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## **Mendocino County Imagination Library to Host Adult Spelling Bee Event**

*Welcoming public to participate in the Bee for Books*

**(Mendocino, CA)** – Imagination Library of Mendocino County will be holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual adult Spelling Bee at Todd Grove Clubhouse on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

The spelling bee event is the fiscal lifeline for the Mendocino County Imagination Library, a free book program for all children under the age of 5.

Research states that the single most significant factor influencing a child's early educational success is an introduction to books and being read to at home prior to beginning school. The program, which has been around since 2009 in Mendocino County currently gives 2,350 children in Mendocino County a free book in the mail every month. Over 50,000 books have been given away to local children, at no cost to their families. The program is a local division of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and is free to the participating families.

The adult spelling bee event will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 4 at the Todd Grove Clubhouse and Imagination Library is inviting the public to participate in the spelling bee as teams of 3 adults.

The spelling bee is for fun, all skill levels are welcome and all participants will be able to work as a team when spelling. "Last year all the teams really enjoyed the relaxed, fun atmosphere. The spelling is done with your team, and you can write the word instead of spelling it aloud. Everyone has such a great time," says Pheriche Robinson, VISTA and current coordinator of the Imagination Library.

There will be prizes not only for the winning team but also for the team with the best costumes.

Tickets are available in advance at the Mendocino Book Company and at the FIRST 5 Mendocino offices on 166 E. Gobbi Street for \$15 each. Tickets will be sold the night of for \$20 each.

If interested in registering a team, tickets for the event or more information on Imagination Library please contact Pheriche Robinson at (707) 462-4453 or [read@mendochildren.org](mailto:read@mendochildren.org).

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