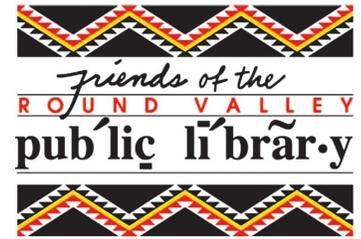


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7) Statistical data. On a separate sheet of paper please supply the following information:

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• Population served

We're at the end of the highway, the most remote corner of Mendocino County, an hour drive along a ravine from the nearest town. Round Valley has one unincorporated town, Covelo. Round Valley includes the largest Indian Reservation in Northern California.

The town proper has a population of about one thousand, which does not include the Round Valley Indian Reservation. The reservation is currently made up of six tribes, the Konkow, Nomlaki, Pit River, Pomo, Wailaki, and Yuki. The Yuki are the original indigenous people.

The population within our zip code, the area we serve, is estimated to be three thousand, which gives us a population density of eleven people per square mile on average. The break down of population is 45% White, 40% Native American, 10+% Total Hispanic, a little bit of every other ethnicity makes up the remaining 5% (including Pacific Islanders, African-Americans, and Asian-Americans).

99.5% of our school children qualify for free or reduced price lunches.

• Total annual budget (if you are part of another body of government, note if you pay utility bills, IT, etc.)

\$183,826 (this reflects money received from the county as well as monies raised by the Friends)

• Per capita budget

\$29.74 (figure supplied by the county)

• Circulation

16,400+ book circulation within our valley
6,300 out of county loans to other branches

· **Materials budget (including electronic databases)**

\$32,000

· **Physical visits (door count)**

The average count for the past two years is 25,000 patrons per year. The door count before the new move was not particularly reliable, but it appears that the use of the library has increased by more than 300% since opening in the new space.

· **Virtual visits (e-use, if collecting this data)**

WIFI information confirms that in the first full year of WIFI we had 10,951 user log ins. That's the most per capita of any other Mendocino County library. Our library provides 24 hour WIFI, and is the only internet available to the public in the Round Valley Area.

Public internet usage on the computers in the library is about 5,000 logins per year average for the last two years. In the old location, we had only about 1100 log ins per year.

· **Number of public access computers per population served**

The old library had two computers available for community use, normally one of which actually worked, which gave us a ratio of either 1:3000, or 1:1500 depending on the day. Our new library has six PCs in the main room along with one large screen iMAC, as well as two PCs in the Media Room allowing for teleconferencing, for a total of nine public access screens. This gives use an average ratio of 1:333 residents or a five to ten-fold increase.

· **Number of days and hours of service per week**

We are open five days a week, seven hours per day for a total of 35 hours per week. WiFi is available 24/7 through our Community Room, Community Room lobby, and outside sitting area.

· **Number of staff**

We have one paid Library Associate (she does not have a master's degree in library sciences but amply fills the shoes of librarian for us) and two part-time paid assistants (one 40% and the other 30%). Their work is supported with the help of ten dependable volunteers who shelve books, do book repair and create jackets, set up educational displays and hang art shows, produce professional-looking signs and fliers, and pitch in countless other ways whenever needed. Volunteer hours runs well over four thousand hours per year - this does not include the hours of the volunteer staff listed above or the massive amount of time donated to the radio project.

· **Percentage of staff who are professional librarians.**

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