



Join local author and historian Jerry Rohde for a time-traveler's trip back to the early days of Humboldt logging, as he shares photos and stories from the days of chopping and sawing the biggest of the "big sticks." You'll see lumber camps poised atop clear-cut hill slopes, trucks and railcars carrying "one-log loads," choppers making mammoth undercuts into 1500-year-old trees—iconic images of a time when timber cutting was the kingpin of the county's economy.

Along the way you'll learn about the "high climber," the daredevil logger who topped "spar trees" 200 feet above the ground; "high-lead logging," where twenty-ton logs hurtled on cables through the air; and the "whistle punks" and "donkey punchers" who worked the giant steam engines in the woods.

Today, there is only about 4% of the original old-growth redwood forest left. Come join the Humboldt Library Foundation on Saturday, September 8, at 1:00 pm. In the Eureka Library to hear Jerry Rohde talk about "High Times on the High Lead" and show you what happened to the rest.