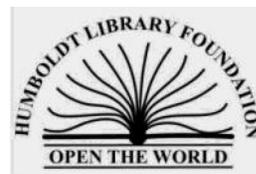


HLF News



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HUMBOLDT COUNTY LIBRARY HONORS HLF AND FRIENDS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARIES

On April 21, 2009, the Humboldt County Library hosted its annual Volunteer Recognition event. This event is held every year to honor those individuals who give of their time and energy to the betterment of the library for the citizens of Humboldt County. With upward of 100 individuals in attendance, this event was considered one of the largest and most successful to date.

This year special recognition and honor was given to the President of the Humboldt Library Foundation Elizabeth Murguia, the President of the Friends of the Redwood Libraries and the presidents of the 10 branch library Friends groups in Humboldt County. They were each presented with an engraved president's pin.

The theme this year was Volunteers - a Gift to the Community, co-chaired by Ronda Wittenberg, Humboldt County Library Division Manager - Circulation; and Kenzie Mullen, Trinidad Library Branch Manager. Special invited guest speaker was Carla Lehn, Library Programs Consultant for the California State Library. Lehn addressed the value of community involvement and spoke of recent studies and trends for Baby Boomers coming into the volunteer workforce, along with new volunteer developments at the state level.

Since this event and as a result of Lehn's involvement at the state level, the Humboldt County Library is now in partnership with Volunteer Match. Citizens of Humboldt County can

(www.humlib.org) or Volunteer Match's website (www.volunteermatch.com) and discover ways to volunteer at the library. With 200 individuals giving weekly throughout the library system, this new partnership will help to streamline recruitment for an already successful volunteer program.

Submitted by Ronda Wittenberg

President's Note: The library's link to Volunteer Match is a terrific community resource. If you want to explore volunteer opportunities beyond the library, simply click on the Volunteer button at the library's web site and type in your zip code. You will be linked to many fine organizations right here on the North Coast. Find out how you can shelve books, help with the children's reading program, mentor a business or a teenager, walk a dog, deliver meals or help out at the food bank. This is another great example of how the library connects you to this place we call home.

Across the nation, tens of thousands of volunteers work each day to enhance library programs and other worthy organizations to help make their community a better place in which to live. President Obama kicked off the United We Serve campaign on June 22nd to encourage community service across the nation. You can be a part of this national effort by volunteering. Check out the opportunities at the library!

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Carla Lehn & Liz Murguia

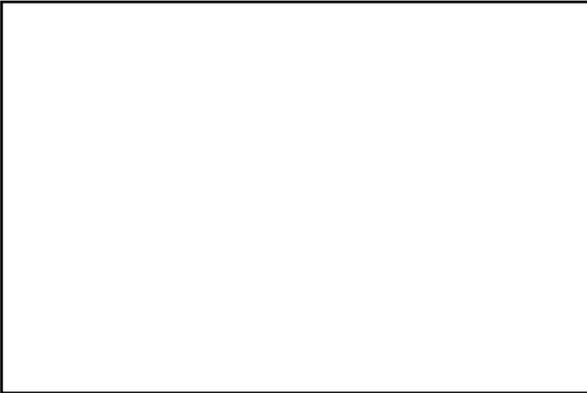
In reading, as in eating,
an appetite is half the feast.

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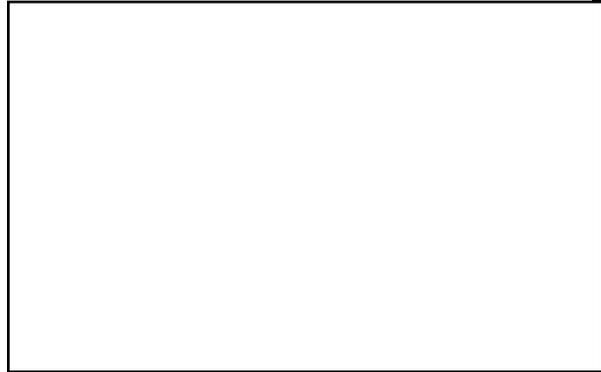
HLF AWARDS \$30,000 TO HUMBOLDT COUNTY LIBRARY

HLF was pleased to make grants to the library this year for a variety of program opportunities. The funds were used primarily for the purchase of books and materials to expand and improve the collection. We partnered with Eureka Rotary to support the Children's Reading Program and with library patrons in northern Humboldt County to contribute to the

McKinleyville Branch Capital Campaign - a project underway to add room for a computer center in their library. We happily joined forces with other community organizations to sponsor the 2009 Children's Author Festival, planned for October 21-24. Stay tuned for program information on the library's website.



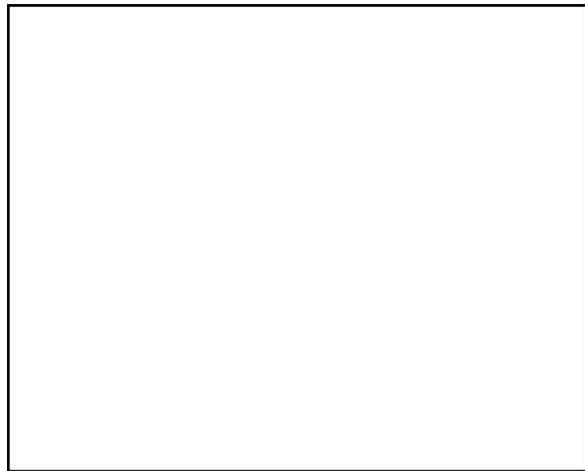
Victor Zazueta director of the Humboldt County Library receives a grant for **\$20,000 for purchase of books, CDs and DVDs** for the collection that includes 10 branches and the Bookmobile. Pictured from left are HLF directors Sara Traphagen, Nancy Frost, Marge Custis, Peter LaVallee, Director Victor Zazueta, and HLF directors Susan O'Connor, Judy Anderson and Leslie Lollich.



\$1500 to fund Summer Reading Program. A Partnership with Rotary Club of Eureka has helped to fund the program for three years. Pictured: Sara Traphagen of Rotary Club of Eureka, JoAnn Bauer Children's Librarian, Victor Zazueta, Director of Library Services and Isaiah, Elias and Caleb Cappelen



HLF received a grant from PG&E for **\$5000 to be used to purchase books on energy efficiency and home building.** Pictured: HLF President Liz Murguia and PG&E representative Alison Talbott



\$2000 was awarded to the McKinleyville Branch Capital Campaign. The project will add 532 square feet to the current library to serve as a computer center. Pictured, Robert Taborski of the Humboldt Library Foundation, Judith Pearson Branch Manager, Lin Landry Division Manager, Barbara Kelly President of Friends of McKinleyville Library and Victor Zazueta, Director of Library Services.

HLF KICKS OFF “BUY A BOOK” CAMPAIGN

When the Arcata Artisans, a well-spring of creative activity, contacted HLF to ask how they could help promote books and reading and help the library, it was perfect timing. We wanted to kick-off our Buy A Book campaign and their offer of artwork transformed into bookmarks could spread the word - beautifully and with punch.

We launched our campaign, printed 5,000 book marks, placed them in all the branches and they flew out the doors. If you didn't get one, stay tuned because we will soon be issuing round two.

Here's how the Buy A Book campaign works. With your \$25 contribution a book will be pur-

chased for the library collection. Contribute in \$25 increments - you can even buy a shelf of books for \$500. Each book will bear a bookplate with your name or that of a person you wish to honor. You can contribute using the form in our

newsletter or by donating on line at our website humboldtlibrary-foundation.org.

A very special thanks to Arcata Artisans Joy Dellas, Brook Fox, Libby George, Joyce Jonte and Mimi LaPlant for their wonderful artwork. Stay tuned!



LOCAL AUTHOR'S CORNER — MARY NETHERY



children's books, is no exception! Her Baby Mewz, Dashiell, flew into her arms via Delta Airlines from a foster-care home (he prefers to call it an orphanage) in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dash arrived just in time to begin his apprenticeship as a Baby Mewz at age three months, and fell immediately into the job of helping Mary and co-author, Kirby Larson, polish their newest book together: Nubs, a True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle.

Nubs takes place in Iraq and tells of the amazing bond between Major Brian Dennis, USMC, and the dog he named Nubs, who though severely injured, trekked seventy miles across the harsh desert in the dead of

Every winter to find Brian. Nubs now lives “like a little Rock Star” with Brian in San Diego. Their incredible story is a testament to the power of love to flourish, even in a place of war.

Never mind that Nubs-- a dog-- takes center-stage in this amazing story. The Baby Mewz selflessly put that aside and did his share of musing while enduring power naps in the printer-paper basket; re-organizing the office; and studying Doctor Dictionary so he might proffer the exact word needed when called upon to do so (he's an early reader).

Just as Nubs' story moves the human spirit, so Dash the Baby Mewz has inspired Mary to work long and hard to bring this golden story of hope to readers of all ages.

Nubs, a True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle is coming out this fall from Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.



Mary Nethery

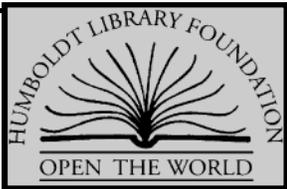
HUMBOLDT LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD OF SPONSORS



Thanks to the generous response, the 2009 Board of Sponsors campaign has helped us build our core support for the library. In the spring, we kicked-off this new program and plan to make it an annual event. The funds received will help buy new books and materials, improve technology, under-write children's programming and other items identified by library staff. Take a moment to review the names of the individuals and businesses that support the library - they deserve our thanks for their generous support. It's not too late to join - check our website, click on the 'Give to HLF' button and mark your donation 'Board of Sponsors.' Your name will be included on our letterhead and newsletter and we'll make sure you know about upcoming special events.

Giving is Just a Click Away — Giving to HLF is now easier than ever. The “Donate” option on the HLF website accepts donations with just a click of the button. The amount you specify is charged to your credit card and you will receive a receipt by email. Check it out! (humboldtlibraryfoundation.org)

You can “Open the World” to knowledge, adventure and enjoyment when you contribute to the Humboldt Library Foundation.



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The Humboldt Library Foundation has established an endowment to realize this vision. The HLF endowment funds are managed by the Humboldt Area Foundation.

You can help support us in our mission by making gifts to HLF during your lifetime or under the terms of your will through what is known as planned giving.

To learn more about how you can support HLF, contact Susan O'Connor, Treasurer at 442-1453

We urge you to consult with your legal and financial advisor to assist you in arranging the best method of contributing. The Humboldt Library Foundation is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.



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Hwy 299 @ 96 530 629-2146

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www.co.humboldt.ca.us/library

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK by Elizabeth Murguia



The Good and The Bad

Times are tough but library usage is up. It is a fact - a slow economy fuels an increase in library usage. When people face tough economic times they turn to the broad array of free services provided by their local

library from computers to books, to DVDs and CDs, for help with job hunting or a safe and pleasant place for kids to learn the wonder of discovery.

At this writing, we don't know with certainty the effect of the state budget crisis on our own library. Revenue from the special district funding that supports the library is down and the state may still shift funds from local government, which will have an impact

But in our community we take up every challenge and find a way to meet it and to work together. Now more than ever we can take stock of the inspiration behind Benjamin Franklin's common sense idea for the establishment of a public library that embraces the free flow of information, where barriers to knowledge do not exist.

Lady Byrd Johnson famously summed it up:

Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the library. The only entrance requirement is interest.

So during these tough times, come in and enjoy your library - and if you can spare some change Buy A Book!

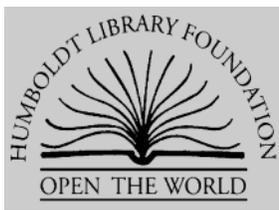


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Story & Craft Programs every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Story Hour – every Friday at 10:00 a.m.

FOR ADULTS ~

"Based on the Book" Classic Film Series

Tuesday nights in July at 6:30 p.m.

Born to Kill

Raw Deal

Gun Crazy

Laura