



## **B. Statement of Purpose/Mission Statement & Brief Institutional History**

**Mission Statement:** To promote literacy among all age groups of the community.

### **Institutional History:**

The Humboldt County Library Branch in Hoopa Valley, first established in 1927, is the oldest public library in the state of California on an Indian reservation. To this day it is the only public library facility on an Indian reservation in California. For more than sixty years, the Library had been located in different facilities around the Hoopa Valley. In 1992, as result of a grant awarded to the Hoopa Tribe by the Library Services and Construction Act, the Kim Yerton Memorial Library was built and dedicated to the Hoopa Community.

Kim Yerton was a Hupa Tribal member who committed herself to the preservation of Native American archival materials and development of cultural library collections. Kim received a Library Internship for Native Americans from the Smithsonian Library in Washington, D.C. where she specifically researched and compiled documents related to local tribes, leading to the accumulation and preservation of records and artifacts important to Hupa culture. She also received a Fellowship with the Newberry Library in Chicago. The Kim Yerton Memorial Library now proudly houses the largest collection of Native American reading materials at any one of the branches in the Humboldt County Library System.

Since this early beginning, the Humboldt County Library has provided the staffing and materials and the facilities have been provided by the Hupa tribe. In 1990, when a grant was made available by the Library Services and Construction Act., the Hoopa Tribe applied for this building grant. Together with Humboldt County they were awarded the grant to build a new library facility. This facility was completed and dedicated in 1992 as The Kim Yerton Memorial Library thus creating a special partnership between the Hoopa Valley Tribe and the Humboldt County Public Library. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) developed between these two agencies to meet the needs of the local communities and public institutions. The library is located across from the elementary and high schools, and adjacent to a branch of College of the Redwoods. The Library serves the communities of Hoopa, Weitchpec, Pecwan, and Orleans in the geographically remote northeast corner of Humboldt County, where some patrons must travel more than an hour to visit the Library.

The **Hoopa Valley Tribe** and the **County of Humboldt** formed a unique relationship unmatched by any other sovereign tribal entity in California. Their agreement stipulates that the Hoopa Tribe will provide facilities, overhead costs, and a significant amount of personnel funding to the Library. Humboldt County contributes \$10,000 annually to defray communication expenses, maintain the branch collection, and add to the library's stock of books, periodical subscriptions, audio/visual materials, public computers with Internet access, including electronic linkage with the Humboldt County Library system. There are more new books, more computers, and more open hours per capita at the Kim Yerton Memorial Library, than any other Humboldt County branch.

Since December of 2001, over 42,465 items have circulated; 175 children's programs have been enjoyed; 16,810 computer sessions accessed, and 8,574 requests for materials or information by community members have been provided, including 55,000 visits to the Library by community patrons. The Library is committed to protecting the heritage of the past and promise of the future.

### **C: Narrative**

*1. What are the institution's goals for community service? How do these goals reflect the institution's mission and strategic plan? How do they reflect an assessment of the broader community's learning or information needs?*

The goal of the **Kim Yerton Memorial Library** is to provide a well-rounded collection of materials with special emphasis on Native American literature. The intent is to provide a calm, quiet, well-organized space where people can study and learn. We are particularly proud of the collection of Native American literature. Three tribal communities utilize this branch of the Humboldt County Library system: Hupa, Yurok and Karuk. The local branch campus of **College of the Redwoods** is located across the street. College students appreciate the access to computers and the internet to support their research and studies. Local students from **Hoopa Valley Elementary, Hoopa Valley High School, Captain John Continuation School, and Six Rivers Community School** are all within walking distance of the Library during the school day. The local preschool programs transport their students to the library for story time during their school day. A member of the "Friends of the Hoopa Library" attends the local Senior Nutrition Program lunches to read books to the senior members of our community.

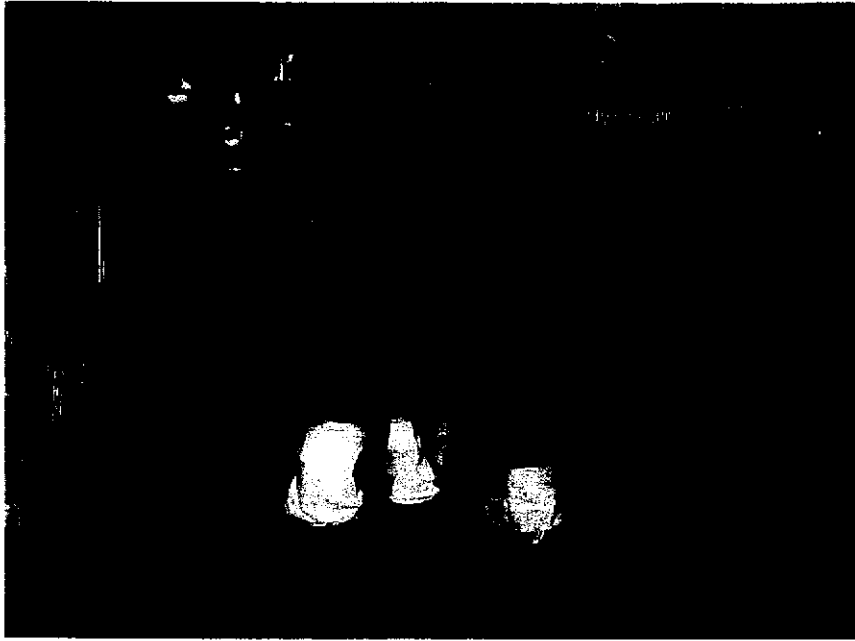
The **Kim Yerton Memorial Library** is proud of its collection of Native American literature. With the financial support of the Hoopa Valley Tribe, our Library maintains a fine collection of new books and 33 open hours each week, more than most of the branches within the Humboldt County Library system. The Library's close proximity to the local branch campus of **College of the Redwoods**, elementary and high schools, and Head Start programs, provide all students and educators convenient, vital access to computers and the Internet to support their research and studies. Classroom teachers bring their students over during the instructional day to promote leisure reading. In this reservation community with a poverty rate of 30.8%, and an unemployment rate of 27%, access to library and information services has become a priority for community leaders.



*2. Describe the population groups/communities the institution is reaching through its community services and provide examples of the program and services that have been developed for these communities. How are the programs and services evaluated to determine whether they are successfully meeting the needs of the audiences?*

In addition to the community groups listed above, our Library has developed a strong partnership with three local preschool programs: Hoopa Headstart, Hoopa Child Development, and Yurok Tribal Headstart. **First 5 Humboldt** schedules family programs in our Library to share stories, videos, and crafts, as well as to give free books to each preschool family. A member of the Friends of the Hoopa Library provides a weekly story hour at the **Hoopa Senior Center**. During the biennial **Humboldt County Authors' Festival**, additional books are purchased for the students who have authors visiting their schools. On the Saturday that all authors are available in Eureka, 65 miles from Hoopa, for book signings, the Hoopa Library transports two groups of students to the event. A book is given to each student to be autographed by his or her favorite author. The Library maintains data on the participation for each event to determine whether they are meeting the needs of their various audiences.

Attendance records are maintained for each program offered by the Library. Parents and students are interviewed about the effectiveness of the various programs offered. Recently, through the Friends of the Hoopa Library, food has been provided at evening events to encourage attendance by community members. Snacks are offered during special children's events, including the main fundraising activity "Chalk It Up for Books."



*3. How does the institution work with other organizations within the broader community to provide programs and services and to play a leadership role?*

The Hoopa Library works to develop partnerships with the business community through an annual spring fundraiser called "**Chalk It Up for Books.**" The proceeds from this event are used to purchase books for the school children selected to attend the Authors' Festival Book Signing Day in the fall, as well as provide refreshments for all events attended by students participating in the Summer Reading Club. This is the library's main fundraising event. Many additional books for our library shelves are provided through this event. Over 30 businesses and community organizations participated in the 2006 event. Art students from the Hoopa Branch Campus of College of the Redwoods participate, along with other community members, in decorating 3x3 foot squares lined out on the Library's sidewalks with pastel chalks as part of their Spring Semester's final grade.

The Hoopa Library contributes a bi-weekly column to the local newspaper outlining programs the library is offering and highlights new, interesting books the library is featuring. The library staff works with the staff of all local preschools to plan and coordinate story times and craft activities with their monthly themes. The library works with KEET TV, our local public television station, to provide children's programs. In addition, the library collaborates with Humboldt First 5, dedicated to improving educational possibilities for children younger than five years of age.

The Library participates at the annual **Sovereign Day** celebrations for the Hoopa Valley Tribe each August. They offer an information table and give away free books and magazines. Each November they participate in the annual **Healing Breakfast** by providing used books and magazines to the attendees. The Library has participated in the local **Health Fair** with the theme "Reading Exercises the Mind" for their informational table. Again, used books and magazines are made available.



*4. How does the institution demonstrate sustained commitment to the community?*

The majority of funding for the **Kim Yerton Memorial Library** comes from the **Hoopa Valley Tribe**. Administrative and personnel payroll, the Library building, computers, furniture, maintenance and utility costs are all financed by the Hoopa Valley Tribe. The County of Humboldt budgets \$10,000 annually for circulation expenses, processing books, delivery of materials, staff trainings and workshops, along with supervision of library staff and communication needs. A van, provided by the County Library, transports books weekly between the Hoopa Library and its parent branch in Eureka, California which is located 65 miles away from the community of Hoopa.

Over 6,000 books, subscriptions, and media from the Humboldt County Library collection are housed in the Kim Yerton Memorial Library. The Gates Foundation donated two fully loaded computers. An IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Service) Native American Library Service Grant, awarded to the Hoopa Valley Tribe in 2004, allowed the Tribe to remodel and expand the Library's space, increase its holdings of books and technology, upgrade computer equipment, and provide a security system. The tribe continues to receive a yearly \$4000 IMLS Basic Grant which supplements the financial contributions of the County of Humboldt and Hoopa Valley Tribe.

Both the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and the Hoopa Valley Tribe continue to express a strong commitment to the support of the Kim Yerton Memorial Library. An active, voluntary "Friends of the Hoopa Library" organization works to supplement the financial support of the Tribe and County through local fundraising activities, book giveaways, sponsorship of special events, and membership drives. It is a strong partnership model that may inspire other Native American communities to meet the literacy needs of their families and their future.

**D. Institutional Financial Statements:** (see attached)

**E. Letters of Support:** (see attached)

**COUNTY CONTRIBUTION 2004-2005**

**HOOPA BRANCH LIBRARY**

<b>Budget Line Item</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Balance</b>
EXTRA-HELP COSTS	\$1,431	151 Hours	\$10,000
COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,089	Telephone and Internet connections	
COUNTY INSURANCE	\$3,081	Property, liability and worker's comp costs	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$236	Paper, toner, misc. supplies	
MAINTENANCE-EQUIPMENT	\$890	Costs to maintain delivery van	
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$1,990	County-purchased "basics" (books) for collection	
TRAVEL & FUEL COSTS	\$508	Fuel for delivery van and mileage for Ext. Manager	
COUNTY COMPUTER SUPPORT	\$3,683	Maintenance of computer network	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$13,908</b>		<b>(\$3,908)</b>

**COUNTY CONTRIBUTION  
HOOPA LIBRARY  
FY 2005-2006**

Budget Line Item	Expenditure	Notes	Balance
EXTRA-HELP COSTS	\$3,262	344 Hours	\$10,000
COMMUNICATIONS	\$3,894	Telephone and Internet connections	
COUNTY INSURANCE	\$2,782	Property, liability and worker's comp costs	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$400	Paper, toner, misc. supplies	
MAINTENANCE-EQUIPMENT	\$704	Costs to maintain delivery van	
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$3,558	County-purchased "basics" (books) for collection	
TRAVEL & FUEL COSTS	\$746	Fuel for delivery van and mileage for Ext. Manager	
COUNTY COMPUTER SUPPORT	\$3,755	Maintenance of computer network	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$19,102</b>		<b>(\$9,102)</b>

DEPT #: 0670

Name: Library

Percent of Year Remaining: %

Fund	Deduction Description	Current Month	Year to Date		Annual Encumbrance	Annual		Remaining Budget	Rem%
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018	57850 Gaming Revenue Calif. Gaming	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-56000.00	-56000.00	100
018	71011 Gaming Revenue Librarian Super	1515.00	2186.50		0.00	2186.50	2187.00	0.50	
018	71013 Gaming Revenue Library Asst I	3015.72	11862.22		0.00	11862.22	11863.00	0.78	
018	79000 Gaming Revenue Fringe Benefits	1914.28	7030.28		0.00	7030.28	7031.00	0.72	
018	87000 Gaming Revenue Dues/Fees/Subs	433.90	604.90		0.00	604.90	1074.00	469.10	44
018	97300 Gaming Revenue Trans Spec Rev	0.00	22995.00		0.00	22995.00	22995.00	0.00	
018	98800 Gaming Revenue Util-Telephone	287.21	3298.59		0.00	3298.59	3800.00	501.41	13
018	98850 Gaming Revenue Utilities	742.63	7244.92		0.00	7244.92	7050.00	-194.92	-3
DEPT TOTAL		-7908.74	-55222.41		0.00	-55222.41	0.00	55222.41	999

Annual Encumbrance figures include all encumbrances AND any Actual amounts for subsequent periods within the Fiscal Year.



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018 57850 Gaming Revenue Calif. Gaming	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-56000.00	-56000.00	100
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018 96600 Gaming Revenue Supplies-Office	955.29	2495.00	0.00	2495.00	2495.00	0.00	
018 97300 Gaming Revenue Trans Spec Rev	17806.00	17806.00	0.00	17806.00	17806.00	0.00	
018 98800 Gaming Revenue Util-Telephone	309.60	3519.58	0.00	3519.58	4200.00	680.42	16
018 98850 Gaming Revenue Utilities	604.56	7502.71	0.00	7502.71	8050.00	547.29	7
<b>DEPT TOTAL</b>	<b>-27172.60</b>	<b>-55015.44</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-55015.44</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>55015.44</b>	<b>399</b>

<\*> Annual Encumbrance figures include all encumbrances AND any Actual amounts for subsequent periods within the Fiscal Year.



# Hoopa Valley Tribal Council

HOOPA VALLEY TRIBE

Regular Meetings on the First and Third Thursday of Each Month

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Clifford Lyle Marshall  
Chairman

February 14, 2007

The National Award for Museum and Library Service  
Office of the Director  
Institute of Museum and Library Service  
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Washington, DC 20036

Dear Institute of Museum and Library Services

It is with great pleasure that I, as Chairman of the Hoopa Valley Tribe, nominate the Kim Yerton Memorial Library for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) 2007 National Awards for Museum and Library Services.

For the past 80 (eighty years) the Hoopa Valley Tribe has had a Humboldt County Branch Library on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation. The tribe provided a building and utilities while the county provided staff and books. After 60 (sixty) years of limited space and limited open hours, the tribe began seeking, at the urgency of our community, ways to fund a new library. In 1992 the tribe constructed a new 2,688 square foot library/archives building. The total cost of the building was \$354,200 of which a federal Library Services and Construction Act grant provided \$179,277. An additional \$60,000 worth of books and furniture was provided by the County Library. I am very proud to say that our library has one of the most extensive Native American book collections, provided by the county, of all Humboldt County's nine branch libraries.

Each year, for the past seven years, the Hoopa Valley Tribe funds \$56,000 dollars to the library, demonstrating our commitment to provide wide-ranging library services, similar to distant metropolitan areas, to an underserved and remote rural community such as ours.

Providing up to date books and library services in a rural community is a work in progress. A continued and collaborative effort by all is vital. Recently, the tribe received an IMLS enhancement grant that allowed the purchase of computers, tables, chairs, security system, and additional books to fill expanded space in the library by the removal of a bookcase wall. In addition, the grant freed up tribal dollars from the fifty-six thousand dollar budget, to allow roof repair and a covered walkway for elder and



disabled patrons during our harsh down pours in the winter and scorching heat in the summer. The expansion added 432 square feet to the library. The Public Library is now 1950 square feet, and the Tribal Archives is 736 square feet.

The library has become the HUB of our community providing storytelling and reading to pre-school and kindergarten classes and also e-mail and internet access to students and elders of our community. Our library offers sufficient and attractive spaces for users to browse and find materials of interest, technologies that can tie them to the wider world of knowledge, and a quiet and attractive place to meet and exchange ideas with others.

Please consider the Kim Yerton Memorial Library as an exemplary library model and a deserving recipient of the 2007 National Awards for Museum and Library Services.

Sincerely,

Clifford Lyle Marshall  
Chairman





COLLEGE  
OF THE  
REDWOODS

Institute of Museum and Library Services:  
February 14, 2007

I enthusiastically recommend the Kim Yerton Memorial Library of Hoopa, Humboldt County, CA for the National awards for Museum and Library Service. As a patron, College Instructor, and Mother, the Hoopa Branch Library, with the leadership of Librarian Kristin Freeman, has been an invaluable resource for myself as well as the community.

Reading is the only vice I have left. It's what I do when I take time for myself away from my other responsibilities. I live "downriver", 25 miles from the nearest post office and central town, without electricity or phone. We have no channel TV. As a Native family, we fish, gather, and enjoy many aspects of a traditional life. I have also taught my family how to enjoy reading as a time for personal relaxation. Our whole family loves to order books through the library Internet site, so that we can get books from anywhere in the library system within a week. My 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade daughters go through stacks of these special requested books each week. My 10 year old son enjoys having access to Sports Illustrated and local newspapers that keep him up-to-date on athletic events.

My children do well in all their schoolwork, and feel good about themselves as students because they are readers. Kristin Freeman, our Lead Librarian, has been instrumental in keeping them interested in reading, by recommending and ordering new books that they request, through community donations. Kristin has helped many other young people become readers through pursuing their personal interests via books. Her weekly story times have been an inspiration to young readers, as well as a great help to local teachers.

As a local community college instructor, the Hoopa Library has been an essential teaching resource. Since the Hoopa College of the Redwoods Instructional Site doesn't have its own local library, the county library serves that function for us. It is both a place to study (that's something else we don't have), as well as a place to do research, using books and periodicals, as well as the Internet. Ms. Freeman is a great help in suggesting books my Academic Literacy students would find interesting, taking into account students' varied abilities and needs. Our Library Lady is also an awesome research librarian and general resource for people's day-to-day research needs. She is able to help community members with personal research projects (medical, financial, legal), as well as point them toward local community networks. She works closely with teachers in the school

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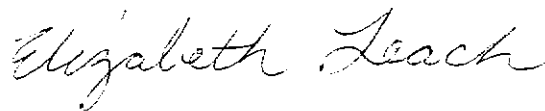
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districts to keep the Native American, and all other collections, as up-to-date as possible.

Kristin, our local librarian, has also organized a group for mothers and grandmothers. "Threadbenders" is a group composed of highly skilled and novice seamstresses, knitters, crochet-hookers, and spinners; to visit, learn and share tips and information regarding the fiber arts. It is also a place to listen to books read aloud, and have a little time away from family responsibilities; to ponder, reflect, learn, and create beautiful crafts, for the home or to wear. This project continues to contribute to literacy in the community by rekindling the love of stories/books and learning in our older women, so they can share that with their families. Hats off to Kristin, once again.

In short, it is impossible to talk about the amazing success of our local Hoopa Branch Library without mentioning the tireless efforts of Kristin Freeman in the same breath. The changes in the community I've witnessed since she has become our librarian are amazing. Standard test scores are up district wide for our young people. High school, college students, and adults come to the library to gather information and knowledge, to make their lives better. As for me, OK, so I'm supporting my vice, but it's a good habit, one of the best habits, it builds character as well as knowledge. The Kim Yerton Memorial Hoopa Branch Library serves all of my varied reading needs.

Please acknowledge the Hoopa Branch Library with the National Award for Museum and Library Services. This library deserves all of our respect and support.



Elizabeth Leach  
Instructor, College of the Redwoods  
Library Patron  
Mother

February 8, 2007

**National Awards for Museum & Library Service  
Michele Farrell, Senior Program Officer for Libraries**

**Ms. Michele Farrell:**

**I am a member of the community and writing in support of the nomination for the Kim Yerton Branch of the Humboldt County Library to receive your award.**

**This branch has provided extraordinary service to this community as well as myself. I serve as Chair of the Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District and do considerable amount of my work at this Library. I do not have a computer of my own and the importance of this service cannot be measured.**

**I have observed the Library constantly in use. We have seven schools within the K-T School District with three of them within short walking distance of the Library. The largest of our schools serve over 90% Native American population. This Library is an important and vital supplement to our schools. As a school Trustee, I am grateful that entire classrooms of students use this Library on a regular basis. This opportunity greatly enhances the public education system in this remote area of Humboldt County, California.**

**I want to add that the employees are outstanding. They are knowledgeable, pleasant and courteous, maintain a quiet atmosphere and always ready to provide assistance. Please note this Library is *beautifully* kept as well!**

**I wish to thank you for the opportunity to express to you the value and importance of this Library in our community and strongly recommend whatever award the Kim Yerton Branch Library is eligible for.**

**Respectfully,**



**Nanci McCullough, Chair  
Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District**