beyond.

Mission Statement

The mission of Coast Community Library is to enrich the life of the local community by developing and maintaining a collection of books and other materials and facilitating learning, communications with the outside world, social interaction and the exchange of ideas.

Goals

FOCCL's goals are:

1. *To ensure existence of, and operate if necessary, a convenient, modern library serving the needs of the people of the southern Mendocino, northern Sonoma coasts and other areas.*
2. *To develop and maintain Coast Community Library collections consistent with the needs of the local community.*

Strategies

FOCCL's primary strategies are to:

1. *Continue to own and maintain a building, capable of housing the library;*
2. *Provide access to the building for use by FOCCL and members of the community for purposes that are consistent with FOCCL's vision, mission, and goals;*
3. *Develop and maintain a volunteer staff capable of operating the library;*
4. *Develop and maintain a collection that is large enough, and diverse enough, to be useful and meaningful independent of the county collection;*
5. *Provide programs and services that stimulate intellectual and esthetic development in the community;*
6. *Provide and maintain computers that provide public access to the Internet and that provide the basic set of modern applications;*
7. *Provide and maintain public WiFi and cellular access throughout the building.*
8. *Collaborate with the County of Mendocino to:*
 - a. *Provide shared access to the counties' and to FOCCL's circulating collections;*
 - b. *Accept some level of county-paid staff for the library; and*
 - c. *Accept some level of financial support from the county for operation of the library*