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HLF Grants to County Library Total \$101,000 for FY 2021



From left: HLF Treasurer Susan O'Connor, HLF Director Judy Anderson, Adult Services Librarian Rachel Harwood, Adult Services Library Assistant Lauren Gogan, HCL Director Chris Cooper, Sr. Library Assistant (Circulation) Bill Moehnke and Technical Services Library Assistant Jessica Schlachter.

The Humboldt Library Foundation (HLF) presented the Humboldt County Library system with \$75,000 to purchase new books and materials for local library branches, bringing year to date grant funding up to \$101,000.

The library system will use the funds to purchase new young adult and children's books and audio visuals, replace out-of-date adult non-fiction, help meet the demand for newly released and popular titles, and grow the e-book collection. This grant funding also includes allocations from the Hun Kwan Goh Memorial Fund for

materials on Thailand, China, and other parts of Asia as well as the Sally Upatisringa Mystery Fund for mystery novels.

“The Foundation’s support is always greatly valued, even in the best of times. But COVID-19 has taken its toll on the library’s collection, due to a double-whammy of reduced monetary donations and a lengthy moratorium on donations of physical media,” said Library Acquisitions Manager Michael Logan. “This grant from the Foundation takes on even greater weight than usual, allowing us to continue getting up-to-date, useful, and popular books & AV. It’s a huge boon for the entire Humboldt County community, and we’re extremely fortunate to have the HLF’s support, through thick and thin.”

Board President Elizabeth Murguia said, “The Humboldt Library Foundation plays a key role in ensuring that library books and materials are fresh and relevant to patrons. Purchasing new material is costly and we’re thrilled that patrons will continue to find new and interesting releases.”

HLF provides grants to the library system yearly to purchase and refresh existing materials and to expand on-line resources to meet the needs of library patrons across the county.

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.

Donations of any size are welcome. If you wish to create a donor advised fund or want more information on the Humboldt Library Foundation and how you can give, visit our website www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org, ‘like’ us on Facebook, or call the HLF office at (707) 269-1991.

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