

## **Humboldt Library Foundation**

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### **“Humboldt Library Foundation presents Library \$65,200”**

In its annual grant to the Humboldt County Library, the Humboldt Library Foundation presented a \$65,200 check for the calendar year, 2017.

The grant targets \$20,000 for new books and materials to be circulated system-wide, sets aside \$10,000 in grants to branch libraries to purchase popular titles for local patrons through the McNaughton program, provides \$15,000 for staff development and new programming, \$9,200 for Masterfile researching software, \$8,000 for development of a new library logo and branding strategy and \$1500 for STEAM products. HLF has also set aside \$1,500 for the Children’s Author Festival.

The grant was based on funds raised by HLF in 2016. Contributions come from the ever popular Buy A Book campaign, board and gala sponsorships and gifts given in memory and honor.

HLF president Elizabeth Murguia notes, “Over the last twenty one years we have raised over 1.8 million dollars through donations from private individuals, businesses and local organizations. We have made direct grants to the library in excess of \$1,000,000. The remainder of the funds are either donor advised or growing in the HLF Endowment Fund, established to enhance library services for the long term.” She noted, “We couldn’t have done it without the generous support of the entire community.”

New County Librarian Vanessa Christman adds, “We’re over the moon about the Foundation’s latest contributions to the library system and I’m personally ecstatic that the Board recognized the fundamental importance of community outreach. Not every library system is as fortunate as we are to have a Library Foundation that truly encourages new and innovative ideas. We can’t thank them enough and we look forward to being out in the community more due to their generosity.”

Contributions to the Humboldt Library Foundation enrich the lives of our community’s families, students and seniors. Donations can be made easily through the Internet at [humboldtlibraryfoundation.org](http://humboldtlibraryfoundation.org). Check it out. You can participate in the popular Buy a Book campaign, become a member of the Board of Sponsors or attend HLF events (check the calendar on line).

For more information, contact HLF at 269-1991, friend us on facebook or visit our website at [www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org](http://www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org).



*HLF Treasurer Susan O'Connor, HCL Director Vanessa Christman and HLF Vice President Sara Traphagen*

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