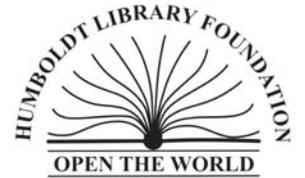


HLF News



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**Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of
Eureka Main Branch Library**
Watch for Upcoming Events November 2015



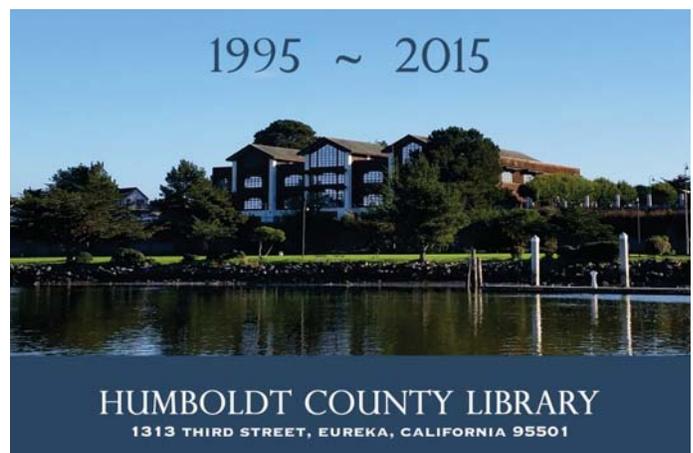
The Humboldt Library Foundation, Friends of the Redwood Libraries and the Humboldt County Library are in full planning mode for the Eureka Main Library's 20th building anniversary celebration. After many long years of fundraising, the Main Library opened its doors in November 1995. Thousands gathered to celebrate (see photo) and hundreds of thousands of visits have occurred at the 'new' facility since.

Over the past 20 years there have been many changes – new directors, new on-line catalog, public internet access, Wi-Fi, eBooks, expanded collections and more, but the beauty, grace and wonder of the building have not diminished.

The planning committee has several activities in place for November 2015. Some plans are commemorative, others celebratory. The month will begin with a kick-off reception featuring special guest Greg Lucas, California State Librarian. Throughout the month other activities will be offered.

- Tuesday Movie Nights All Month
- Unveiling of the Digitized Local Legacies Collection
- Lecture on the Evolution of the Book
- Special Children's Programming
- Book Club Session
- FORL Book Sale
- Special Musical Events

More plans are developing, so watch for updates as November approaches.



From the President's Desk by *Elizabeth Murguia*



"Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested."

Francis Bacon (1561—1626)

Walking up East 41ST toward the New York Public Library, my attention was drawn down to this quote on a beautifully sculpted bronze plaque. There were many placed in the sidewalk, I learned later a total of 96, which line 'Library Way' on the approach to NYPL and those magnificent lions guarding the entrance. It was bustling with people and energy, a great exhibit on World War I propaganda posters and much more. Libraries and museums have not lost their place in NYC; here either, if you check the parking lot at Eureka's main branch during open hours.

I traveled to the Northeast last month for my grandson's graduation, where I had the additional pleasure of hearing Jill Lepore, author and regular New Yorker contributor, give a thoughtful Baccalaureate address. What a great nudge to pull *Book of Ages, the Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin* (that would be Ben's sister) from my nightstand.

But I have also recently 'mulled and chewed' over two very fine novels.

Anthony Doerr's *All the Light We Cannot See*, reels you in from the opening. Set during World War II, the story weaves together the life of a young French girl, Marie Laure, blind, curious and acutely perceptive, and Werner, a German orphan with a keen fascination for radio transmitters. Short chapters alternate the narrative in this surprising and delicately woven story; inevitably their lives intersect. This is a rich, personal recasting of D-Day, the French Resistance and Hitler's Youth. Layered with heroic and terrible acts, rich sub-plots and the lyrical reading of Jules Verne *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, it is a very satisfying read.

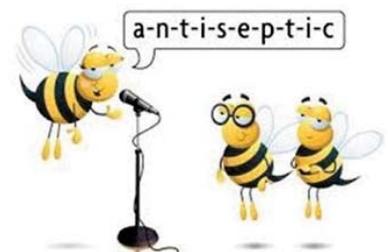
Anthony Marra's, *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena*, is brilliant and terrifying in its brutality. As one reviewer remarked, 'how do you write an absorbing novel about unspeakable things?' The characters are trapped in the Chechnya civil war of the late 1990s. It is brutal but compelling with a surprising use of dark humor to offset the sheer horrifying desperation. You'll feel empathy for each character and ponder the moral conflict of survival. The players are finely drawn and their stories will stay with you. There is a Joseph Heller/Catch-22 sensibility (or more accurate - a non-sensibility) that may feel familiar. As Marra notes, "stupidity was the single abiding law of the universe."

Kiwanis of North Coast Benefit for HLF

Kiwanis Club of the Northcoast will be hosting "Sip and Spell", a Spelling Bee for Adults (Ages 16+) on the evening of September 12th at Celebration Boulevard, 107 Fifth Street in Eureka. Come show just how perspicacious you can be in front of friends and fellow logophiles. Your sartorial make-up for the evening need not matter but your ability to spell corduroy will. Words will be selected out of the 11th edition of Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary.

There will be a \$10 Entrance Fee and \$20 Contestant Registration Fee at the door. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and Spelling Bee will begin at 7 p.m. "Official Rules" will be followed, so please join us for the fun.

Snacks and adult libations will be available for purchase. This fundraising event will benefit the Humboldt Library Foundation and the Kiwanis Club of the North Coast. For more information please contact Carole@Celebration-Blvd.com or Humboldt Library Foundation website at www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org.



Donor Spotlight—Sara Traphagen

She grew up on Balboa Island and got to ride her bike and take a ferry to the Newport Public Library. It cost 10 cents to take the ferry – a nickel for the girl and a nickel for the bike – and it was a glorious adventure for an eight year old. The building was beautiful, the children’s room a wonder and the summer reading program was held outside under a magnificent old eucalyptus tree. Sara can still recall the smell and feel of that time – and her favorite book, *My Side of the Mountain*, an adventure story about a small boy who ran away from home and befriended a falcon.

These warm, early memories set the stage for Sara as an educator, elegant designer and volunteer. She has a passion for the public library that runs deep and today she commits mountains of time helping raise funds for our library. She helped with early capital campaigns and joined the HLF board in 2003. She is currently Secretary, Chair of the Resources Committee and a driving force in the success of the Live and Silent Auctions held at the HLF Holiday Gala. And, over the years she’s raised loads of money for the Summer Reading Program. No surprise.

Sara joined her sisters Martha and Liz when she first moved to Humboldt County in 1975. Like many others, she adopted her new community completely and never looked back. She met her future husband,

David Duda, here. Sara and Dave wed in 1981 and he’s been her partner in all endeavors. Whatever Sara volunteers to do, David is by her side -- from design to installation to schlepping, as a team they always deliver excellence and quality.



In 1975, Sara earned her BA in Home Economics and a K-12 Teaching Credential from San Jose State College, and in 1981 a Master Degree from HSU in Education, Emphasis Textiles. A rich and varied professional life over the past 35 years, Sara was health educator at HSU Student Health Center and the first Education Director at Six Rivers Planned Parenthood, where she went on to serve as a volunteer, on the board and as board president. Best known today as an interior designer,

Sara has owned her own business, Traphagen Design, since 1988. She is a member of the American Society of Interior Designers. Other community activities include past membership in the Rotary Club of Eureka and the League of Women Voters. Since 2008 she has been a member of the Humboldt County Committee on School Organization.

When asked why she became a member of the Legacy Circle, Sara said, ‘It was a given. I believe in education and lifelong learning. The library represents promise and an investment in the future. It was easy to include HLF in my will and besides, it is the right thing to do.’

Book Blurb

By Pam Cavanagh, HLF Board Member

Chapter One opens April 27, 1926:

“On the day of the miracle, Isabel was kneeling at the cliff’s edge, tending the small, newly made driftwood cross. ... For just a moment, her mind tricked her into hearing an infant’s cry. ”

Tom Sherborne, the main character, is a World War I veteran who returns home to Australia from serving four years on the Western Front. Seeking a way to forget the atrocities of war, he becomes the keeper of the Janus Lighthouse located nearly a half day journey from the coast of Western Australia. To this life, Tom brings a young, vivacious and loving wife, but years pass, and after two miscarriages and a stillbirth, Tom sees that the wife he loves more than life itself is wasting away before his eyes. One morning while tending those tiny graves, Isabel hears a baby’s cry. It is not her imagination. A boat has washed ashore.

This excellently written novel carries the reader along many avenues...isolation, geography, history, love and mystery. The characters are flawed, as we all possibly could be. Stedman crafts her characters so well that I found myself thinking of them long after I read the novel. Without revealing more of the plot, *The Light Between Oceans* is a beautifully written story that rings true to life in many ways.

The Light Between Oceans. M.L. Stedman, author. 345 pages. Copyright 2013.

Owhwhe - Hupa for “Read”

by Sara Traphagen, HLF Board Member

The Hoopa Valley Branch Library was first established in 1927, and is the oldest public library in the State of California on an Indian Reservation. The branch has been located on many sites, but in 1992 the Kim Yerton Memorial Library was built and dedicated to the Hoopa Community. Kim Yerton was a Hupa Tribal member who was committed to preservation of Native American archival materials and development of cultural library collections. Today the branch holds a special collection of over 2000 titles on Native American history, culture, languages, arts, basket making, native plants, mythology and spiritual traditions.



In late May I met with Jacqueline Letaline, Library Branch Manager for the Kim Yerton Memorial Library. She described upcoming outreach programs and spoke with pride about the extensive collection of Native American books for adults, young adults and children. “The Hoopa Library holds the largest and most extensive collection of Native American works in the region,” she said. The library partners with First Five Humboldt, the Hoopa Children’s Center and the Hoopa Senior Center to provide outreach and special programming in the community. Native American children’s books have been recently relocated to the Children’s section and been accessed with enthusiasm. In June, the library will begin semi-weekly readings on ‘Indian Myths’ at the Senior Center, which is a very popular program, and in the fall, the library will

initiate outreach to the Hoopa Children’s Center to share stories on a monthly basis. These activities are designed to encourage greater library use, especially by the school children. The rest of the collection is easily accessible and very popular. There are public access computers available and wi-fi connection.

The Hoopa Branch is unique as it is the first library to be run as a partnership between a tribe and the county. The Hoopa Tribal Council provides the majority of financial support for the library, unique in the county system. They have extended hours of operation, exceeding all other branch libraries. 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. The branch serves the communities of Hoopa, Weitchpec, Pecwan and Orleans, plus the Bookmobile travels to Orleans the first and third Tuesday every month. Three tribal communities utilize this branch: the Hupa, Yurok and Karuk.



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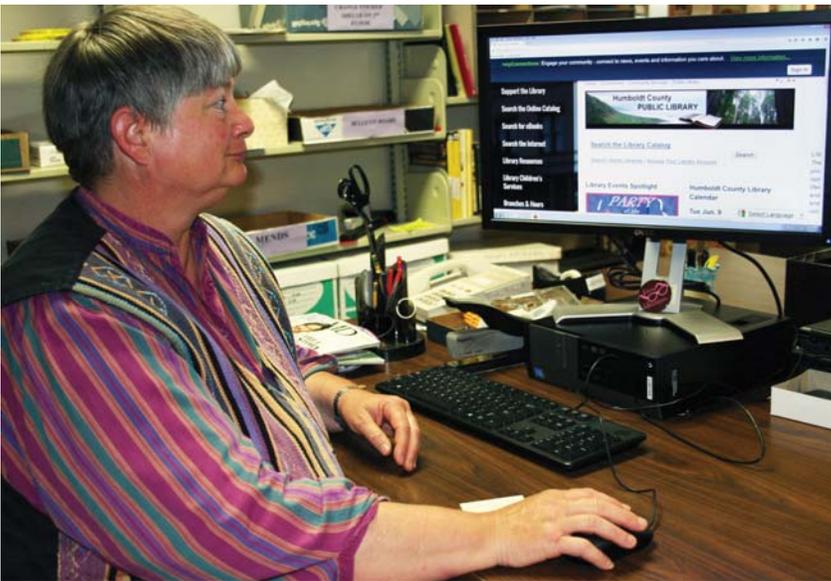
1992 · GRAND OPENING OF KIM YERTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Your Library's Latest

by Kitty Yancheff, Public Services Librarian

Humboldt County Library Website: Designed with YOU in Mind

Most of you reading this article have personally visited the Humboldt County Library, but have you taken a virtual visit? Many of the services and tools available to patrons are available 24/7 by visiting www.humlib.org.



Librarian Rachel Harwood designs Library Website

Librarian Rachel Harwood designs and maintains the Library website and is diligent in her commitment to create a site that is user-friendly and accessible to all.

The homepage provides tabs with links to more pages of information, including the Library calendar, online catalog, databases, internet links, policies, branch information and Spanish translations.

The “Calendar of Library Events” displays all upcoming events. Click on an event, then select “more details” where you can “view map” and “invite friends.”

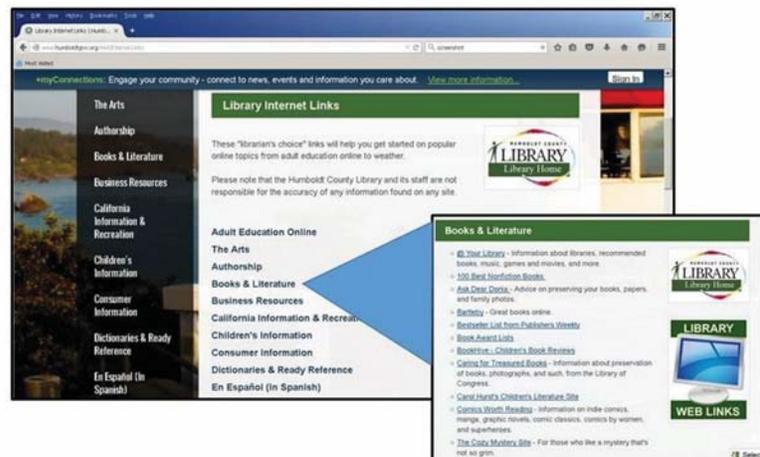
The menu appearing in the left frame of the homepage provide

links to more information about that topic. For instance, the Library Resources option provides nine different categories, one of which is the Magazine and Newspaper list. Another useful category is Internet Links, which have been chosen by librarians to help you get started searching on many popular topics.

One of the most popular features on the website is the online catalog. All website users can search the catalog, but only library card holders can benefit from the advantages of establishing “My Account.” By establishing an account and logging in, users are allowed to place holds, renew books, set up a reading history list, establish preferred searches and much more.

So, remember, if the doors of the Library are locked and you really want to get started on another book, just visit the website and follow the eBooks links to download a new title to your eReader or computer – you won't be disappointed...AND you won't have to wait!

Library Web Links



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Buy a Book Campaign

This year, the Humboldt Library Foundation's 'Buy a Book' campaign is focused on getting the Library the resources it needs to build-up the very popular *Large Print* collection.

Large Print titles appeal primarily to visually im-
paired patrons, but many others check out the ti-
tles too -- they're easier on the eye and easier to
read.

What is the Large Print Collection?

- The *Large Print* section contains all fiction genres, i.e., general and literary fiction, mys-
teries, sci-fi/fantasy, westerns, romance, etc.
- It also contains a wide variety of non-fiction, i.e., biography/memoir, history, animal sto-
ries, travel narratives and best sellers.

Did You Know?

- As the population ages, the library experienc-
es more and more requests for large print
books throughout the library system.
- The budget for these materials is very small—
just \$1,800 out of a total library materials
budget of \$156,000 this fiscal year. This
amount is not enough to fill patron demand.
- Out of 175,000 adult fiction and non-fiction
books in the collection, there are only 5,000
in the Large Print section.
- Because the Library can't afford enough titles
in any one section, readers run out of material
in their main areas of interest quickly.
- Providing additional, specific funds to up-
grade the collection would help solve this
problem.

So make your donation today. Use the enclosed
envelope, or please visit our website at
www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org and use the
Donate button. Buy A Book today to honor a
friend or remember someone special.

- 1 Book ~ \$25
- 2 Books ~ \$50
- 3 Books ~ \$75
- 4 Books ~ \$100
- Buy a Shelf ~ \$500

Humboldt Library Foundation Receives \$2,000 Grant from Humboldt Sponsors

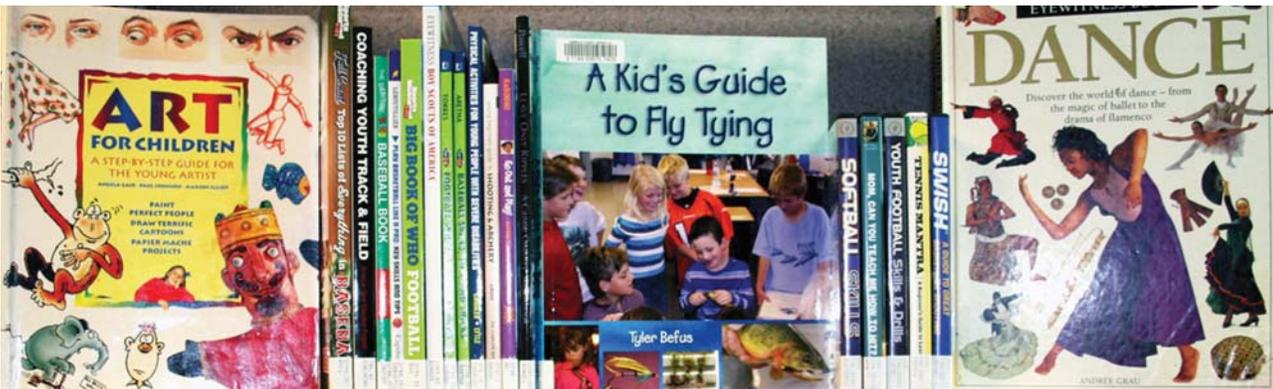
Funds Enhance Summer Reading Program

There are nearly 16,000 juvenile/youth library card holders, out of a total of nearly 95,000 active library card holders in Humboldt County.

The Humboldt Library Foundation has received a \$2,000 grant from Humboldt Sponsors to enhance the experience for children across the county who will participate in the 2015 Summer Reading Program. Summer vacation is a great opportunity for children to explore music, art, dance and other types of creative expression. Materials have been purchased that directly support this year's theme, *Read to the Rhythm*, and include: song-books, how to play musical instruments, movement, exercise and dance as well as DVDs in the subject area.

"HLF and the library community are very appreciative of Humboldt Sponsors for their abiding tradition of support for the children of our county," said HLF Board President Elizabeth Murguia. "The new materials will be lively and fun for young readers and will get them up and out and moving," she added.

The Summer Reading Program takes place mid-June to mid-August. Following the program the books and materials purchased will become part of the permanent collection and will be widely distributed throughout the main library, all 10 branch libraries and the bookmobile. Check your local branch for local program activities.



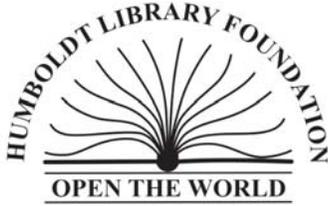
HLF Legacy Circle — Make a Planned Gift to HLF

Join members of the Legacy Circle. Remember HLF in your will or estate planning.

The HLF Legacy Circle comprises a special group of individuals who have remembered the Humboldt Library Foundation in their will or estate planning. Their gift will grow the HLF Endowment Fund, a long-term strategy to provide funding for the library in perpetuity.

For every new Legacy Circle member added during 2015, Ed Olsgard and Michele McKeegan will match the commitment with a \$250 contribution. So please consider today – planning now will provide immediate and long-term support for the public library.

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And Kick-Off A Month Of Celebration

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At the Main Branch

1313 Third Street, Eureka

Special Guest

Greg Lucas, California State Librarian

Music by Nice 'N Easy

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