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HLF Presents \$94,550 Grant to Humboldt County Library System for New Books



HLF board members present grant funding to Library Director Chris Cooper and staff. From Left to Right: Alyssa Ihle, Hershey Moreno, Tamara Wolski, Susan O'Connor, Peter LaVallee, Shoshanna Anthony, Chris Cooper, Althea Christensen, Alison Talbott

The Humboldt Library Foundation (HLF) presented the Humboldt County Library system with \$94,550 to purchase new books, including e-resources and materials for book clubs, and to continue access to genealogy and language learning resources.

“The Library is delighted by this donation,” said Youth Services Supervisor Jeanine Lancaster. “We’ll add new materials to help children, teens and other patrons expand their awareness and understanding of themselves and of the world around them.”

Board President Elizabeth Murguia said, “HLF plays a critical role in ensuring that library materials remain up to date and relevant to the community. Our grant will bring new and exciting titles to our libraries and support the community of eBook readers and book club goers.”

Library book clubs that will be supported with this funding include the Banned Books club, Teen book club, the All Belong Here book club, and the A Novel Idea book club. Subscriptions to Mango Languages and Heritage Quest genealogy will also be supported for another year with this funding, in addition to a significant physical and eBook expansion.

In addition, HLF sponsored the Humboldt County Children's Author Festival with a \$3,000 contribution. Every two years since 1975, authors from around the country have come to Humboldt County to inspire and encourage a love for books for thousands of school age children. This year twenty-four authors will visit over 50 schools, culminating with a book-signing event at the Main library in Eureka on Saturday, 10/22.

"The author's Children's Author Festival has many moving parts, from authors to school sites across the county. It is very challenging to bring together," said Co-coordinator Joan Williams. "We would not be able to reach so many children without the financial support of our partners, such as Humboldt Library Foundation," she added.

HLF was formed in 1996 to build financial support for the Humboldt County Library system, which includes the Main Library in Eureka, ten branches and a bookmobile that serves fourteen rural communities. HLF raises funds in the community and makes direct annual grants to the library to help purchase new materials, add programming and provide technology upgrades. Since its inception, HLF has provided over \$1.4 million in grants to the library.

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