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"Wire Cutting" ceremony launches free Wi-Fi Service Main Branch in Eureka and Rio Dell Library now offer broadband access

Eureka, California - Access Humboldt Libraries project, developed by Access Humboldt in cooperation with the County of Humboldt, Suddenlink Communications and a legion of local supporters, is bringing broadband communications to public libraries in Humboldt County - starting with free public Wi-Fi service at Humboldt County Main Library, and Rio Dell Library.

Today's "wire cutting" event in Eureka celebrated three amazing women, Debi Farber-Bush, Kitty Yancheff and Barbara Groom, who organized a benefit in the Fall of 2007 called 'Oysters & Ale' that helped to launch the Access Humboldt Libraries' effort.

Overview:

Access Humboldt Libraries (AHL) is a new ongoing Project created to develop broadband communications access services for public and educational purposes at public library branches throughout Humboldt County, California - beginning with the Main Library Branch in Eureka, and the Rio Dell Library Branch. Students, parents, teachers and the community at large will benefit as the AHL Project advances broadband communications capabilities countywide - and makes "next generation" digital media services widely available.

Access Humboldt Libraries is building next generation broadband connections over a fiber optic network dedicated for Public Education and Government (PEG) purposes. The PEG Network is provided by Suddenlink Communications and managed by Access Humboldt on behalf of the County and local Cities - Eureka, Arcata, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Ferndale and Blue Lake.

Access Humboldt is a non-profit community service organization created in 2006 with the mission: "Local voices through community media - engage - connect - educate." Community access resources include cable TV channels, local broadband network connections, and a new community media center being constructed at Eureka High School. For more information visit <http://accesshumboldt.net>

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